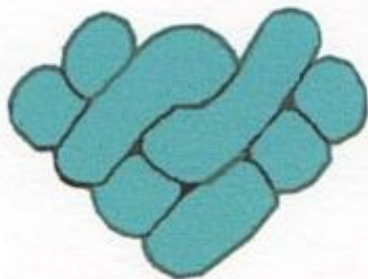


February  
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# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, February 13, 2021

at 9:00 am

The Guild meeting will be held via Zoom, starting at 9:00 am; the Program will start about 10 am.

If you haven't been on a Zoom meeting, feel free to ask for help how to download the ability to do so.

Diana Smith will be sending you a link to the meeting a couple of days before the 13th.

Please send your photos to Diana for Show and Tell after she sends you the Zoom link.

Program: by Deb Essen on



"Color Value in Weaving",  
See description in upper right corner  
of this page



**Color Value in Weaving:** Several of us are taking Tien Chiu's on-line class, Make Your Color's Sing. And we are excited that we will get to hear Deb Essen's talk, Color Value in Weaving. Both these classes are about what is probably the most important factor in weaving design: not the colors we use, but the *value* of those colors. Deb will talk to us about the answer to the question we have all asked ourselves after a woven piece doesn't match our vision: "Why do those colors look so nice together on the cones, but when I start winding the warp or weaving, things don't look nearly as pretty." Tien answers the same question..."why do my colors, when woven, end up looking like mud?" The answer to both questions is the subject of this talk: Likely it's because of the color values. This presentation discusses color value, how to identify color values and make them work for you. This lecture might be the most important hour in your weaving life as you learn 'tricks' that can affect the rest of your weaving life! (or knitting or quilting, maybe even home décor!) *Jami*

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Spring 2021 Guild Meetings – SAVE THE DATE

March 13, 2021 Zoom meeting. Program TBA

# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on Jan 9, 2021, on Zoom, due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

Attending the meeting were: Diana Smith, Jami Johnson, Janet Mayers, Birgit Kefalas, Maurine Adrezin, Cinda Towne, Audrey Strehlow, Elaine Eggink, Monique Portanger, Sarah Freeman, Vicki Johnson, Liz LaRue, Lesley Morris, Sandra Sandberg, Mimi Rodes, and Lynn Hranac, guest.

President Janet Mayers called the meeting to order at 9:03.

**Approval of Minutes:** December minutes were unanimously approved as written after moved by Elaine and seconded by Maurine.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** We have \$6,493.12 in our treasury, of which \$1,534.79 is reserved for the Bobbie Irwin workshop. Cinda is happy to report that she has successfully set up automatic payment of the monthly storage fee. The monthly fee is \$78, including insurance. We should probably take pictures of the contents for insurance purposes. **Membership:** we have 1 new member, Maureen Wilson.

**Newsletter:** Hermi was not present to report. But Janet confirmed that the newsletter is on the website.

**Programs:** Maurine had nothing to report on workshops, but reminded us that Deb Essen will be giving a lecture on "Color Value in Weaving" at the February meeting, and Deborah Silver will give a lecture in April: "Split Shed Tied Beiderwand." Jami reported that there are 13 attending the on-line Denise Kovnat workshop in March, with room for 2 more. If we get no more Guild members this week, she will offer the remaining spots to members of the Complex Weaver's 24+/- study group. (7 of our Guild members are also members of Complex Weavers Guild, an international group of weavers.)

**Hospitality:** No excitement to report!

**Raffle:** no report

**Historian:** Monique has nothing to report. Until Covid

restrictions are gone, no interviews will be done.

**Web and Social Media:** no report

**Equipment and Library:** Janet reminded us that we have looms for sale: 4 shaft Leclerc, 12 shaft Dorothy, and an 8 shaft Voyageur. Janet told us that The Art of Tapestry Weaving: A Complete Guide to Mastering the Techniques for Making Images with Yarn by Rebecca Mezoff has been purchased by our Guild. (Rebecca is a previous workshop leader) Several agreed that it was a beautiful and well written book.

