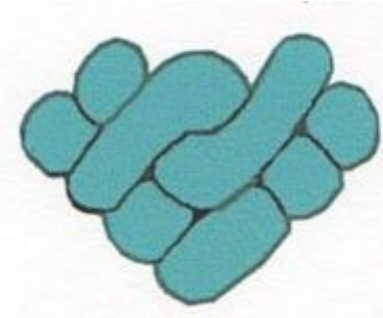


April
2026



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, April 11, 2026

at 9:00 am

NEW MEETING PLACE

We have changed our meeting place. We will be meeting at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes, 8200 W. Sahara at the NW corner of Cimarron and Sahara.

In person meeting: NEW MEETING PLACE

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link before April 11, 2026.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.



ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS: our program has changed to TABLET WEAVING WITH 6 CARDS.

After the business meeting, about 9:45 am, Hermi Hiatt will show how to tablet weave a band with 6 cards. Tablet weaving is an ancient technique to make strong decorative bands. Tablet woven bands are known to have been made in Europe from Bronze Age up until medieval times. Tablet weaving is often called Card Weaving in the US, but tablet weaving is more widely accepted. There are many websites on this subject. For this program, we will weave with 6 cards. If you have, bring your **inkle loom, 3 different color yarns, shuttle and cards.** Some cards will be available, and backstrap kits for those without a loom.



2026 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Southern Nevada Handweavers Guild, Inc. will be held May 9, 2026 at 9 am, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes, 8200 W Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89117. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the March 14, 2026 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on March 14, 2026, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (The Lakes campus) in person and on Zoom.

Attending in person: Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt, Stephanie Peters, Vicki Johnson, Danielle Hanson, Meg Harrington, Cinda Towne, Elaine Eggink, Emily Buchwald, German Martin Martin, Diana Smith, Jami Johnson, Susan Wainscott, Courtney Wagner-Smith, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Pamela Martin, Elizabeth LaRue, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, Sara Ebert, Mandi Elliott, Sammantha Kennedy, Mirkalice Gore, Robert Gore, Tracy Gilsbach, Stephanie Bryant, Lorelle Nelson, Joyce Terry, Elaine Morris.

Attending on Zoom: no one

Rich called the meeting to order at 9:15 and welcomed members & guests. We had several visitors, 2 of whom heard about us from German Martin at a fair last weekend. Rich reminded us that we now have name tags, so we should all wear them and learn everyone's names. He reminded us to pick them up from the refreshment table and return them there at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Sue moved that the February minutes be accepted as published. The motion was seconded by Diana and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Treasurer and Membership: Cinda reported that the Guild checking account currently has \$8,483.58, of which \$2,405 is reserved for the Annie MacHale workshop in May.

Committee Reports

Newsletter - Hermi reminded us that she is going to be changing the computer program she has used to format and publish the newsletter since she started in 2018. *Publisher* is being retired by Microsoft in the Fall. She appreciates any information about easy-to-use programs. She is also interested in 'retiring' from this position and is hoping to see a replacement step up. The job mostly consists of gathering some information, being the recipient of other information, including the minutes and pictures from the previous meeting,

Workshops – Meg reminded us again about Annie MacHale's Inkle workshops May 1-3. This is formatted as 3 one-day workshops – from beginning to more specialized – and all three days are full. Meg passed around some examples of preferred yarn to be used in the workshop.

Jillian Moreno is scheduled to present a three-day spinning workshop Nov 13-15. This is not a beginner's class. If you have any doubts about your spinning level, please come to the Wednesday spin-ins at Sahara West Library and ask someone for coaching.

Programs – The program for April 11 meeting is a Zoom talk on Inkle weaving by Jennifer Williams. Our May meeting will be the Annual Meeting and a potluck brunch. (Editor's note: Zoom has been canceled, Hermi will be presenting a short instructional demo on card weaving.

Raffle – There is a huge raffle today – we have been the beneficiaries of some pretty substantial donations of yarn, books, magazines and a 24-inch Ashford Rigid heddle loom which will be sold through a silent auction.

Historian – Elaine said not much is happening!

Web and Social Media – Diana reported that our website is getting about 700 visits per month! This is a way of doing outreach and it has become a very important way of reaching the public. Please tell everybody who expresses even a little bit of interest in any of the fiber arts.

Equipment and Library – Janet wears two hats: Library and Equipment. The Library is housed at her home. You can check what we have on Library Thing (directions on how to use it are on the website and in the newsletter). If you find something you want, contact Janet and together you'll find a way to get the book or DVD. She usually brings some resources for check out that reflect our program or upcoming workshops. She reminded us about the equipment the Guild has which is housed among the members as we have no storage unit anymore. We have three 8shaft Voyager table looms, and an 8s baby wolf – all 4 available to rent for \$35/month. We also have a bobbin winder, reeds, shuttles, drum carder and a marudai for rent for \$5/month. Consult the website for a complete list. It is behind the member pay-wall.

She also said that we have been gifted with people's stashes recently. Much of this equipment/yarn/books/ magazines are part of today's raffle.

And there is another raffle of a long-time member's stash as she is downsizing completely. Audrey Strehlow's equipment, yarns and other resources will be available for purchase next Saturday from 8-2. Hermi will send out more information to all members.

Study Groups and Continual Educational Demonstrations:

Spinning Circle: every Wednesday at Sahara West Library lobby. Besides spinning, some knit and others weave on inkle looms.

RH Study group: meets last Tuesday of the month, 10-12 at West Sahara Library.

Dye Group: this is a closed group right now. We will meet on Mar 28, then dye our assigned samples and finish our project on May 9.

Upcoming Demo: Latest news is that this will be at the Mormon Fort on April 18, from 10-2pm. Please contact Vicki Johnson for confirmation.

