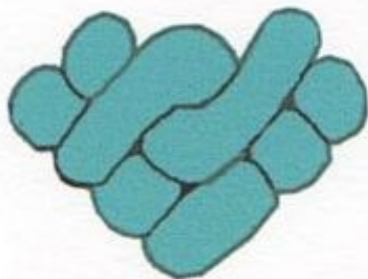


February
2025



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, February 08, 2025

at 9:00 am PST

The Guild meeting will be in person and also via Zoom, starting at 9:00 am

In person meeting: All Saint's Episcopal Church, 4201 West Washington Ave, LV. Directions page 5.

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link to the meeting before February 8, 2025.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:

After the business meeting, about 10 am, Janet and Liz will show us how to recycle cashmere sweaters to make great yarn and future projects.

See description to the right of this page and more photos on page 4

How to deconstruct a cashmere sweater and make lovely yarn.

By Janet and Liz

Cashmere is a soft and relatively expensive fiber for projects. It comes from the down of various breeds of goat and needs to be de-haired carefully if it is going to be the softness we treasure. It is more affordable as a recycled yarn from thrift stores. Even clothing that has holes, or small damaged areas, is good for reuse. With some patience and a few simple tools many yards of good fiber can be resurrected for a new use. At our February guild meeting you can try this for yourselves. Liz and Janet will have some cashmere clothing along with tips and tricks that will help

you deconstruct a garment to make into your own project.

More photos on page 4.



2025 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATES

March 8, 2025: Program— Introduction to Weaving classes by Maurine Adrezin

April 12, 2025: Program to be announced

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the January 11, 2025 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on January 11, 2025, in person at All Saint's Episcopal Church and on Zoom.

Attending in-person were Charles Parker, Vicki Johnson, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, Elaine Eggink, Sue Wainscott, Janet Mayers, Jami Johnson, Lorelle Nelson, Hermi Hiatt, Elizabeth LaRue, Stephanie Peters, Danielle Hanson, Elizabeth Preston, Elaine Morris, Diana Smith, Mina Campos, Cinda Towne, Lori Lee, Stephanie Bryant, Sara Wiegard, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Isar King, and Blanche Chandler, visitor.

Attending on Zoom: Maurine Adrezin and Jodell Larimer. Also, our Zoom presenter, Rikki Quintana.

Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:09 am by welcoming all. He also introduced our visitor, Blanche Chandler

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved and Maurine seconded that we approve the November 2024 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved. (ed note: there were no December minutes due to our Holiday Brunch).

REPORTS

Treasurer and Membership Report: Cinda reported that we have \$4,683.67 in our checking account. She also said that she now has an on-line account with the Post Office. And she has sent our acknowledgment letters for any donation to the Guild in 2024.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Hermi requested article references for information on cashmere – production, spinning, weaving or knitting, etc. This is the topic for the February meeting.

Workshops: Maurine had nothing to report on Workshops. Rich promised that there will be a committee to work on this planning.

Raffle: Ginny said there's lots of stuff, so come and check it out! There is also a silent auction for a table loom with a stand, 4 shaft. The minimum bid is \$50.

Historian: Elaine, our Historian, has nothing to announce

Web and Social Media: Sue said the web count was down in December, to be expected during the holidays. She reminded us that members who have lapsed in paying their dues no longer have access. This can be easily rectified!

Equipment and Library: Janet brought a few books and 2 DVDs today for checkout. She also reminded us that the Guild has minimal equipment now that we have given up our storage unit. There are some reeds, table loom, a marudai, Cricket loom, etc. Consult the Members section for the Guild and you can find the equipment list. Janet will help locate the location of the equipment you need.

Study Groups: there is a good group of spinners that gather every Wednesday morning at 10 am at the Sahara West Library. They regularly attract attention and are getting new people to join the group. They also have coloring books to hand out to kids.

Demonstrations: Vicki said there are no demonstrations coming up in the near future.

Mug Rugs and IWC: Don't forget that we are making Mug Rugs for the IWC – Intermountain Weavers Conference. They are due at the May meeting and should be in the 4"x4" to 5"x5" size range. See Hermi or Janet for further details. Hermi also reminded us that Registration for the Conference in June is now open. As of Jan 10, there were 99 people registered, with 5 from Nevada going.

