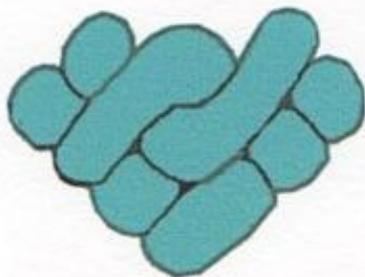


March  
2026



# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, March 14, 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. Map on page 4.

**In person meeting: NEW MEETING PLACE**

**Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link before March 14, 2026.**

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

## ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS:

After the business meeting, about 9:45 am, Dani will present her Navajo Churro Wool Study. We will be taking an up-close look at Navajo-Churro wool and discussing the best way to process it for various fiber arts crafts. Navajo-Churro sheep have a dual coat with a coarse outer coat and a softer undercoat. Most of what you find prepared is a mix of both coats. We will be looking at clean locks to see both coats. There will be wool supplied so that you can practice separating the coats. This can be done by hand, or with combs. Locks that are on the shorter side can also be carded, either all together or by separating out the undercoat and carding that by itself. If you are looking for a softer yarn or want to do a felting project, the undercoat is what you want. Please feel free to bring combs, hand cards, and/or a spindle to help you get the most out of this mini-workshop.



### 2026 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

**April 11, 2026:** Inkle Weaving Jennifer Williams  
jennifer@inkledpink.com

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# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the February 14, 2026 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on February 14, 2026, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (The Lakes campus) in person and on Zoom.

Attending in person: Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt, Stephanie Peters, Vicki Johnson, Danielle Hanson, Meg Harrington, Cinda Towne, Elaine Eggink, Emily Buchwald, Maria Ipharr, Charmonte Malbon, German Martin Martin, Diana Smith, Jami Johnson, Susan Wainscott, Lori Lee, Charles Parker, Lee Rossi, Courtney Wagner-Smith, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Pamela Martin, Erin Washington, Frida Tran, and Jerry Buckler

Two members attended on Zoom.

In Rich's absence, Dani called the meeting to order at 9:10 and welcomed members & guests. We now have name tags, so that should help with learning everyone's names. Dani reminded us to pick them up from the refreshment table and return them there at the end of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved the January minutes be accepted as published. The motion was seconded by Sue and the motion passed unanimously.

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer and Membership:** Cinda reported that the Guild checking account currently has \$7,409.08, of which \$1,365 is reserved for the Annie MacHale workshop in May.

### Committee Reports

**Newsletter -** Hermi reported that she is collecting pictures, tidbits of useful information, and internet links for the March newsletter. She reminded us that she is going to be changing the computer program she used to format and publish the newsletter by Fall. She appreciates any information about easy-to-use programs. Canva has been suggested. She is also interested in giving up writing the newsletter after 8 years of responsibility for this vital job in our guild. Besides letting every member know what's going on, giving them weaving, spinning and other fiber arts information, it serves as the historical record of our Guild activities.

**Workshops –** Meg reminded us again about Annie MacHale's Inkle Workshops May 1-3. This is formatted as 3 one day workshops – from beginning to more specialized. If you are comfortable warping your inkle loom and following written drafts, it is not necessary to take the first day...though you'd pick up useful information. Meg has started a waiting list for days 1 and 2, and there is currently 1 opening for day 3. See Meg if you have any questions.

Jillian Moreno is scheduled to present a three-day spinning workshop Nov 13-15. This is not a beginner's class. If you have any doubts about your spinning level, please talk to Janet. There is plenty of time to brush up your skills before November: come to the Wednesday spin-ins at Sahara West Library and ask someone for coaching....as Janet said there are plenty of 'spinning ena-

blers' in our midst! This workshop is scheduled for a Guild meeting weekend, and different options are being considered – stay tuned for further information!

**Programs -** Maria reported that all the programs for each meeting through June are set up: In March Dani will talk about Navajo churro sheep, April is a Zoom talk about inkle weaving, May is our annual Guild meeting and brunch, and in June, Hermi will be teaching a card weaving mini-workshop, also known as tablet weaving. She is planning to show patterns for beginners but also for advanced card weavers that can be done within the one-hour program. Maria is close to having next year's meeting talks lined up too!

**Raffle –** There is no raffle without Ginny! Bring your money next month!

**Historian –** Elaine is looking for a replacement for the position of Guild Historian. Please contact her for a description of the position – it's not difficult!