IWC (Intermountain Weavers Conference): Historically, our guild has put together little handmade gifts for the IWC grab bag. We have a year to produce them for the next IWC in Summer 2027. We're going to make charms' for bags, scissors, luggage, zippers etc. using any fiber technique you like. Any size appropriate to the final use. These can be woven, knitted, inkle bands, tassels, anything fiber related!

Next Meeting is April 11, previously a Zoom presentation, now a hands-on short teaching demonstration.

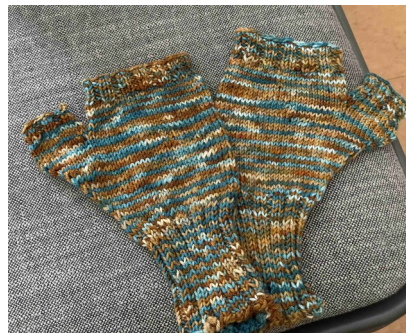
After adjournment, we will have refreshments, and then Dani will do a presentation on churro sheep and give us a chance to play with the fleece a bit!

Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was ended at 9:40.

Submitted by: /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary



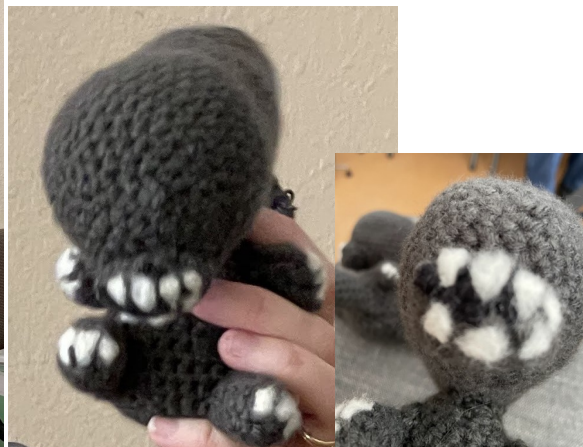
March Program:
Thank you Dani for
the Navajo Churro
Wool Study



Show & Tell
March 2026

- Right: crochet by Stephanie B
- Above: gloves by Sue
- Left: both by Lianna
- Bottom: gremlins by Steph B

Photos by Janet



ODDS and ENDS

Found on the Internet by members, thank you all for the info !!!

- Hermi: <https://bandcamp.littlelooms.com/> Check this out, **October 18–22, 2026 at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, Wisconsin**. This is a retreat full of fun, learning, and bandweaving, from inkle weaving to tablet weaving.
- Hermi: <https://www.friendsofavi-kwa-ame.org/events/anniversary-celebration-time-travel-through-avi-kwa-ame> April 25, 2026 Awi Kwa Ame in Searchlight: among several workshops they offer a beading workshop and one for care of Navaho rugs. **Mojave Beading Workshop** - 9:15AM-11:45AM Join Sherry Hemmers from Ft. Mojave's Pipa Aha Macav Cultural Society to learn about Mojave beadwork and create a project of your very own. All materials included. (40 participants) Location: Ranch House Garage. More on the website.
- Meg: a **local yarn shop** in the Northeast part of town. Erika Lopez sells from 1949 Ludington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89156. Or you can order from her website erikacreativa.com. Please call ahead as she is moving into a larger space nearby during the month of April, but directly on Lake Mead. Her number is 714.458.7492. Lots! of yarns, but no wools. Her hours are 10-5, closed on Mondays.

Spinning Circle at West Sahara Library meets most Wednesdays 10-12

Please let us know if you plan to join the spinning group, just reply to emails so we know you will come. Our mission is to enable anyone interested in fibers.



Library Thing— How to access the Library:

Go to the Guild website www.fiberartsguildlv.org. On top of the Home page, click LIBRARY.

You can either download the pdf of the Library catalog, or scroll down to the Online Library Database which has a search feature to quickly find what you are looking for. We have lots of books, and you can easily search the Library Thing with their search feature top right.

| Title | Author | Date | Tags |
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| 16 harness patterns : the fanciest twills of all : from the weaving notebooks of Fred A. Pennington | Irene K. Wood | 1976 | |
| African fabric crafts : sources of African design and technique | Esther Warner Dendel | 1974 | Africa, fabric |
| The Alden Amos Big Book of Handspinning: Being A Compendium of Information, Advice, and Opinions On the Noble Art & Craft | Alden Amos | 2001 | spinning |

2025 Board and Committees

Officers:

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| President: | Richard Deppe |
| Vice President: | Danielle Hanson |
| Secretary: | Jami Johnson |
| Treasurer: | Cinda Towne |

Committees:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Newsletter Editor: | Hermi Hiatt |
| Hospitality: | Vicki Johnson |
| Membership: | Cinda Towne |
| Equipment: | Janet Mayers |
| Librarian: | Janet Mayers |
| Historian: | open |
| Programs: | Maria and Rich |
| Workshops: | Meg and Janet |
| Web Master: | Sue Wainscott |
| Raffle: | Ginny Deppe |
| Zoom Master: | Diana Smith |

LAS VEGAS FIBER ARTS GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Today's date: _____

Please enroll me in the Fiber Arts Guild for the year ending June 30, 20____.

_____ \$25.00 dues for General Membership

_____ \$30.00 dues for Families (one email address)

Membership half price after January for new members only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (2 max): _____

Email: _____

What fiber techniques are you involved with? _____

What equipment and software do you use in your fiber efforts? _____

Checks payable to **Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild** (please do not abbreviate). Mail to:

Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

P.O. Box 370604

Las Vegas, NV 89137

Or email completed form to lvfiberartsguild@gmail.com and pay your dues at one of our meetings.

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