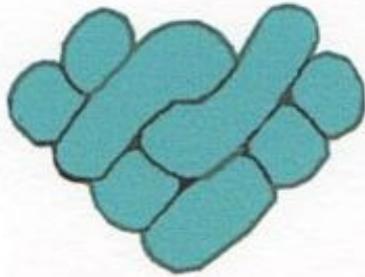


April
2024



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, April 13, 2024

at 9:00 am Pacific Standard Time

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 on page 7.

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link to the meeting before April 13th.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:

After the business meeting, about 10 am, Zoom presentation by **Anastasia Azure**: "Design-oriented approach to create artistic handwoven cloth"

See president's column on page 3 and description to the right of this page.

Design-oriented approach to creative handwoven cloth

Anastasia Azure's art sprouts from the visual poetry of life: subtle neutrals, glimmering metals, boisterous flowers, underwater creatures, glacial expanses, as well as nebulous gasses and birthing stars. Her forms and colors are informed by the phenomena of translucency, optical effects, iridescence, and transformative light. Her handwoven sculptures explore the elegance of geometry and the complexity of science.



2024 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATES

May 11, 2024: Pin loom demo by Ginny and Janet

June 8, 2024: Annual Meeting, vote for next year's board, potluck

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the March 9, 2024 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on March 9, 2024, in person at All Saint's Episcopal Church and on Zoom.

Attending in-person were Charles Parker, Cinda Towne, Elizabeth LaRue, Vicki Johnson, Diana Smith, Ginny Deppe, Hermi Hiatt, Stephanie Peters, Maria Ipharr, Maurine Adrezin, Allen Adrezin, Darlene Wilson, Lori Lee, Stephanie Bryant, Elaine Morris, Mina Campos, Jean Suess, Isar King, Audrey Strehlow, Elaine Eggink, Sue Wainscott, Debby Franklin, Jo Johnson, Mickey Johnson, Sara Wiegard, and Jami Johnson

Attending on Zoom: no one

Hermi Hiatt, newsletter editor, called the meeting to order in the absence of both President and Vice President, at 9:10 am.

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved and Elaine seconded that we approve the February minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer and Membership Report: Cinda reported that we have \$3,776.87 in our checking account. \$810 is reserved for 208 pounds of merino wool. There are still 2 payments outstanding – and today is the final day for payments. The storage unit is costing \$92/month, which explains our decision to empty and close the unit.

Newsletter: Hermi thanks everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. She tries to put everything in, though some items might not appear for a month or two.

Programs: Maurine reported that the April 13 meeting will be a Zoom presentation by Anastasia Azure.

Raffle: Ginny announced that there are lots of books, magazines, and fabric available this time. There is also an 8shaft Woolhouse table loom available for silent auction with....opening bid is \$250

Historian: Monique was not at the meeting, but she sends this information: she will get the check from Cinda after her return to Las Vegas, pay Kym for his merino, and hopes to pick up the wool the second week in April. She reminds everyone that the wool will then need to be divided.

Web and Social Media: Sue has the statistics from the website: we had 204 visits in December, which is lower than usual, the high visitation numbers have been about 420! Diana suggested checking out the website regularly for more pictures of member's weavings and other pics of our meetings. Make it part of your routine!!

Equipment and Library: Janet was not at the meeting, but sends her report from afar: There is no change in the library

offerings. The sale of all remaining contents in the storage unit will be held on April 27 at Lorelle's home from 2-9 pm. More details, including a list of items and photos will be emailed shortly after Janet's return. Also, she will need some assistance getting everything out of the unit.

Study Groups: The Spinning Circle meets Wednesdays from 10:00 - noon at the Sahara Library – contact Ginny, Janet, Liz or Hermi for more information. Spindles and wheels are more than welcome! The Rigid Heddle study group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Laurie Ruben's home, near Gilcrease Orchards.

April Meeting: Anastasia Azure's program will be about her approach to create artistic handwoven cloth, especially her 3-D weavings used for wall decorations. (Editor's note: check out her website: <https://www.anastasiaazure.com>)

Demonstrations: There is a demo for students (teens) at Winchester Dondero Culture Center Mar 12 from noon – 2:00. Our members will help students choose and then complete an activity, such as straw weaving or weaving on a CD. So far 11 kids are signed up for the class.

