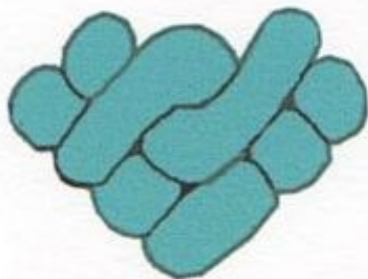


October
2023



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

You are invited to the 2nd Vegas Deppe Dye Day & Potluck
SATURDAY October 14th, 9am till....

This is a *social* event with **colorful** results - a D I Y dye day!

If you accept this invitation, your participation is REQUIRED. There will be multiple Dye Stations set up, from immersion pots, tables for hand painting and crock-pots, to Shibori whatever you want to do! Remember, you can over dye anything. And, if you are clueless about dying.....join the club. It's kind of learn as you go – ask questions – and above all, have fun!

Because of the preparation required, **YOU MUST RSVP**... (text or email) Bring a food item to share with the group. This can be anything you would normally bring to a picnic (or Banquet!)

Here is a list of dye supplies you can bring, if you have them:

1) Something to dye – fiber, fabric, yarn, pet chicken (just kidding, kind of), 2) crock pot ***dedicated to dye***, if you have one (Thrift stores are a good source), 3) Plastic bags to bring wet things home and Gallon jug (or two) of vinegar

What we **might** need: (if you have one or more, let Ginny know): Extra folding tables, and Timer

Our address:
8308 Mount Logan Court
Las Vegas 89131

Ginny's cell #: 805-236-9993
furbunny@outlook.com

Oh, BTW – did I mention that we'd really appreciate it if you **RSVP**?!!? Questions?? – let us know when you RSVP. You will get a confirmation from us the week before with any additional information we might have to share.

Car pooling would help the parking situation.

Fall 2023/2024 Guild Meetings – SAVE THE DATES

November 11, 2023: Color Value for Fiber Artists – Deb Essen
December 9, 2023: Holiday Party and Potluck at Jamie's
January 13, 2024: Rigid-Heddle Pick Up technique

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the September 9, 2023 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on September 9, 2023, in person at All Saint's Episcopal Church and on Zoom.

Attending in-person were: Charles Parker, Cinda Towne, Elizabeth LaRue, Vicki Johnson, Sue Wainsott, Diana Smith, Nora Barry, Mina Campos, Elaine Eggink, Audrey Strehlow, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, Robin Roukis, Kathi Meisel, Isar King, and Jami Johnson.

Attending on Zoom: Maurine and Hermi (briefly)

President Rich Deppe, our new President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

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

REPORTS

Treasurer and Membership Report: Cinda reported that we have \$2,769.51 in our checking account. Cinda announced that she is still accepting dues. **Currently, we have 34 paid members, with 26 members from last year still to renew.**

Newsletter: Hermi, on-line from Switzerland, thanked everyone for their contributions, especially Janet for her photos.

Programs: Maurine has been looking at on-line classes for our meetings as well as potential workshops. She's still looking for suggestions.

Raffle: Ginny, still and always, needs donations of items to raffle. Please clean out your closets and bring it in!!

Historian: No report.

Web and Social Media: Sue, now our web master, thanked Diana and Charles for all their hard work during the transition. If anyone has updates or requests for edits, please contact Sue.

Equipment and Library: Janet was not present, but if she were, she'd remind you to look at the website for information about books and equipment.

Study Groups: Spinning Circle: Wednesdays at Sahara library. The group is going and frequently have 10-12 wheels spinning away! Rigid Heddle study group: Continues on 1 Wednesday per month at Lori Reuben's home, near Gilcrease Orchards.

Dye Day: Next meeting will be at Ginny and Rich Deppe's home – food in the kitchen and dyeing in the back yard. There will be acid dyes, MX dyes, ice dyeing, and an indigo vat. Ginny requests a couple volunteers to come on Friday and help set up the equipment. Contact Ginny to volunteer. She will be sending out a flyer with further details.

Demonstrations: Pioneer Days at Spring Mountain Ranch on September 30...we don't have any details yet, but hopefully will soon. Blast emails will be sent out when further info is available. Rich would like a volunteer to be our "Demo Person": a contact for anyone wanting a demo and person to let members know about the opportunities. Reminder that this outreach is part of our Mission Statement! Charles reminded us that contacts will be made through a link on the website – no personal email addresses will be posted. He also reminded us that Pomegranate Festival is November 3-4 in Logan.