Upcoming meetings: Next month's meeting on February 8 will be a presentation by Liz and Janet on recycling sweaters, especially cashmere ones. These can frequently be found at Thrift stores. Cinda asked if we would be willing to split palms at the April 12 meeting. We would be helping the Altar Guild at the Church prepare for Palm Sunday services. She said its pretty easy and instructions will be provided.

Miscellaneous: Raw Merino fleece available! Cinda said there was someone who bought 10 pounds of merino fleece has discovered she is allergic to wool! So, this fleece is available for purchase at \$6/lb. See Cinda for further info.

Skein exchange: Our 2nd Annual Skein Exchange is scheduled for September

Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25. Refreshments, raffle ticket buying, a Zoom talk about The Silk Road with Rikki Quintana, the Raffle and Show & Tell followed.

Submitted

By: _____ /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary

Show & Tell January 2025



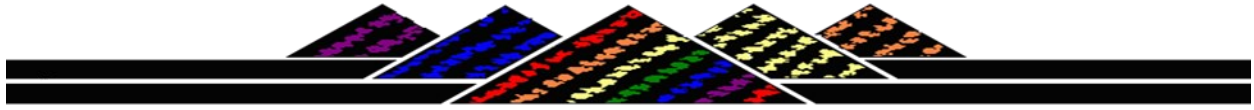
Clockwise:
Socks by Charles
Table runner by Elaine M
Sweater by Stephanie B
Jacket by Sue W



Clockwise:
Beaded Star by Ginny
Blanket by Vicky
Table runner woven by
Elaine M
Scarf knitted by Liz L



Photos by Janet



INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE

IWC 2025 will be held **17-21 June 2025** at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque NM. The IWC board is excited to host the Intermountain Weavers Conference at the Convention Center, since it includes all classes and events in one location. The Convention Center has easy access from highways and the large airport. The Conference will start Tuesday June 17, 2025, and end Saturday June 21, 2025.

We will be getting some post-cards, but in the meantime, the classes are listed to the right and <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

Intermountain Weavers Conference

Susie Ballenger, M's and O's, Treadlings

Elizabeth Buckley, Tapestry

Myra Chang-Thompson, Bound Weave, Dorset Buttons

Cael Chappell, Basketry

Karen Donde, Plaited Twills, Design

Julie Drogsvold, Spinning

Molly Elkind, Landscape for Tapestry, Using Photographs

Donna Foley, Rigid Heddle, Natural Dyes, Stock solutions

Geri Forkner, Weaving for Nuno Felting, Electronic Textiles

Liz Gipson, Translating Drafts for Rigid Heddle



IWC 2025

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[intermountainweavers.org](https://www.intermountainweavers.org)

Connie Lippert, Wedge Weave, Chipboard Looms

Jennifer Moore, Doubleweave, Fractals, Tessellations

Martha Owen/Elizabeth Johnston, Spinning for Weaving or Fair Isle Knitting, 7 Ways to Knit

Marcy Petrini, Colors and Twills, Turning a Draft, The Way We See Color

Laura Salamy, Punch Needle

Deborah Silver, Split Shed Weaving

Meg Stump, Pin Loom Weaving

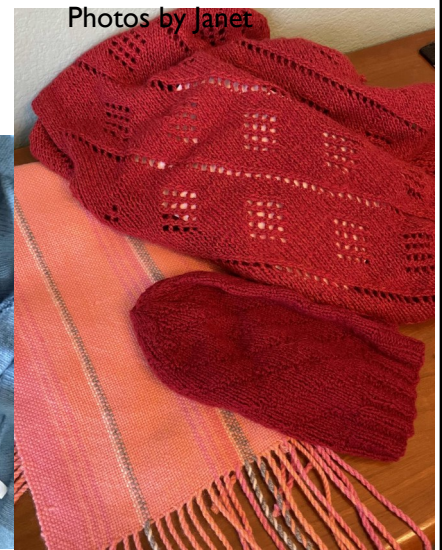
Emily Trujillo, Chimayo Weaving

3-day, 1-day and half day classes

Registration for the IWC 2025 workshops opened 10 Jan, 2025

How to deconstruct a cashmere sweater and make lovely yarn.