Other opportunities to demo are: **April 20** at the Children's Museum, or **April 27** at The Fort.

Discussions and New Business:

Purchase of Merino Wool: Today is the last day to order and pay for the wool.

IWC: Intermountain Weavers Conference will be in Albuquerque June 17-21, 2025. Cinda reminded us that historically our Guild has contributed items for the 'goody bags' given out at registration. We will need approximately 250 little things. If anyone has any ideas, please see Hermi (who, with Janet, shares 1 position on the IWC Board).

Logandale is the site of the County Fair on April 13-14

Flag Wool and Fiber Festival: Isar reminds us that this festival is June 1-2 in Flagstaff. (editor's note: see <http://www.flagwool.com>)

Reminder: There is a loom for sale in the back. By the way, Maria Iphar had the winning bid.

Adjourn: *There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Refreshments, raffle ticket buying and the drawing, Maurine's talk and demo of Macrame, and Show and Tell followed the meeting.*

Submitted

BY:

/S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY

Presidents Message—by Rich Deppe

Maureen did a great job at the last meeting- aren't we all excited to start our macrame projects.

At this month's meeting (on April 13th) we will have Anastasia Azure give a zoom presentation called *Design-oriented approach to create artistic handwoven cloth*. Anastasia does some really creative work, if you like 3-D wall hangings this is for you. Go to <https://www.anastasiaazure.com>. This is a bit different to what we are normally used to. It will be a fun program.

Next month (on May 11th), our very own Janet and Ginny will join together to talk about pin looms. Even though I live with Ginny she wasn't giving me details, so I think we are in for an informative and exciting time.

Our next offsite demonstration will be on April 20th (earth day) remember the first day on April 22, 1970 when we were all going to help make the world a better place? I digress –

The Demonstration will be at the **DISCOVERY Children's Museum**, 360 Promenade Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 I'll send out a reminder about a fortnight before.

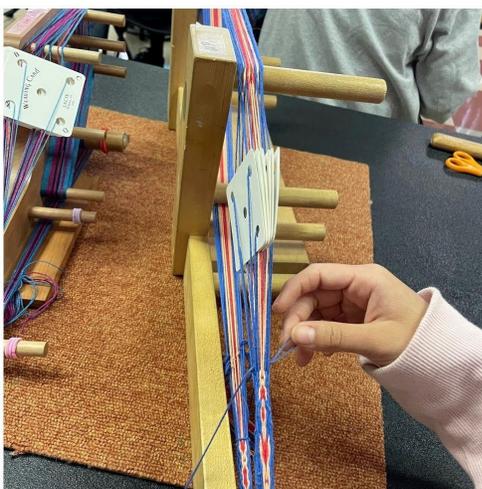
Have you all thought about what you will be spinning for the skein exchange? There are additional details in the newsletter.

Until the 13th of this month- Create with Passion and Stay safe, Rich.

Thank you Maurine for your lovely presentation March 9
on how to work magic with Macrame knots.



Winchester Dondero Cultural Center Demo March 12, 2024



On March 12 we had a demo for 11 students (teens) at the Winchester Dondero Cultural Center. We showed them how to weave on CD disks, weave a bracelet with 3 straws, how to spin yarn on spindles and e-spinner, and we also let them try tablet weaving with 6 cards.

Thanks to Ginny, Janet, Vickie, Stephanie, and Hermi for their valuable assistance!

