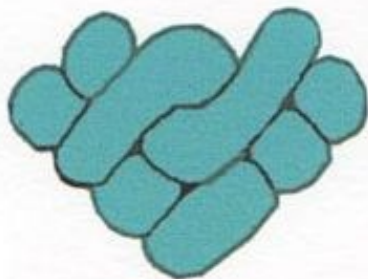


May
2025



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, May 10, 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 May 10, 2025.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:

Note: PROGRAM MOVED TO 9:15 am:

After a quick introduction and approval of minutes, Jami Johnson will give her presentation on **Exploring the website "Handweaving.net"**

See description to the right of this page.

Business meeting will follow at 10 am:

What in the World is HANDWEAVING.NET??

by Jami Johnson

Are you thinking that maybe you'd like to try designing your own drafts? Or you see a draft in a magazine, but would like to change it a bit but not sure if your idea will work? Or are you looking for some inspiration? Or maybe, you're itching to expand your weaving and want more shafts on your loom so you can explore (whether from 2 to 4 shafts, or up to 32 or 40 shafts!), but not sure of what kinds of things you can do? Or, are you interested in old weaving books? If any of these describe you, or you're just curious about weaving, this talk is for you! A Handweaving.net subscription can fulfill all these dreams!!

Note from our Treasurer Cinda:

If you have any receipts for this year for which you expect to be reimbursed, they must be turned into me not later than the Annual Meeting on June 14th. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

2025 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

June 14, 2025 The Annual Meeting of Members of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. will be held on June 14, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall of All Saint's Episcopal Church, 4201 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas Nevada."

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the April 12, 2025 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on April 12, 2025, in the Parish Hall at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Attending the meeting were: Hermi Hiatt, Meg Harrington, Charles Parker, Lorelle Nelson, Cortney Wagner-Smith, Stephanie Peters, Lori Lee, Jean Suess, Liz LaRue, Sara Wiegard, Rich Deppe, Ginny Deppe, Stephanie Bryant, Diana Smith, Maurine Adrezin, Sue Wainscott, Sara Ebert, Danielle Hanson, Elaine Eggink, Mina Campos, Vicki Johnson, Janet Mayers, Audrey Strehlow, Isar King, and Cinda Towne. There were no attendees via Zoom.

President Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Cinda Towne took minutes in Jami Johnson's absence.

Visitors Mai Castaneda and Jeri Buckler were introduced.

Approval of Minutes: The March meeting minutes were approved. Charles moved, Elaine seconded.

Treasurer's report: Checking account balance is \$4,845.17. The 2024 Guild tax return has been filed.

Newsletter: Hermi reminded everyone of the useful information in the newsletter.

Raffle: Ginny reminded everyone that now is the time for spring cleaning.

Historian (Elaine): no report.

Web and social media: Diana reminded us of all the useful information on the website and in the newsletter.

Equipment and library: Janet announced that a new edition of Marguerite Davidson's *Handweavers' Pattern Book* will be coming out. As always, she has brought a selection of books from the library for check out.

Nominating Committee: Rich and Janet announced the need for a nominating committee. We especially need a vice president. Janet gave a description of the (very easy) job. She will chair the committee.

Demonstration at Cactus Joe's on May 17th. Hermi is coordinating. Spinners, rigid heddle and table looms are needed as well as tables, chairs and tools will be needed. We also need some shade. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended. OK to bring items to sell.

The **Spinning Circle** continues to meet on Wednesdays at the Sahara West library. Up to 10 people generally show up, and the public does show interest.

Rigid heddle study group: There are about five people in the group.

Intermountain Weavers Conference is June 17-21 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We need new representation from

Nevada as Janet and Hermi are both retiring from the IWC board. Janet gave a description of the jobs and time commitments.

Workshop: Jillian Moreno spinning workshop will be held in Las Vegas in November 2026.

Skein exchange in September 2025: Spin and ply (2-ply) a minimum of 4 ounces of any natural fiber in any color for inclusion in the anonymous exchange.

Mexican Traditional Weavers event at the Winchester Dondero Cultural Center on May 8th. We will not be officially demonstrating, but anyone can go.

The next meeting will be May 10th. Jami Johnson will be discussing the resources on handweaving.net.

Presentation to Maurine Adrezin for her years of service to the Guild. Lorelle and Elaine discussed her many contributions as program chair and teacher. She was presented with a crystal plaque and life-time membership in the guild. Maurine will be moving back east to be with family.

Show and Tell:

Mug rugs for IWC:

Ginny made punch-needle mug rugs.

Hermi made several mug rugs using mitered knitting.

Elaine wove mugs rugs.

Sara Wiegard made round mugs

Stephanie Bryant made a variety of knitted and crocheted mug rugs.

Vicki made mug mats using basket coiling.

Janet also received mug rugs from Barbara Ackerman and Sandy Gillies in Utah.

Janet also made Sophie hoods for family members. She also wove two color-and-weave dish towels based on a Cotton Clouds kits on a rigid heddle loom.

