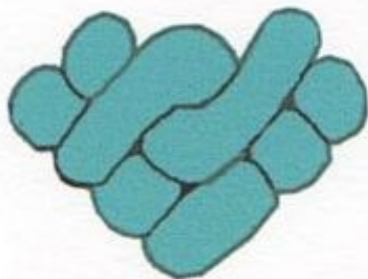


March
2024



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, March 9, 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 6.

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link to the meeting before March 9th.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:

After the business meeting, about 10 am, Maurine will give us a demonstration how to tie knots for Macrame

See description to the right of this page

Macrame Knot Tying Techniques by Maurine

Maurine will start off with a Power-Point presentation. You will see various macrame knots that create beautiful designs, followed by Maurine's own work.

Next, Maurine will show various knots to make designs, she will use an easel and macrame cord.

If you want to learn more about this technique, talk to Maurine, she can offer classes at her home.

Maurine also teaches "Beginning Weaving" to students in her home, by appointment.



2024 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATES

April 13, 2024: Design-oriented approach to create artistic hand woven cloth, Anatasia Azure

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

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the February 10, 2024 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on February 10, 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, Rich Deppe, Hermi Hiatt, Stephanie Peters, Lorelle Nelson, Maria Ipharr, Maurine Adrezin, Darlene Wilson, Lori Lee, Janet Mayers, Stephanie Bryant, Elaine Morris, Mina Campos, Jean Suess, and Isar King.

Attending on Zoom: Jodell Larimer, Robyn Spady, Elaine Eggink, and Linda Murie

President Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:13 am. He introduced our new member, Stephanie Bryant.

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

REPORTS

Treasurer and Membership Report: Cinda reported that we have \$3,030.37 in our checking account. She reported that orders can still be placed for merino purchases. Cinda is also collecting payment for this purchase.

Newsletter: Rich brought attention to the articles on the bulk purchase of Merino wool, and on the skein exchange to take place in the fall.

Programs: The next meeting's program will be given by Maurine on Macrame. This meeting is on March 9.

Raffle: Ginny asks everyone to buy raffle tickets! Lots of books and magazines are available this time!

Historian: Monique was not at the meeting, so there is no report.

Web and Social Media: Diana invites people to send items for the Facebook to Janet, for web pages to Diana or Sue Wainscott, and links for the newsletter to Hermi.

Equipment and Library: Janet brought books on macrame because it is the subject for next month's meeting. We

will be vacating our storage unit by June. Janet proposed selling contents at the May meeting.

Study Groups: The Spinning Circle meets Wednesdays from 10:00 - noon at the Sahara Library – good group with lots of space. The group is eager to welcome anyone interested, especially new spinners! The Rigid Heddle study group meets on the Second Wednesday each month at Laurie Ruben's home, near Gilcrease Orchards. This coming Wednesday (Feb 14) will be the next meeting.

Demonstrations: There is a demo for students at Winchester Dondero Culture Center Mar 12 from noon – 2:00. We will be spinning and/or weaving with teens. Call Ginny who will be leading the activity with the kids for more information.

Discussions:

Purchase of Merino Wool: The Guild can still take/adjust orders for the purchase of Merino wool. Cinda is taking payments, checks made out to the Guild or cash.

IWC: Intermountain Weavers conference will be in Albuquerque June 17-21, 2025. There will be 3-day, half day and one day classes. All classes will be in the same building, the Albuquerque Convention Center. Box Lunches can be purchased.

Cone winder: Janet demonstrated the newly purchased EWW cone winder with foot pedal and yarn counter. Cones can be 3D printed (directions on-line), or they may be purchased.

Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned, followed by refreshments, and Robyn Spady's presentation: *Using Novelty Yarns in Weaving*. Following the Zoom talk, the Raffle and Show and Tell were held. All activities were finished by 11:45.

Submitted

By: Cinda Towne, lightly edited by /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary

Right: pillow and bag woven by Vicki



Show & Tell February 2024

Photos by Rich and Janet

Above mitered knitting and below crochet work by Isar



Above and right knitted hats made by Janet with fancy stitch work



Right: fingerless mitts in progress and finished by Hermi. She spun the fiber so she could knit both mitts together on a circular needle.



