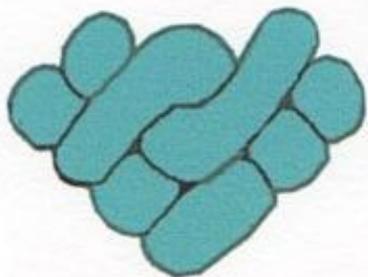


January
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Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, January 10, 2026

at 9:00 am

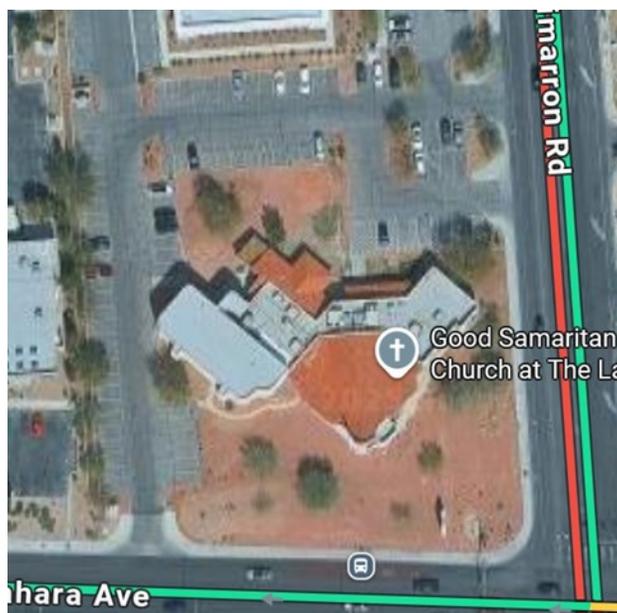
NEW MEETING PLACE

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. Please see map to the right:

In person meeting: NEW MEETING PLACE

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link before January 10, 2026.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.



ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS:

Rich has arranged a zoom presentation on **Supported Spindles** by Michelle "TJ" King. She is a well-known spinning instructor and writer also known as "the Peahen," and an expert in supported spinning who offers guidance on choosing the right tools. Instead of a single product, she focuses on teaching the key features to consider when buying supported spindles like Russian and Takli designs, as well as type of bowl needed. For beginners, easy-to-draft fibers like Romney, Corriedale, or Coopworth roving are often recommended for initial practice.

2026 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

February 14, 2026: Locker Hooking presented by Janet and Vicki

March 14, 2026: Navajo Churro Wool Study Presented by Dani

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2025 Holiday Party at Jami's in Review



Thank you Jami for hosting our December Holiday Party at your home with potluck and gift auction. Besides thanks for hosting this lovely event, we also thank the members who brought wrapped gifts to be auctioned off. The auction went well, as Cinda reports below.

Thanks to our auctioneer Jean for her excellent work and thank you Cinda for keeping track of our bidding. A special thank you to those members who donated food to the Street Teens charity.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AUCTION – NEW RECORDS!

Congratulations to all who attended the Christmas Party at Jami's. Not only was the attendance the largest in many years (29), but we also set a record for the auction: \$675 in auction bids plus \$45 in donations for a total of \$720.

WELL DONE!

Photos by Janet



DYE STUDY GROUP – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

We are forming a dyeing study group with the goal of scientific accuracy to achieve formulas for reproduceable colors. The projected start date is late January. Members will work in pairs to produce a portion of the color wheel (36 colors plus black and other samples); every member will receive a complete set of colors and the formulas use to create them. We will start with fiber reactive dyes on Tencel. If there is interest, we may continue with acid dyes.

Everyone joining this study group **MUST COMMIT TO SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY** in all measurements and processes. (The random measuring we do at dye day is fun and even beautiful but not reproduceable.) All participants must own or have access to a scale accurate to .01 gram (yes, we will be using metric measurements). There will be a small, shared cost for dyes, Tencel, lots of syringes (no needles), and other supplies, probably less than \$15.

Elements of this study group, including the schedule, are still being developed. If you are interested, please talk to Jami Johnson, Janet Mayers, or Cinda Towne.



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
 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:

President:	Richard Deppe
Vice President:	Danielle Hanson
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:	Maria and Rich
Workshops:	Meg and Janet
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith

ODDS and ENDS

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

- **Jami** forwarded this email from **Emily Winter** <emily@theweavingmill.com> on the Weaving Mill's Reverse Drafting Club, <https://www.theweavingmill.com/>

My name is Emily Winter and I am director of The Weaving Mill and de-facto Reverse Drafting Club president. Reverse drafting is the process of unraveling woven fabrics and diagramming their construction on graph paper using draft notation. Our mail-based club is organized around quarterly mailings which include 3 swatches each, along with solutions to the previous installment's swatches (akin to the weekly crossword!) Each group of swatches tends to revolve around a theme: variations on a specific weave structure, material studies, etc. We design and weave all the fabrics for the RDC on our industrial dobby loom here at our studio in Chicago, then cut them down into 3" swatches to mail out to our members. We have been running the Reverse Drafting Club since 2022 ~ we have members signing up from all over the country, and even internationally! One year's membership costs \$42 and includes 4 mailings of 3 swatches each, as well as invitations to virtual gatherings to discuss the swatches and access to a membership directory so folks can connect with other club members in their area.

One of our repeat members wrote this [article](#) about her experience with the club for the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, and I am attaching an article I wrote about the RDC for the Summer 2023 issue of Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot.

I am writing today to 1) let you know about this very fun and special program 2) humbly request that you pass the word along to any of your members who might be interested! The club is far more fun with more members, and we've heard great feedback from folks who sign up as a group and host in-person study/unraveling sessions together.

In addition, I have given presentations to several weaving guilds (Illinois Prairie Weavers Guild, Weavers Guild of the North Shore, Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore) on The Weaving Mill and the RDC, as well as virtual Reverse Drafting workshops. If those might be of interest to you as you plan your 2026-2027 programming, do let me know!

Wishing you a wonderful end of year, and thanks for taking the time to read this missive,
Emily Winter

- **Jami:** found "Visible Mending" in The New York Times: Older crafters across Britain speak to how knitting can help us heal, even at our most broken. <https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000009223668/visible-mending.html?smid=em-share> Your editor hopes you can access the site because Jami subscribes to The New York Times.
- **Vicki:** has free uncleaned fleece from Swiss Valais blacknose sheep. She will donate the fleece to whoever wants to try this breed. Bring plastic bags for sharing.



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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