Vicki Johnson made a mat using the northern Nevada wool she bought last year and locker hooking.

Lorelle Nelson reported on her trip to Peru and showed several purchases.

Isar King showed a crocheted lace shawl and the quilt she made for her granddaughter based on Barbi.

Stephanie Bryant made 3D printed spin savers for the spinners.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am. A break before Stephanie Bryant's project planning presentation and the raffle followed.

Submitted by: /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary



Inkle Weaving 101 presentation from March took some members to greater heights!!

Shoe laces to the left by Courtney, and to the right by Stephanie P

Show & Tell April 12, 2025



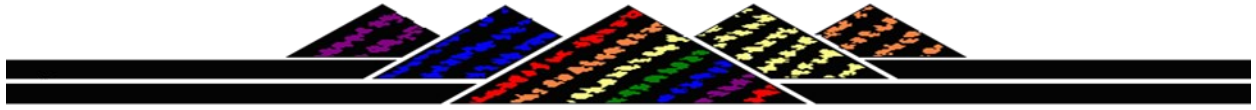
Rigid heddle towels by Janet (left). On right, rigid heddle bag and inkle band by Stephanie P..

Bottom left to right: Isar shawl, Vicki sheep rug, and Lorelle with her treasures purchased in Peru.



Photos Sue and Janet





INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE (IWC)

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 Conference will start Tuesday June 17, 2025, and end Saturday June 21, 2025.

Registration is still ongoing, please check out the website to register your favorite workshop, there are still some good openings. <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

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.

On April 12, 2025, Janet reported that the **Mug Rugs Count is 118. We could use 40 or so more.**

Cinda listed the makers in the Minutes on page 2, they include Ginny, Elaine, Sara W., Stephanie B., Vicki, Janet, Barbara, and Hermi

If you have more Mug Rugs, please bring them to the meeting May 10th.

Historically our guild has contributed items for the goody bag, and these mug rugs fit the bill.



Photos Janet and Sue



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

The information below is sent by members, thank you all for the tips !!!

- **Charles:** journey above 14,000 feet to see Himalayan sheep and see their spinners. https://spinoffmagazine.com/spinning-in-the-himalayas-part-1-sheep/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJfXDFleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHheC0am8GZkMtlbr8NZDf_QFKqJiw2L8LVnviqcZjhuFBGAxGYHJaLQo_dlj_aem_9r99LQcMYB2-4leVi61RQA
- **Hermi:** 51 knit stitch patterns and ideas for beginning knitters.
<https://www.studioknitsf.com/stitch-patterns-beginner/>
<https://www.to-knit-knitting-stitches.com/>
- **Jami:** found this while looking for good news in the morning - thought you'd enjoy it! It shows a view of the Aletsch Glacier in Switzerland.
https://www.npr.org/sections/the-picture-show/2025/04/16/g-s1-59897/painted-lady-butterflies-migration-photos?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20250417&utm_term=10092871&utm_campaign=news&utm_id=53595051&orgid=128&utm_att1=
- **Jami:** just found a cool satin generator: <https://neon22.pyscriptapps.com/satin-generator/latest/>. For any number of warp/weft threads in a block. And it gives the weft faced and warp faced blocks that have a "clean cut" so that there's a clean line between the warp and weft faced treadlings: It took her a while to figure out how to use it: for anything more than 4 shafts, you need to click on one of the orange circles (not yellow!) in the heat map and it will configure all of the satins that lift those two threads (1 is already black to give you a starting point. With 8 or more shafts you can do some pretty interesting block weaves. And use that as a starting point for shaded satins. If anyone is interested in those, Jami has a *rudimentary* understanding of them.
- **Janet:** For fans of Franklin Habit this is hilarious: It is not directly about knitting techniques or projects but a funny look at Paris and Franklin himself.
https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/letter-from-paris-a-plight-at-the-opera/?_kx=WXBnq8O2bE01bBhvwyTMnsoikVFJn2OmnSfXo1pzA.Wqr8UH
- **Janet:** she just saw this in a Clara Parkes email. Not sure it is good news.
[Private equity makes inroads](#)

Supporting small independent endeavors such as Harrisville is especially important at a time when so much of our world—everything from rental properties to daycare centers and hospitals—is being gobbled up by private equity firms. Janet had no idea private equity had already made inroads into our knitting world until she heard this next bit of news. Last week, it was announced that Laura Zander sold Jimmy Beans Wool to private equity firm Local Crafts Group, a division of the \$1.8 billion private equity firm Blue Point Capital Partners. She didn't realize this, but Local Crafts Group had already acquired Berroco, Knit Picks, Crochet.com, Connecting Threads, and Superior Threads. This move will also move Jimmy Beans-owned brands della Q, Madelinetosh, and Dream in Color into the mix. Zander will become Chief Brand Officer of Local Crafts Group. The Reno Gazette Journal reports layoffs among the 75 people Jimmy Beans employed in Reno and Texas.

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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