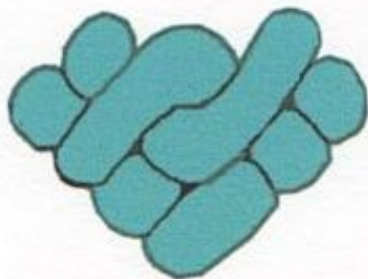


June  
2025



# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**at 9:00 am**

**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 June 14, 2025.

**Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.**

## **ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:**

**Annual Meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc., vote for next year's board. Slate to the right of this page: Rich, Danielle (Dani), Jami, and Cinda.**

**Meeting includes Breakfast Potluck, and Show & Tell.**

## **Announcements**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Current membership expires this June 30. We will begin collecting dues for 2025-2026. Please remember that dues are now \$25.00 for everyone. This June, checks or cash are accepted by our treasurer Cinda.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 14, 2025, in the Parish Hall of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 4201 West Washington Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** the Nominating Committee (Janet and Stephanie P) has the following slate:

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

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**2025 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE**

**July and August 2025—Summer Break**

**September 13, 2025:** Presentation by Elizabeth Holdmann on Color, Fiber, and Dye.

**October 11, 2025:** Deppe Dye Day.

# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the May 10, 2025 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on May 10, 2025, in the Parish Hall at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Attending the meeting were: Hermi Hiatt, Charles Parker, Lorelle Nelson, Cortney Wagner-Smith, Stephanie Peters, Lori Lee, Sara Wiegard, Rich Deppe, Ginny Deppe, Stephanie Bryant, Diana Smith, Sue Wainscott, Danielle Hanson, Elaine Eggink, Wayne Shielee, Mina Campos, Vicki Johnson, Janet Mayers, Isar King, Cinda Towne. Jami Johnson, Sarah Freeman, Maximino Mo, Emiliana Martin, Victoria Perez, German Martin, Emily Buchwald, Liz Preston, Mickey Johnson, Jo Johnson, Maria Ipharr  
Attending on Zoom: Maurine Adrezin, Sandy Gillies

President Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. And announced that because the meeting's speaker, Jami Johnson, needed to leave early, the meeting would be divided into two parts.

**Approval of Minutes:** The April minutes were approved after being moved by Charles and seconded by Stephanie B. The motion was unanimously approved.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** (The meeting was restarted at 9:40) Cinda reported that we have \$5066.17 in our checking account. She requests that any receipts for reimbursement must be presented to her at or before the June meeting on June 14. While memberships for the next year are willingly accepted at the June meeting, they are due in the Fall.

### Committee Reports

**Newsletter:** Hermi is eager to receive any photos you may have for the newsletter. She also announced that she is working on a Guild brochure that can be used at public events to promote our Fiber Arts Guild.

**Workshops:** At present there is nothing to be announced. But we are looking for a team of members to put together workshops for the future.

**Raffle:** Ginny said there are 3 tables full of raffle 'stuff'. So buy tickets and don't forget to contribute back to future raffles!

**Historian:** Elaine, our Historian, has nothing to announce.

**Web and Social Media:** Sue is hoping to expand our website and is learning more of the ins and outs of GoDaddy (our host) so that we can set up a Zelle feature for accepting payments. Stephanie B and Sara W have also offered to help make this happen!

**Equipment and Library: Library info:** Janet brought some books and DVD's from our library for anyone to check out. She reminded us that Library Thing has an up-to-date list of all our library resources that you can search and then request that Janet bring to a meeting or to make other transfer arrangements. The directions for using Library Thing can be found in any newsletter or on our website.

**Equipment:** Our equipment is more limited now, but there is still an 8 shaft baby wolf, 3 15-inch 8 shaft table looms and reeds available for rent. A list is available on the Guild's website.

**Study Groups:** Our spinning circle meets almost every Wednesday morning at 10 am at the Sahara West Library. Bring your wheels, spindles or other small projects and join the fun! As a reminder, there is help available for troubleshooting your wheel or other advice at these spin-ins! And the Rigid Heddle weavers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month, from 10 am-12noon, at Lori Ruben's home. The group is morphing from just a Rigid Heddle group to a 'small loom' group - such as Inkle or Card Weaving. So, check it out if that is your equipment.