Spinner's Corner

STILL TIME TO PURCHASE MERINO

Monique Portanger has made the acquaintance of a sheep rancher in central Nevada who raises merino sheep. He has quite a lot of sheared wool on hand that he is willing to sell for **\$6.00/pound**. As far as we know, there is no limit to how much you can order (though Monique may have a problem bringing a ton of wool back in her car!).

The white wool itself is relatively clean and has been skirted. The staple length is quite long – about 4 inches. The spinner may choose to spin it as is ("in the grease") or wash it first.

Orders may be placed by emailing Monique or Cinda, or you may talk to Cinda at the March meetings (Monique is out of town). Hermi has also seen and touched samples and can answer questions about the fiber itself. **All orders must be paid for by the March 9th meeting. Cash or checks payable to "Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild" are acceptable.** Monique will pick up the orders and bring them to the April meeting.



TIPS FOR WASHING FLEECE

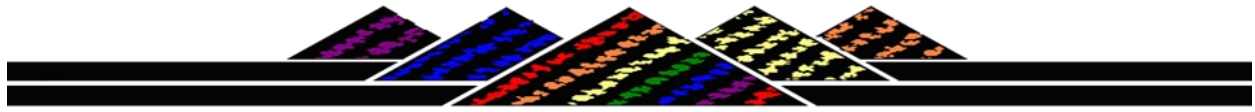
To wash or not to wash fleece before spinning is the question many spinners will ask. First, it depends on the fleece and its micron count. The staples in the photo above may be about 18 microns. In her book *"Handspinning, dyeing, and working with Merino and superfine wools"* by Margaret Stove, 1991, she shows the difference of wool handspun in the grease or washed first and then spun. Skeins spun in the grease looked grubby and when washed afterwards, the twist collapsed in areas where grease and wax was deposited on the fiber. In contrast, skeins spun from washed merino had balanced twist.

There are various ways to wash fleece. I generally wash individual locks or place fleece into a plastic mesh bag and soak it in hot water (up to 176°F). My favorite detergent is Dawn dishwash in a pan of hot water on the stove, then rinse with cooler water. Margaret Stove shows rubbing wet staple on a bar of soap and then rinses each staple. My experiment with using soap was not as satisfactory, it was messy and the rinse water was not hot enough and the wax deposited itself back onto the fleece.

You can see the difference in the photo, on the left is unwashed merino fleece, middle washed with Dawn and hot water, and on the right with bar of soap.



I let you be the judge! Happy spinning, Hermi



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 either Hermi or Janet, both are board members for IWC.

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

FOR SALE AT THE MARCH GUILD MEETING

We will auction off the following:

Table Loom, Woolhouse Tools

24" wide, 8S

Texsolve heddles

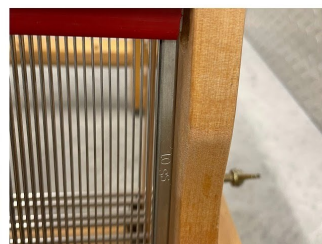
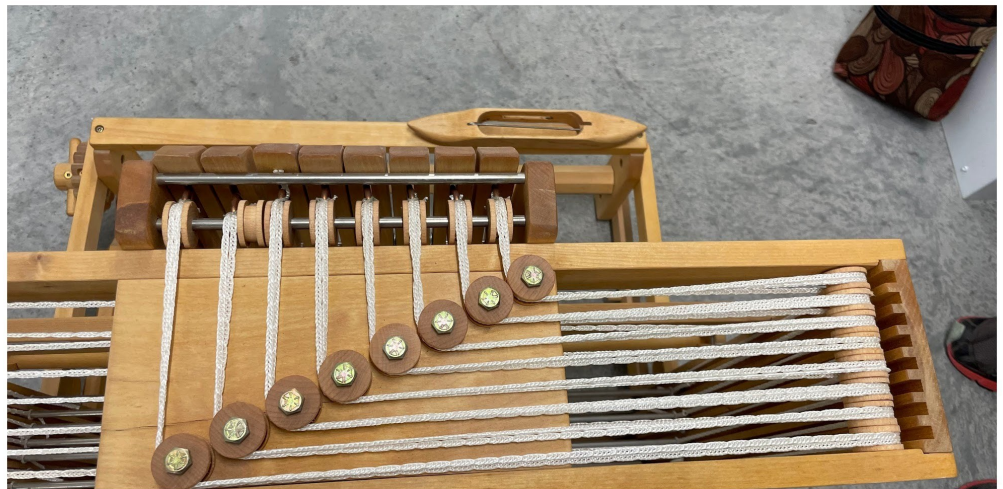
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Folds for travel