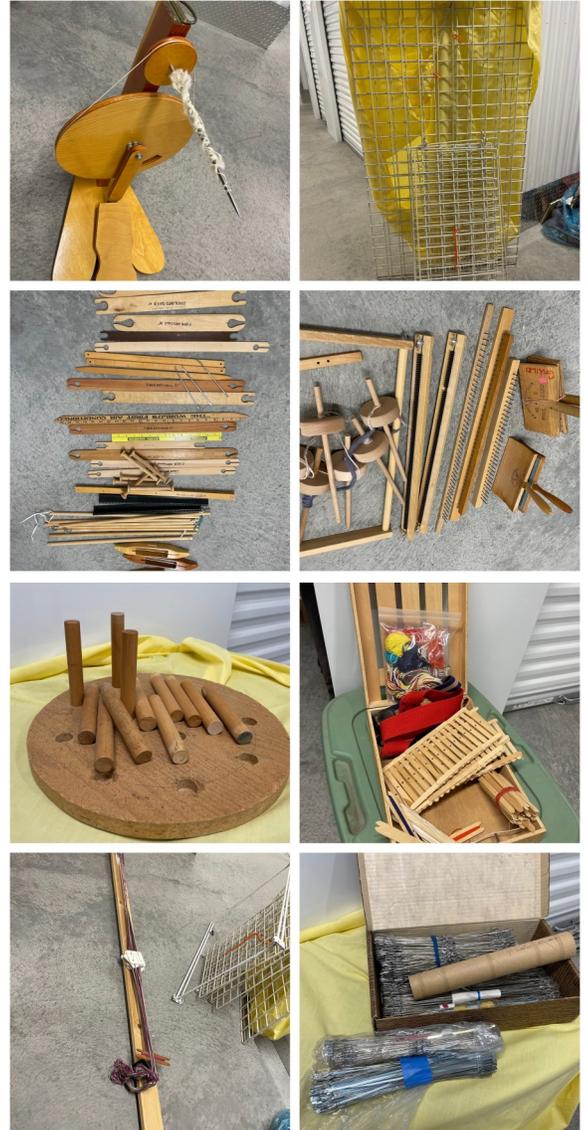
Photos by Janet

Announcement

Guild Equipment Sale April 27, 2024

Two tapestry looms 18x24 and 20x20
Tapestry frame
Spindle spinning wheel
Speed tufting tool
8 feet of Card Weaving
Shuttles: 12 stick shuttles, 4 boat shuttles, 1 rag shuttle
One pick up stick, five lease stick sets
Six wooden bobbins, three carpet needles
Rattles: 2 plastic rattles, 5 wooden rattles, 1 with cover
Heddles: box of various metal heddles
Hand Cards: Clemes & Clemes, Deco hand cards
Drop Spindles: 6 clunky Ashford drop spindles
Box with five popsicle reeds and backstrap loom parts
Scissors, Kids Scissors, Plastic combs, Clothes pins
Lollipop sticks, Guatemala worry doll kits
Bag of 12 wooden tapestry looms, box of tapestry looms
12 small and one large wood, 11 cardboard. CD spindle parts
Wooden rack with three shelves, 4 1/2' high 5' long, 2' wide
White wire display rack with four shelves
Metal dye pot
Easy up portable tent
Metal roasting rack, for Reeds
Adjustable metal clothes rack
Dymo label maker with labels

**Equipment sale will be at Lorelle's house 2-9 pm,
more details later.**

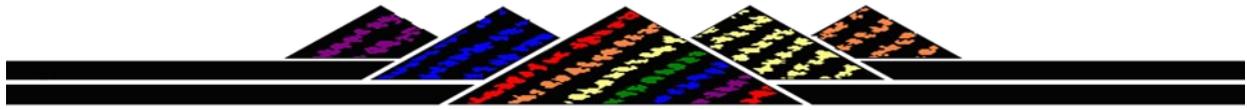


Photos by Janet

Community Outreach at Discovery Children's Museum, April 20th:

The Demonstration will be at the **DISCOVERY Children's Museum**,
360 Promenade Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

Rich Deppe, our president, will send out a reminder before the 20th. .



INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE 2025

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 Convention Center has easy access from highways and the large airport.

New Mexico is a great location for our Conference, as it is a region where fiber arts are thriving. The Conference will start Tuesday June 17, 2025 and end Saturday June 21, 2025.

IWC will hold Zoom classes throughout 2024 for current members. **If you are not a member yet**, you

should sign up to get access to the Zoom classes. You can ask questions regarding membership to Hermi or Janet, both are board members for IWC.

Historically our Guild has contributed items for the “goody bags” given out at registration. We will need approximately 250 small items. **Ideas will be discussed at the April 13 guild meeting. Put on your thinking cap!!.**

If anyone has any ideas, please see Hermi (who, with Janet, shares 1 position on the IWC Board).

