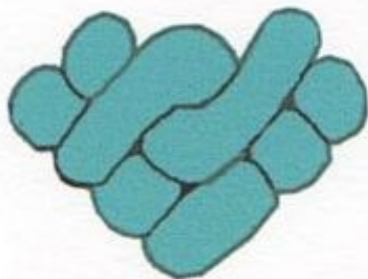


June  
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# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, June 10, 2023

at 9:00 am Pacific Daylight

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 7.

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link to the meeting before June 10.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

#### ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2023, in the Parish Hall of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 4201 West Washington Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Election of Officers:** the Nominating Committee has the following slate: President—Rich Deppe, Vice President—Janet Mayers, Secretary—Jami Johnson, Treasurer—Cinda Towne.

Following Elections we will have end of year **Fashion Show** with your latest creations. Please bring your favorite **finger food** for potluck brunch.

Fall 2023 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATES

July and August—Summer Break

September 9, 2023: Program to be determined

## President's Message June 2023

I have been your president now for 4 years and what a 4 years!! I want to thank you for all the support you have given me over that time. I thought I was going to work on increasing our membership and revising the by-laws. We did get our bylaws improved but covid put a twist in my plans for new members. Covid did get us to learn to use Zoom and as we opened up from lockdown we got a circle of spinners together outside, under the trees at West Sahara Library. It is continuing indoors now and going strong. We have gained some new spinners with our enabling behavior. We also have some new rigid heddle weavers and study groups to support their efforts. I am glad our lives are getting back to a more normal pace with in-person workshops and demonstrations. Let's have lots more.

I am not going anywhere so will see you all when I am not with my precious grandson. Please support your next president as well as you have supported me.

Janet

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# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the May 13, 2023 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on May 13, 2023, in person at All Saint's Episcopal Church. (Zoom was available, but no one joined)

Attending in-person were: Charles Parker, Cinda Towne, Elizabeth LaRue, Vicki Johnson, Diana Smith, Hermi Hiatt, Nora Barry, Mina Campos, Sue Wainscott, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Elaine Eggink, Audrey Strehlow, Maurine Adrezin, Lorelle Nelson, Janet Mayers, Birgit Kefalas, Isar King, Jerry Magnier, Elaine Morris, and Jami Johnson.

President Janet Mayers called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved and Lorelle seconded that we approve the April minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Cinda reported that we have \$2,739.19 in our checking account. She reminded us that Dues are due now! And she reminded us that dues are now \$25 for everybody. She also requested that, if you want to be reimbursed, any expenses for January thru June are due by the June meeting. We are getting new members, several due to Maurine's teaching: in order to use a Guild loom, membership is required. The annual tax return was filed on May 1.

**Newsletter:** Janet complimented Hermi on a good newsletter with great photos! And Jami liked Cinda's book review. Hermi said the annual financial report will be in the June newsletter. Next month the minutes from the recent Board meeting will be published.

**Programs:** Maurine is still looking for ideas for teachers to bring in or for on-line teaching. Please let her know any suggestions. She is teaching Beginning Weaving to students in her home: the student rents a Guild loom (after the student joins), Maurine charges \$200, all supplies included, as long as it takes for the student to learn the material.

**Hospitality:** Vicki invites everyone to enjoy the goodies in the back.

**Raffle:** Liz is running the raffle today – please buy tickets!

**Historian:** Monique is not present and there is no report.

**Web and Social Media:** The website looks great! Diana reminded everyone to look at the 'Members only' section – if you haven't signed in yet, please do so. She also said there is still work being done 'behind the scenes'.

**Equipment and Library:** Library: There are a few things in the back to check out. Nothing new to report on our equipment – check out the website.

**Study Groups:** Remember that the Spinning group meets 10 am Wednesdays at Sahara library. 10-12 people are coming

every week, including a 14 year old young man who shows up regularly and is learning to spin and knit with his handspun wool!! The Rigid Heddle study group: We now have two active study groups meeting on the first Wednesday morning of the month at Laurie Ruben's home and Sunday afternoon at Janet's home: usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday afternoon, but May 21 this month (May 14 is Mother's Day).

**IWC:** July 27-30 in Logan, UT. Nancy Belian's son is making a wooden box in Nancy's memory to hold our donations....and we still need donations for the box! And Janet is still collecting bookmarks for the welcome table.

**Community Outreach and Exchange:** May 17 from 10am to noon, there will be a weaver from Mexico demonstrating backstrap weaving. Patty Dominguez is encouraging our guild members to come and bring examples of our work to share with this visiting weaver. Even if we don't speak Spanish, we all speak the same 'language' of fiber!

The Pioneer Day demonstration will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at Spring Mountain Ranch. Nevadaween will be at the Old Mormon Fort in October. The Fort would also like to have us demonstrate spinning, weaving, etc., which we will probably do on June 3.

**Fiber Festivals:** Flag Wool and Fiber in Flagstaff, AZ on June 2-3: lots of stuff for sale! Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair was April 28-29 in Farmington, UT. Stephanie Peters went to it.