**IWC:** At the moment, the Conference in July in Durango, Colorado is still a 'go'. It will be live, or cancelled. Registration is delayed by a month to give a little more time to make the decision. Please look at the website for any updates: [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org). Please continue making bookmarks for the goody bags.

**Miscellaneous: 1)** Janet mentioned that Handweavers Guild of America is sponsoring virtual interviews called "Textiles and Tea". The first one was with Mary Zicafoose, who does massive tapestries. She has a website and a book, with lots of details about Ikat. See <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/> for futures talks. (Note Rebecca Mezoff is featured at the end of the month.) Past lectures are available on HGA's Facebook page. **2)** Monique mentioned a podcast on the history of the textile industry in Great Britain. See <https://hapticandhue.com/> **3)** Sarah is learning to spin with Abby Franquemont on YouTube and said they're quite good. **4)** Vicki still has Jan's magazines and she found an article on Maximo Laura (subject of today's lecture) in Handwoven Magazine (May/June 2013) and one about Fern Jacobs (previous workshop leader in Shuttle, Spindle and Dye pot (Spring 2005)

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am. Show and Tell followed and then we had a marvelous talk by our member Mimi Rodes about her workshop experience in Lima Peru with Maximo Laura. Her pictures were amazing – his use of color is stunning. (And he has a wonderful website to visit!)

Submitted by:

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY



NANCY—  
WE WILL  
MISS YOU

## REMEMBERING NANCY BELIAN

Nancy Belian passed away peacefully with her son Donovan by her side on January 9, 2021. She had been ill for quite some time and would have become 90 years old on May 31<sup>st</sup> this year.

Nancy was one of the Founding Members of our Guild that was formed more than 50 years ago. She was very active in the Guild from spinning yarn, knitting, and weaving. Besides attending Guild meetings, she also attended the following activities: Spin Off Autumn Retreat (SOAR), Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC), Helderado Days, Renaissance Fair, Something Scottish, Spring Mountain Ranch Pioneer Days, Study Groups at Maurine, and other events. She hosted Dye in the Front Yard and Spinning in the Barn. Nancy was always there, well into her late 80's and was an inspiration to all of us. She was always helpful and a good teacher for newbies. She also provided notebooks about natural dyes for yarn and shared abundant supplies.

We are grateful to Nancy for sharing so much over the years and will remember her fondly.

**Nancy's family is hoping to hold a Celebration of Life on May 31, 2021, depending on Covid situation.**

A future date will be announced for guild members to purchase items.



## Thank you to Mimi

Thank you, Mimi Rhodes for your fascinating presentation of Maximo Laura's work and your experience with him. I really enjoy getting introduced to textile artists and this was a great one. His use of so many colors and the symbolism he puts into his tapestries is amazing. No wonder Peru considers him a national treasure. I now have another trip to put on my bucket list. You did a great job for us. Thank you.

Janet Mayers

## ON-LINE INSPIRATIONS

### FOR TABLET WEAVERS by Janet and Sarah:

At the last guild meeting Sarah Freeman talked about a tablet weaving draft designer she uses. She found a newish tabletweaving program that she thinks other tabletweavers in the guild might like to know about. <https://jamesba.github.io/tabletweave/>

Sarah has a new online shop, check it out at <https://ko-fi.com/thebeardedchicken>

### FROM JODELL: Bookmark Exchange

2020 was the first year that Tabby Tree Weaver Shop sponsored a bookmark exchange. There were entries from the United States, France and Austria. Go to the [www.tabbytreeweaver.com](http://www.tabbytreeweaver.com), select the drop down tab labeled GALLERY in upper right of the main page. Enjoy. Much easier than towel exchange. Some amazing works! Scroll all the way down to see Jodell's creation.

JODELL sent this amazing website. They have several - one with weaving and one with knitting, etc. [www.smalltheagency.com](http://www.smalltheagency.com) What an imaginative merging of visuals, music and marketing.