**Web and Social Media –** Sue is going to upload the last recorded lecture shortly – this is the one from January's meeting with TJ King on supported spindles. She also said that the debit card is attached to the website so that the website fees can be auto paid.

**Equipment and Library –** Janet, wearing her Equipment hat, reminded us that we have three 8s table looms, and an 8s baby wolf available to rent for \$35/month. We also have a bobbin winder and a Marudai for rent for \$5/month. Consult the website for a complete list. As usual, she brought some books from the Guild's library – feel free to take something interesting home: sign it out on the clipboard and bring it back next month. And if you wonder what is available to borrow, consult Library Thing: directions for use are in every newsletter and on the website, behind the member paywall.

### Study Groups and Continual Educational Demonstrations:

Spinning Circle is at Sahara West Library on Wednesdays at 10 am. Everyone is welcome!

RH Study Group – this group is starting a new study. Maria is leading the group, so if you are interested in joining, please send her an email. Their first meeting, at the Sahara West library, will be on Tuesday, Feb 24 from 10-12, and every last Tues of the month after.

Scientific Dye Study Group is having an organizational meeting after today's guild meeting.

**Demo at the Mormon Fort** April 18. It starts at 9 and runs until 1pm, come by any time for as long as you want to stay. You can knit, spin, weave, whatever you'd like to do.... we're there to show people some of the age-old fiber arts that existed in the early days of Nevada's settlement.

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Locker  
Hooking  
program by  
Janet and  
Vicki



# Show & Tell February 2026

- Bottom left to right: Jami pot holders, Frida Tamari balls, Elaine ice-dyed fabric.  
Photos by Sue and Hermi



# ODDS and ENDS

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

- **Cinda: GUILD AWARDS PROGRAMS**

Some fiber vendors will rebate a portion of their members' orders to the guild, but they have to know which guild you belong to when you order. The processes are different for each vendor.

**Halcyon Yarn ([www.halcyonyarn.com](http://www.halcyonyarn.com)):** Mention your membership in the "Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc." in the Comments section when you place your online order. That's how we're listed in their program.

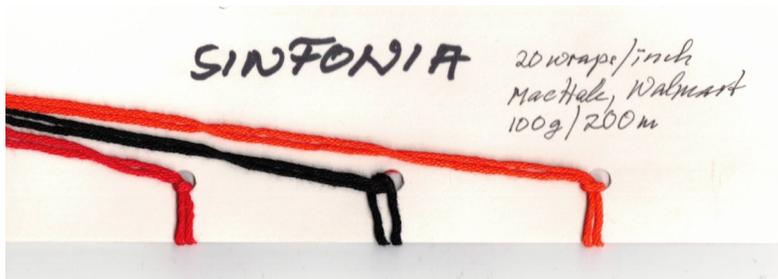
**The Woolery ([www.woolery.com](http://www.woolery.com)):** Go to the Resources page on the Guild website ([fiberartsguildlv.org](http://fiberartsguildlv.org)), click on Online Stores, then the link for The Woolery.

Once a year the Guild will get a check for 5% of the combined orders of our Guild members. Cinda

- **Inkle Loom Workshop by Annie MacHale**

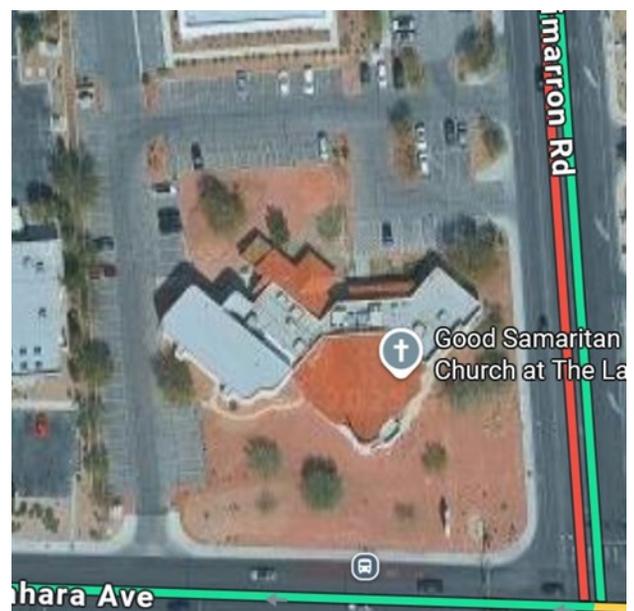
**Sue W** sent the link below. These yarn weight charts may be useful for the Inkle Weaving workshop in May, but make sure you are looking for weaving yarns in cotton. Annie MacHale uses mostly Omega Sinfonia cotton yarn, it is about 20 wraps per inch. Sinfonia can be ordered from her directly, or you may find it locally. Your Editor is still researching.