<https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

Guild Affiliate Program

Lunatic Fringe Yarns offered our Guild to participate in the “Guild Affiliate Program 2024”

Use the Coupon Code when ordering merchandise:

lvfaguild2024 with your order and save 5% on your order plus earn 5% for your guild



Guild Affiliate Program 2024

Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Coupon Code: **lvfaguild2024**



Use this code on our website to save 5% on your order & earn 5% for your guild!

www.LunaticFringeYarns.com
(800) 483-8749

TIPS FOR WASHING FLEECE

In the March newsletter we included tips for washing fleece, here is information on how to wash and what to avoid. Our fleece order will be available at the **April 13th guild meeting**.

Merino fleece has a heavy coat of grease which is lanolin and waxy esters (Woolery.com). For this reason, I generally wash individual locks or small amounts of fleece placed into plastic mesh bags and soak it in hot water (up to 176° F) using Dawn, then rinse with cooler water.

Very important tip: because of the heavy coat of grease, do not flush the wash water down the sink, but dispose of it outside. It will not hurt the plants.

Happy processing your new fleece,
Hermi



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 am



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.

2023 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:	Monique Portanger
Programs:	Maurine Adrezin
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith
IWC Representatives:	Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt

ONLINE INSPIRATIONS:

Ideas and links sent by guild members

Weaving with trees: Kaizawa Yukiko, an 82 year weaver uses the inner bark of trees and a backstrap loom to weave beautiful cloth. YouTube has a several videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTO-erpw4lc&list=PLpR7QvX82mJwdnjI8u64VNNQmUnS8gLV&index=8&t=24s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4whDM7AE-nE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9BPavml-Lg>

This last 10 minute video shows the whole process from harvesting the trees and collecting the bark to the backstrap weaving and finished cloth. She uses the weaver's knot to tie strands of the inner bark together and puts twist into the fiber using only her fingers. This bark cloth is made into amazing jackets. This is truly a labor of love.

Modern Daily Living had an article that started my search:

https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/weaving-trees-japan-house/?_kx=WXBnq8O2bE01bBhvwytMnsoikVFJn2OmnSfXo1pzA.Wqr8UH

Thank you Janet for the information.



SWAGS suggested by Darlene: small notions bag (she has a Kam press if we don't want to sew buttons), flower hair clip, and Inkle key fob. If it doesn't have to be an actual weaving item she likes the idea of creating a pin that can be put onto a bag or clothing item. Maybe a weaving pun, like I have a warped mind. The card on which the pin would go on would say something like from your friends at Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild and can include the website. She can design it if it's something of interest, may need discussion if the Guild would buy supplies or not for the shrinking plastic, flatback butterfly pins, and UV resin.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C308NTYsVzh/?igsh=MWsybXZzcndpemZ3Yw==>

Jami: suggested making bookmarks like the SWAGS she gave out at Complex Weavers, or printing cards with pictures of interesting fabrics, can easily make 250 cards.

Charles sent us the following: Knitting Traditions from Around the World: One Woman's Quest.

https://spinoffmagazine.com/Knitting%20Traditions%20from%20Around%20the%20World/?fbclid=IwAR18leTvuUEnSzq3fmp8KW7TH-clNnYHFcwXWT_fOwK8ogDQDLM2erYwE1k

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Effective immediately, **Wells Fargo Bank** has decided they will no longer accept checks payable to "Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild" as this is not a legal dba (doing business as). The fact that they have been accepting such checks for literally decades is no longer relevant. Therefore, all checks must be payable to "**Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.**" as that is our legal name. Any checks made out to "Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild" or any version of that name will be declined.

Sorry, but that's the price we pay for doing business with Wells Fargo.

Cinda Towne,
Treasurer

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? _____

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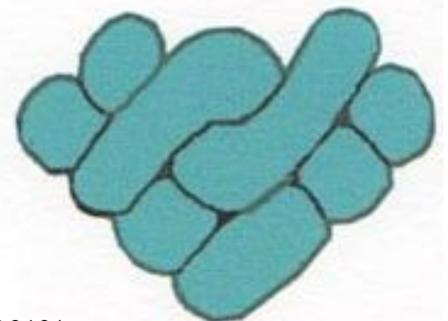
Mail to:

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 the meetings.**



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