**Demonstrations:** Hermi announced that there is an opportunity to both demo and sell any wares you might have, at Cactus Joe's Nursery on Blue Diamond Road. (Editor's note: event was canceled due to high wind warnings, no information about a reschedule)

**Mug Rugs and IWC:** Mug rugs are due today. If you still have some in progress, Janet can accept them through June 12. Contact her to arrange transfer.

**Upcoming meetings:** Our last meeting of the year will be a Breakfast Potluck on June 14. We will hold our election of officers for next year at this meeting. The Nominating Committee (Stephanie P and Janet) announced that Rich (President), Cinda (Treasurer), and Jami (Secretary) have all agreed to continue in their positions. Danielle has agreed to stand for election as Vice President as Janet has decided to step down.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10. Refreshments, Show and Tell, and raffle ticket buying and drawing followed.

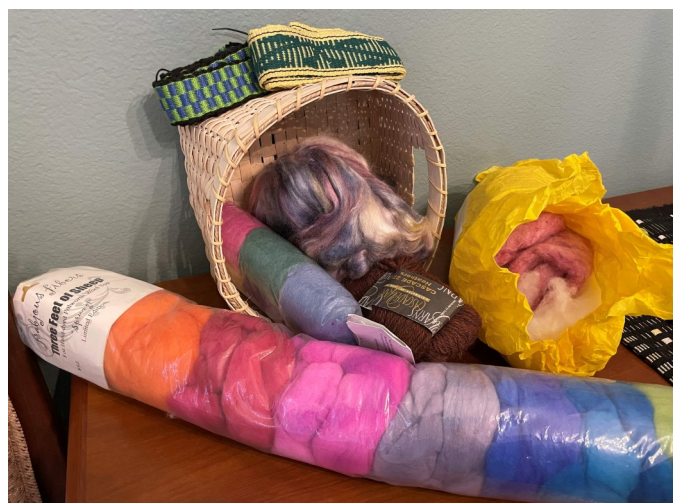
Submitted

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY



## Show & Tell May 10, 2025

- Members from the Mexican Artisans guild came to the meeting and brought their work to show, above.
- Towels (right) by Jami: diversified plain weave
- Maria's clasped weft scarf, below
- Gift basket woven by Sarah Freeman with fiber, it will go into the IWC auction June 17.





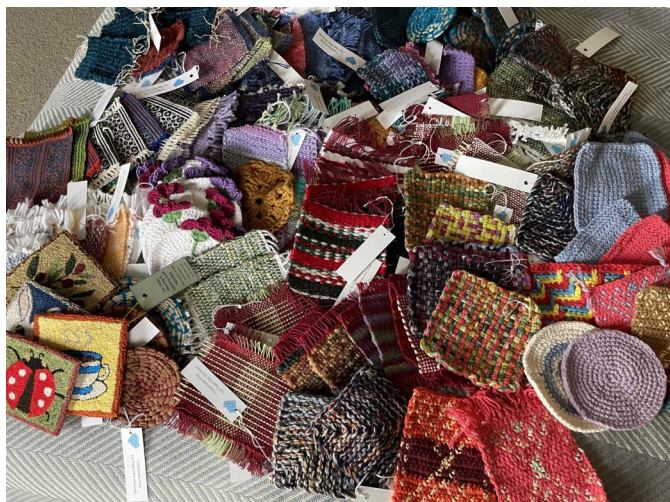
## IWC—INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE

IWC 2025 will be held **17-21 June 2025** at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque NM. Janet and Hermi are travelling there as part of the IWC board, their job is to set up the vendor Market, organize the Fashion show, and other chores to make the conference run smoothly.

Registration for workshops is still ongoing, please check out the website <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

Our Fiber Arts guild has been making Mug Rugs for the IWC as treats for those attending. On April 12, 2025, Janet reported that the **Mug Rugs Count is 118. We could use about 20**

**more. If you have any Mug Rugs, please bring them to the meeting June 14, Hermi will take it to IWC.**



## A SHORT STORY OF THE CALAMONDA MERINO OPERATION

By Pat Knight

Kym Williams started with 325 ewes and 7 rams in the fall of 2016 to build his flock. Pat Knight was hired about the same time as his secretary/bookkeeper. She handles the finances in consultation with him and does all the flock record keeping. Kym does most of the physical work with the sheep. In the early days of the operation, Pat helped as much as she could outside with the sheep including feeding and watering daily.