<https://woolery.com/blogs/the-woolery-blog/yarn-weight-charts-helpful-guide>



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# AUCTION and RAFFLE

## Items donated by Sherry Grapes, Feb 2026:

**the items below will be auctioned off or some in Raffle!!!**

### Equipment:

1 Ashford 24-inch Rigid Heddle Loom with stand and instructions.  
2 reeds/rigid heddles, 7.5 30/10 and 7.5 30/30. Six shuttles and one stick, 22 inches.  
1 black box with loom supplies; warping peg, heddle hook, plastic combs/beaters.  
2 spindles; one Schacht, one homemade.  
Paper box with dyed yarns; carrot top, tea, coffee, chestnut, acorns, etc. Various fibers:  
2 grey 10 in square boxes with lids.  
Fiber and Yarn: Bag Malabrigo fiber and yarn, about 4 oz. Bag grey mystery art yarn. Bag peach mystery art yarn. Bag Kool-Aide red/purple yarn. 3 Bags beige dyed yarn. 2 Bags yellow dyed yarn; Turmeric, Osage Orange. 6 Bags assorted sock yarn. And wicker picnic basket with assorted yarn; 10 balls mostly sock/fine plus gray Lopi

### Books: New Price/Online used

Inventive Weaving on a Little Loom  
Syne Mitchell 30/15 Abe  
Weaving Made Easy  
Liz Gipson 25/18 Powell's  
The Modern Natural Dyer  
Kristine Vejar 30/7 Abe  
Harvesting Color  
Rebecca Burgess 23/13 Alibris  
Vogue Knitting  
0-394-57186-X 35/8 Abe  
52 Weeks of Easy Knits  
Laine 27/13 Abe  
Natural Color  
Sasha Duerr 32.50/14 Abe, Alibris  
Big Book of Knit Hats & Scarves for Everyone  
Leisure Arts 13/6  
Knitbot Linen  
Hannah Fettig 16/4 Abe  
Hands on Spinning  
Lee Raven 9/6 Thrift

### Magazines

25 issues Vogue Knitting, Winter 2016/2017 to Spring/Summer 2023  
2 issues Little Looms, Fall 2024 and Winter 2022  
3 issues Noro, 17,19, 25. Can buy pdf from Knitting Fever  
Laine #5, Summer. 20/8, Can get free pdf download  
Pompom Quarterly 2018. 11 pounds/ Available to download pdf  
The Wheel, Ashford #34 2022/2023. NZ10/ Available to download

**MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2:**

**New Business:**

Dani reminded us that we have shifted the Annual Meeting from June to the May meeting. This was voted and approved last month. (Due to 2 of the officers and another member going to Denver for the Complex Weavers Seminars). The May meeting will be a Brunch Potluck. Hermi will be demonstrating tablet weaving in June.

We need a nominating committee to secure the 4 officer positions before the Annual Meeting. Dani, Janet, and Hermi volunteered to be on the committee.

Cinda also reminded everybody that we are a *volunteer* organization – which means that all positions are filled by volunteers – and if there are no volunteers when a position opens up, that job won't get done. None of the positions are time intensive, but all of them are necessary for a smoothly running organization. And there's help: there is a Notebook for every board and volunteer position. Besides our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, the notebooks have written directions on the various tasks that need to be done, and someone is always there to hold your hand if needed.

Hermi let us know that Audrey Strehlow, one of our very longtime members is in an elder care facility – if you are interested in visiting her, please check with Hermi.

**Next Meeting** is March 14, and Dani will be talking about her Navajo Churro Sheep.

After adjournment, we will have refreshments, Vicki and Janet lead us in learning Locker Hooking. Show and Tell will follow.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:40.

Submitted by: /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary

**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

**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:	open
Programs:	Maria and Rich
Workshops:	Meg and Janet
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith

## 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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