Includes one boat shuttle and one warping board

Loom in good condition though the wood could use a little TLC.

Silent auction with minimum bid of \$400, bring your checkbook.



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:

Sent by various guild members

Charles: more from Franklin and his adventures:

<https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/letter-from-paris-mysterious-intent/?fbclid=IwAR0I6AMddecgTN83Rpo0B-snJh0t3hP7jNbvDqKVp2Fs3zqt2E6gpd4tsZ8>

Inspiration: from Jami

Here's the link to what I showed you, if you go to the Welcome tab and pull down, you'll see him in his studio with his loom!! <http://www.theorooden.nl/beschikbare-weefsels/>

Anonymous: New this year is the Arizona Fiber Festival which is put on by the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild. It's in Camp Verde, Arizona on April 5 through the 7th. The best website seems to be <http://www.visitcampverde.com>. The other is the Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair in Farmington, UT. Its website is <http://www.gbfa.org>, and occurs on April 26 and 27th.

Hermi: Pin loom weaving at HGA's Textile and Tea March 26, and also Guild Program on May 11, 2024. Margaret Stump has been weaving on pin looms for over 40 years (actually it is closer to 50, going on 60, but she would prefer not to admit it). Margaret is the author of three books: *Pin Loom Weaving*, *Pin Loom Weaving To Go*, and *Adorable Beasts: 30 Pin Loom Woven Animals & 4 Playscapes*. Her website is something you don't want to miss. <http://www.pinloomweaving.com/>

POST SCRIPT — PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Boy! That was a great meeting last month, some of it was over my head but I know all the weavers thought it was very detailed.

The months just seem to be ticking along.

At this month's meeting (on the 9th) we will be having our very own Maurine giving instructions.

Maurine will do a presentation on "Macrame Knot Tying Techniques". It's always good to have one of our own share their talent with us. We have many talented artists in our guild, and I would like to hear from all of you eventually.

Next month (on April 13th) we will have Anatasia Azure give a zoom presentation called *Design-oriented approach to create artistic handwoven cloth*. Anatasia does some really creative work, if you like 3-D wall hangings this is for you. Go to <https://www.anatasiaazure.com/>

Our next offsite demonstration will be at Winchester Dondero Cultural Center

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/parks_recreation/cultural_division/winchester_dondero_cultural_center/index.php on March 12th, from 12-2. I've copied some of the regulars that always show for demos, but it would be nice to see some new faces! It's always fun and a great way to get some work done while sharing.

Don't forget your checkbooks for buying the fiber that we spoke of in last month's meeting. There are additional details in the newsletter.

Until the 9th of this month,

Create with Passion and Stay safe, Rich.

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? _____

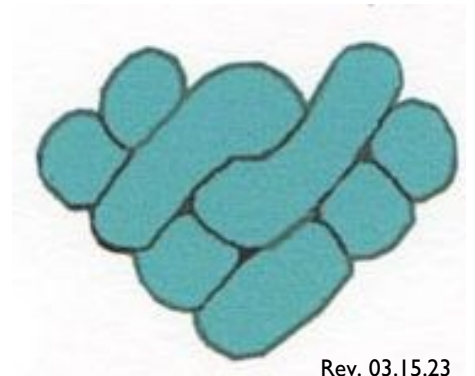
What equipment and software do you use in your fiber efforts? _____

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