Each sheep carries an ear-tag from birth to death or culling whichever comes first, every sheep's information is carried through its lifetime which we refer to as their genetic information. From these records, Kym knows what ewe and which ram sired that lamb. That lamb is weighed usually within two hours of birth and recorded. The birthdate, mother, father, birth weight and siblings is recorded for future reference.

At three months, the lambs are usually weaned, weighed again, and recorded. Kym will weigh some of the rams later for weight-gain information.

Kym does all our shearing and I am the wool handler. There are only the two of us. During the shearing, I pull a wool sample and send the samples to the University of Montana for OFDA 2000 machine analysis. Each animals' wool production in weight is also recorded. The test sample tells us the micron, the variation, the comfort factor and the length. That analysis also goes into the records.

When Kym is preparing for breeding season, he takes the records of the ewes, separate from the rams, and studies them for grouping into lots of 30 or so and then matches those ewes as closely as he can to the ram that he selects for that mob of ewes.

This system works well when we keep our flock around 200 to 300 animals. At one point we were up to 1500 ewes and that was very difficult to manage, besides providing them with sufficient feed in both summer and winter. Once, we cut the flock back, he has had much better success following this system.

Editor's Note: some guild members benefited from this work. Several of us bought some of the 2025 wool clip from lambs born in February 2024 and shorn this April 2025.



## 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:

Go to the Guild website [www.fiberartsguildlv.org](http://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
 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

## 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

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

- **Janet:** just watched the Textiles and Tea from April 22, Jennifer Williams. Her inkle weaving is fantastic and she is lively and interesting. She would make a good talk for a guild meeting. Her website is interesting too. <https://inkledpink.com/>
- **Cinda:** watched the same Textile and Tea with Jennifer Williams and agrees with Janet that this would make an interesting program or workshop. <https://inkledpink.com/>
- **Sara Wiegard:** happened upon this interesting and informative video about how different cultures used different fibers to stay cool. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJA0h8cts0R/?igsh=MW9maHhZDE3ajlhYQ==>
- **Janet** got curious about the agave cloth we saw on Saturday at the meeting. Here is a link to more information. <https://smartloom.blogspot.com/2025/01/agave-fiber-comprehensive-overview.html>
- **Janet** has a pile of Journals from the British Guild Association, not sure where they came from. She was looking for a searchable index to these journals and found one! It has links to downloadable pdfs from some articles. Janet had no idea this resource was available. <https://www.wsd.org.uk/articles/>
- **Janet** also got an email from Little Looms. Rebecca Mezoff has an introductory tapestry online class for \$39. This may be another rabbit hole for some people. Rebecca weaves these wonderful little tapestries. <https://rebeccamezoff.pathwright.com/library/introduction-to-tapestry-weaving-127802/351039/about/>
- **Stephanie B.** sent these "found on the Internet" tutorials for the newsletter, since so many folks have knitting looms now. The link has 5 really easy tutorials IN TEXT for how to knit on a knitting loom. <https://knitting.com/loom-knitting-for-beginners/>
- **Janet** recently learned about this in an email from Clara Parkes. She did not know this was going on around Carson City, Nevada. It is the Carson City Fuel Reduction Project using sheep. The sheep graze, sometimes up to 2400 sheep, eating mainly cheat grass which helps the spread of wildfires. This incredible program was started in 2006 after the Waterfall fire near Carson City. It is amazing what these furry friends can accomplish. <https://www.carson.org/government/departments-g-z/parks-recreation-open-space/sheep-project?ref=thewoolchannel.com>
- **Hermi** learned about weed-eating cashmere goats many years ago during a presentation in Ely, NV, so she googled weed-eating goats and came up with several links. Below is one of them. Unfortunately cheaper ways to get rid of noxious weeds have put the goats out of business, at least for now.

<https://www.fox21news.com/news/goats-no-longer-helping-bear-creek-park-with-weeds/>



## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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](mailto:lvfiberartsguild@gmail.com) and  
pay your dues at one of our meetings.**

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