### FROM JANET: Here are 2 links she likes.

<https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/> and <https://plymagazine.com/blog/>

Janet has watched the first two Textiles and Tea and enjoyed them both. They come on at 1 pm Nevada time on Tuesdays and last about 1 hour. Mary Zicafoose and Peggy Weidmann were first. Janet Phillips and Rebecca Mezoff are coming up. February has not been announced yet. They are available on Facebook after the live event. If you want to ask questions you have to register otherwise you can just listen. <https://www.facebook.com/HandweaversGuildofAmerica/videos>

The Ply blog has a Zoom presentation with Jacey Boggs Faulkner and Jillian Moreno in the October 2020 entry. There is a great demonstration by Jacey on attaching more fiber while you are wheel spinning. They are planning another vlog but I'm not sure when that will happen.

FROM GINNY: Be prepared to be amazed!!! [Althea Crome | Altheacrome](#)

## Library Thing— How to access the Library

### Information:

1. Search the Guild website ([www.lvfiberartsguild.org](http://www.lvfiberartsguild.org)): go to "LIBRARY", then click [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)
2. In the top brown bar, right side search box, type 'Vegas fiber arts' and enter.
3. Do not panic that it says 'no results' in the center section! In the left hand column, under *Social* you should find 'members' and a red '1', click on either the word 'member' or the '1'. Now in the center section, find 'Vegas\_Fiber\_Arts' and click on it.
4. 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.

## 2020 Board and Committees

### Officers:

President:	Janet Mayers
Vice President:	Ginny Mateen
Secretary:	Jami Johnson
Treasurer:	Cinda Towne

### Committees:

Newsletter Editor:	Hermi Hiatt
Hospitality:	Vicki Johnson/Elaine Eggink
Membership:	Cinda Towne
Equipment:	Janet Mayers
Librarian:	Janet Mayers
Historian:	Monique Portanger
Programs:	Maurine Adrezin
Web Master:	Charles Parker
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
IWC Representative:	Janet Mayers

## On-Line Workshops

### Zoom Workshop by Denise Kovnat:

#### Echo and Jin: Variations on a Theme

**Sunday, Mar 14** (3 sessions, approximately 1 hour each), weave on your own loom the rest of the day.

**Saturday, Mar 20**, same format, (and of course, you can weave as much as you want during the week!)

**Saturday, Mar 27:** 2 sessions, wrap-up/evaluation.

**Cost:** \$80/student. For 6-12 students. Save the Date

### Zoom Guild Meeting February 13, 2021, 9 AM

#### "Color Value in Weaving" by Deb Essen

Deb Essen will be giving a 30-40 minute presentation called "Color Value in Weaving" after the guild business meeting.

### Zoom Guild Meeting April 10, 2021, 9 AM

#### "Split Shed Tied Beiderwand" by Deborah Silver

Ms. Silver will explain her technique, weave structures, equipment, and cartoon making method, and show color photographs of samples woven with the split-shed technique. She is the author of "*The Technique of Split-Shed Weaving*", a book that illustrates pictorial weaving on four shaft looms.

## Upcoming Workshops

(IN PERSON MEETINGS)

### 2021— Bobbie Irwin

(Rescheduled from March 2020)

**POSTPONED DUE TO VIRUS—  
NO NEW DATE SET**

### April 16-18, 2021— Deborah Silver

"Split Shed Tied Beiderwand" (Split-shed patterns on 4 shafts using straight threading).

**POSTPONED DUE TO VIRUS—  
NO NEW DATE SET**

### October 2021—Kathrin Weber:

"Turned Taquete" **DEPENDING ON COVID**

Workshop will be split into 2 groups:

Friday – Sunday, Oct 8-10, 2021 Group 1 or

Tuesday – Thursday, Oct 12-14, 2021 Group 2

### 2021— Jillian Moreno: Spinning, more infor-

mation when available— **DEPENDING ON  
COVID**

# LAS VEGAS FIBER ARTS GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 dues for General Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 dues for Seniors (62+)

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

Membership half price after January for new members only

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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