**Textile Art Consortium:** Isar reminded us that our Guild is a member of the Textile Arts Council in San Francisco. They have lectures online. <https://www.textileartscouncil.org/> (Editor: if you're going to San Francisco, check out the website, there might be some exhibits in the area you'd like to see!)

**Annual Meeting** will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting time and place. Officers for the next board will be elected. The proposed slate is: President – Rich Deppe; Vice President – Janet Mayers; Treasurer – Cinda Towne; Secretary – Jami Johnson. There will be a Potluck Brunch, so bring something tasty! There will also be a Fashion Show of any kind of handmade items.

**Policies and Procedures:** The Board held a meeting last month and we wanted to remind members of several items in the By-laws: 1) Workshop refunds policy is that there are no refunds for workshops within 60 days of the workshop. 2) A member must have been a member for one year before they can run for elected office. 3) Anyone on the nominating committee or a committee chairperson must be a member of the Guild.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY

## PRESIDENT NOMINEE MESSAGE

A big thank you to all that are *considering* me as president of the guild next year. If selected in the upcoming meeting I will work closely with the other officers.

I would do my best to serve. Thankfully, Janet would help and guide me through any item that is new to me that I haven't had the opportunity to be involved in. I have already met with Janet once to review matters pertaining to the position that I would need to know about if elected. I'll admit, some of these items are indeed slightly different than I had thought.

I reviewed our Mission Statement ("purpose", as defined in the by-laws), and I would work toward their end. I would be setting some goals for myself that would be in line with our purpose.

As I retire from corporate America, I feel I have much to offer to the guild in this position and additional time to devote to the items that come up. I would spend time throughout the summer planning for the new year's meetings.

Each one of you is what makes the guild an important house with abundant tribal knowledge.

We would continue to follow our purpose by-

Sharing with others within the guild.

Sharing with others outside the guild.

I am all ears and would love to hear from all of you before and after the election, if for nothing more than just to introduce myself. I am always available, just drop me a line at [rsdeppe@msn.com](mailto:rsdeppe@msn.com).

Yours, Rich

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## SOUTHERN NEVADA HANDWEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD, INC.

### Minutes of Board Meeting— April 23, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on Zoom on April 23, 2023 starting at 2 pm.

Those attending were: Janet Mayers, President; Ginny Deppe, Vice-President; Cinda Towne, Treasurer; Jami Johnson, Secretary; Hermi Hiatt, Newsletter Editor; and Diana Smith, Zoom Master and Web Development

#### Items on Agenda and discussion:

**SAM – grants applications:** The SAM.gov (System for Award Management) registration is a first step in the ability to access any level of government art funding. We have done this in the past, but currently are not. The question is: do we need to continue the registration? After some discussion, it was decided to continue registration for another year, Jami will time the registration process (due in June) and report to the board. The issue will be revisited before the 2024 renewal.

**Website, PayPal and change of owner from Janet to Guild:** In order to change the ownership of our GoDaddy website, currently owned by Janet, we need to register another financial guarantor. Cinda, Diana, and Janet will co-ordinate this process, using the Guild's debit card as the guarantor, and hopefully using the Guild as a the owner, or the position of the Guild President. Ginny will contact Ventura Guild, who also uses GoDaddy, to see how they have handled this. Diana will also investigate the possibility of allowing the website to direct emails received for a position to be directed behind the scenes to that person: an email directed to [President@LVFiberarts](mailto:President@LVFiberarts) would arrive in Janet's email box!

Should we get a Paypal account for the Guild? Cinda reported that to do this we would have to submit paperwork proving our

non-profit status, and while we would have reduced rates it is not free. For example, for a \$25 annual membership, there would be a 99 cent fee. After discussion, we decided that we will do nothing now, revisit the issue next year, and keep our ears open to membership interest in having this option available.

**May program:** Janet proposed that we have a 'potluck' of different projects that could be used as demo and kid-friendly weave-along projects when members of the Guild interact with the community. We have supplies in the locker to do this: warped DVD's, cardboard looms, 'fill the gap' disks, and lots of acrylic yarn. Hermi will do a write-up for the May newsletter.

**Slate of candidates for next year, election committee:** President: Rich Deppe; VP: Janet Mayers; Treasurer: Cinda Towne; Secretary: Jami Johnson.

**Storage locker price increase:** We are currently paying \$78/mo for locker and insurance. This will be going up to \$83 shortly. We will keep the locker for the time being, but work towards reducing the need for one.

**Cotton spinning workshop? Julie Dogsvold:** Not sure how much real interest there is in this, maybe we should be looking at a more general spinning workshop. Perhaps a full day one with the weaving teachers we have available locally. Ginny will research options.

**From the floor motion:** Cinda proposed that we increase our donation to All Saint's Episcopal from \$250 to \$300 as a thank you for their generosity in providing us space for our meetings. We will move this at the June meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:00 pm.

Submitted

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY



Show & Tell  
May 2023

This page depicts work by members: Jami (band very top left), Cinda (band very top right), Lianna (top left), Jami (top right), Isar (right), Elaine (towels left), and Hermi (bottom).