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GETTING TO ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH on 4201 West Washington Avenue, LV:

FROM SOUTH & EAST VALLEY: (Take I-15 North to) US 95 North, exit Valley View Blvd. and turn right. Turn left onto Washington Avenue when Valley View ends (about one quarter mile). All Saints' is about half a mile west on the left.

FROM WEST & NORTH VALLEY: (Take Summerlin Parkway west to) US 95 South, exit Decatur Blvd. North (exit after Decatur South, watch the signs!). Go north about half a mile and turn right onto Washington Ave. All Saints' is about half a mile east on the right.

Whichever direction you come from, PAY ATTENTION ONCE YOU TURN ONTO WASHINGTON. The church is on the southeast corner of Washington and Glen Abby Court, but it's difficult to see until you're right next to it. PARKING is available on Glen Abbey Court street and in the parking lot including in back of the church. If you have a long vehicle, consider parking on the street as the lot is not very deep. Parking in the back is closest to the meeting rooms (Parish Hall). Enter the campus in front through the red gate and follow the signs to the Parish Hall (across the courtyard toward the right). The Guild logo will be also posted to show you where to go. If you park in the back, enter through the door with the Guild logo. **Doors open 8:45 am.** <https://allsaintslv.com/>

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 Information:

Search the Guild website www.fiberartsguildlv.org : go to "LIBRARY", then click www.librarything.com

1. In the top brown bar, right side search box, type 'Vegas fiber arts' and enter.
2. Do not panic that it says 'no results' in the center section! Depending on your browser you will see the column on your left with "social" or a drop down menu labelled "works". Expand the drop down menu to find "social". Under *Social* you should find 'members' and a red or blue '1', click on either the word 'member' or the '1'. Now in the center section, find 'Vegas_Fiber_Arts' and click on it.
3. On the left, you will see some logistics about our collection. The important line is the first one: "Collections Your Library" Click on 'Your library'

A list of all our books, DVD's etc comes up, usually with a snapshot of the cover in the left column. Or to find an author, specific book or subject, find the search function.

2024 Board and Committees

Officers:

President:	Richard Deppe
Vice President:	Janet Mayers
Secretary:	Jami Johnson
Treasurer:	Cinda Towne

Committees:

Newsletter Editor:	Hermi Hiatt
Hospitality:	Vicki Johnson
Membership:	Cinda Towne
Equipment:	Janet Mayers
Librarian:	Janet Mayers
Historian:	Elaine Eggink
Programs:	Maurine Adrezin
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith
IWC Representatives:	Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt

ODDS and ENDS

- **Janet:** we had a busy meeting and **Isar** was the winner of our door prize which is a bag with goodies donated by the Handweavers of America (HGA). Congratulations Isar!!



- **Janet:** the attached link talks about wet finishing by Tien and Janet of the Handweaving Academy, useful for weavers and even knitters: https://handweavingacademy.com/wet-finishing-magic-even-more-to-enjoy-after-weaving/?__s=x9vpqg7lqg6bl6fo2ppc

- **Jami** sent this for knitters: on the bottom of the link Louise and Liz from The Loom Shed show how to knit cables without a cable needle, interesting technique! <https://theloomshed.com/> or try this link: [Get Creative in February: Last Chance to sign up!](#)

- **Charles:** at the meeting he talked about this interesting podcast by Patty Lyons, the knitter/designer: unravelingpodcast.com

- **Cinda** has 10 pounds raw merino wool from last spring's purchase for sale, at cost of \$6.00/lb. OK to purchase smaller portions. Contact Cinda Towne, our treasurer, if interested. The wool is very fine, looks like less than 20 microns.



- **April Green:** Loom for sale 24", 4S, table loom with stand. Gallagher Spinning and Weaving Tools, Santa Cruz, CA. Includes warping board and assorted yarns, asking \$750 for everything. April Green is selling these items, you can email her <artsymom554@gmail.com>. She is in the north valley, Contact her for more information.



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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