Photos by Janet

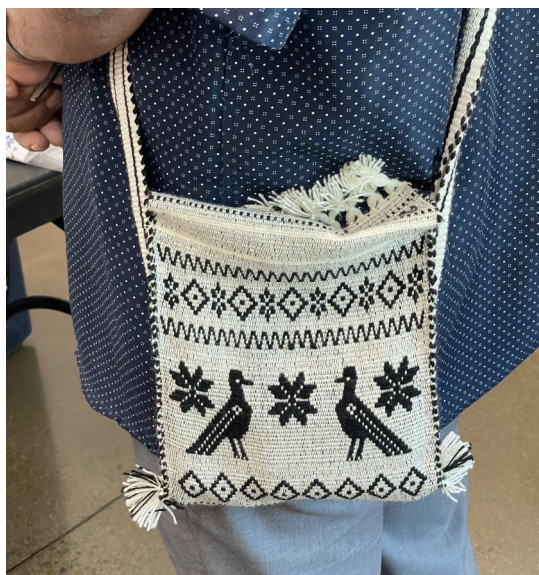


# Community Outreach

## at Winchester Cultural Center



On May 17, guild members were treated to a demonstration of backstrap weaving by weaver Emiliana Martin from state of Hidalgo, Mexico, a member of the Telar de Cintura weaving community ([link below](#)). Since this was a cultural exchange, guild members also brought some of their own work, and we communicated in the language of fiber.



[Telar de Cintura: A Weaving Community With a Special Message \(lolomercadito.com\)](http://lolomercadito.com)

Photos by Janet

# ODDS and ENDS

**IWC—Intermountain Weavers Conference** will be held in Logan Utah on July 27-30, 2023! Many of the workshops accept more applications - Register at: [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

**CHARLES** sent this link for knitters about a German Fiber Arts show for retailers. Interesting in what direction the fiber arts currently is going.

<https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/letter-from-paris-oooh-de-cologne/?fbclid=IwAR347divVmj9cAiV0drfaofhTLKDqclj1dyFzyaksNSOnGdZSyj6y6dw7J8#comments>

**JANET:** NPR did a piece on the sheep to shawl competition at Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival :

<https://www.npr.org/2023/05/15/1176174760/sheep-shawl-fiber-art?ref=thewoolchannel.com>

This is a 3 minute video on Vimeo about the sheep to shawl event and a little about the festival too:

[https://vimeo.com/262586710?embedded=true&source=vimeo\\_logo&owner=8381090](https://vimeo.com/262586710?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=8381090)

Janet had no idea they started the contest by shearing the sheep and spinning in the grease. They start at 8 am and have 3 hours to complete the shawl. The loom is already warped. Apparently several teams finish early. Amazing!!

**JANET:** if you are into weaving blogs, check this one out. <https://peggyosterkamp.com/>

Peggy Osterkamp's blog is a great source for weavers from books, shaft weaving, backstrap weaving, numerous charts (reed substitution, metric conversion, etc.) and much more information.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** the Pioneer Day demonstration will be September 30, 2023, and Nevadaween at the Old Mormon Fort on October 28, 2023. Please save the dates and come and join us with spinning, weaving, and any fiber arts project that is portable.

## Library Thing— How to access the Library Information:

Search the Guild website [www.fiberartsguildlv.org](http://www.fiberartsguildlv.org) : go to "LIBRARY", then click [www.librarything.com](http://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.

## Spinning Circle at West Sahara Library— meets every Wednesday 10-12 am

Please let us know if you plan to join the group, just reply to emails so we know you will come.



## Book Review Follow-up

In the May newsletter, Cinda wrote a review about the adventures of Clara Parkes and her 676-pound bale of lovely merino. "Vanishing Fleece" by Clara Parkes is a must-read!! Clara's description how sheep get shorn gave me a vivid picture of my experience at a sheep shearing several years ago in central Nevada. First, the lovely wool walks into the shearing shed, and then gets tossed out to be classed and sorted.

Enjoy, Hermi



### 2022 Board and Committees

#### Officers:

President: Janet Mayers  
Vice President: Ginny Deppe  
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: Charles Parker  
Raffle: Ginny Deppe  
Zoom Master: Diana Smith  
IWC Representatives:  
Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt

## GETTING TO ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH on 420 I 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.**

# 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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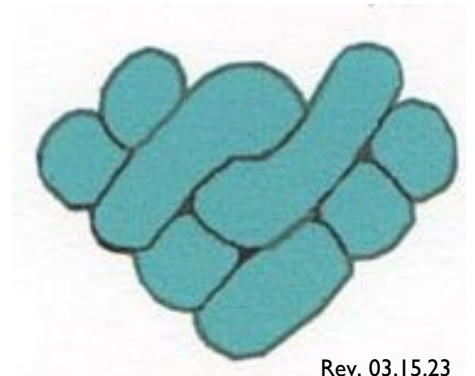
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**Please make check payable to Fiber Arts Guild and mail to:**

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