IWC: reports by Elaine and Cinda – both thought it was a great conference! Our box, made by Nancy Belian's son, Donovan, sold for \$200 and our bookmarks were pretty much all gone by the end of the conference.

Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m., followed by refreshments, the Raffle, Show and Tell, and brainstorming on topics for meetings.

Submitted

BY:

/S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY

Membership Dues are, well, DUE AGAIN — Message from Cinda:

Greetings to all. If you did not pay your dues for the year 2023/2024, please be prepared to pay them at the October meeting. Rates and the form are on the last page of this newsletter. Dues must be paid by October 31st to be included in the Guild directory. If you like, send dues and application form to the Guild mailbox.

A Message of Gratitude

By Rich Deppe, president

Thank you all for coming to the first meeting of the Guild this year. I am grateful for your patience with me as I get to know all of you a little better, hopefully by the second or third month I won't be asking for your names.

It was great all of you participated and brought snacks and shared your ideas. I was excited to see so many thoughts about programs come across the white board. When I got home, I went to work to organize them into the categories they fall under. There was a total of 39 ideas!! I've asked Hermi to publish them in this newsletter so you can see the fruits of your work. Now each of you might take some time to pick one that YOU could create a brief program around! Let me know your thoughts on this!

Regarding programs- I hope to see you all at the guild's Dye Day on October 14. I won't steal any of Ginny's thunder, she will be sending out details. Also see page 1 of this newsletter.

But...I'd like to encourage all of you to come. If you plan on dying, bring stuff (fiber, yarn, shirts, even white tennis shoes) be prepared to be creative in a comfortable (not too structured) setting. Even if you don't want to dye, drop by to encourage everyone else and commune with your fellow guild members. Hope to see you October 14!! Until then, weave, spin, knit, and have fun with your fiber!

Rich

Program Ideas from Meeting on 9-9-23

Weaving-

Indian weaving
Warp painting
Frameless weaving
Pin weaving
Needle weaving
Making small loom
Card weaving
Reading drafts
Warping
Using woven scraps
Introduction to "handweaving.net"
<https://handweaving.net/>
Backstrap weaving
Inkle weaving/ learning to read draft
"MacGyvering" – tricks in weaving

Spinning-

How to make spindle
Spinning – fast, slow,
Consistent spinning
Fiber prep-
Blending board
Using hand cards and combs

Knitting/crochet-

Tunisian (crochet)
Mosaic crochet
Brioche (knitting)
Throw vs Pick
Magic loop
Crochet vs knitting
Double knit
Starting to knit

Beading-

Beading
Beads in knitted items

Other-

Nålebinding
Sprang
Commercialism (marketing goods)
Korean stitching
Sashiko
Shibori
Care and feeding of our wheels and looms
Making bean bags
Intarsia
Macramé
Video (HGA or other members)

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Pioneer Day September 30



Thank you Jim Boone for the excellent photos. We very much appreciate the view of us 8 communicating with the public at Pioneer Day.

Spinning Circle at West Sahara Library— meets most Wednesdays 10-12 am

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, any age welcome!

Photo by Monique

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



More Demos coming up at the Mormon Fort where members can show their talents.

We are invited to two Demos at the Old Mormon Fort, located at 500 E. Washington Blvd, off Las Vegas Blvd.

Oct 28, 2023 is Nevada Day, a.k.a. Nevadaween, from 9-12 noon. Please save the date and come and join us with spinning, weaving, and any fiber arts project that is portable. Pioneer clothing would be fun but not required. Chairs and table provided.

November 4, 2023: Dutch Oven cooking. This is another Demo that you can join at the Old Mormon Fort. It is called Dutch Oven Days, Saturday November 4, from 9:00 to 1:30 pm. Bring your spinning or weaving projects, and join the Dutch Oven cooks for a nice meal.



Show & Tell September 2023



There were several more Show&Tell items, but your editor ran out of space and time. To the left Jami shows one of her multi-shaft towels in 20/2 cotton, Robin holds up her lovely shawl, and to the right is Isar's colorful quilt.

MINUTES of BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held at Desert Wind Coffee Roasters on August 20, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

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

Items on Agenda and discussion:

1. Monthly Meetings

Discussion about purpose of meetings: what kind of programs do we want? Do our members come to learn a skill, or social exchange, or both? What program options do we have? Resources – internal, external? Do we need a coordinator separate from workshops? There was lots of discussion. These are the results:

Those at the table have trouble coming up with ideas as we've been doing just that for quite a few years. We will have a brainstorming session at the first meeting to see what ideas bubble up. We'll have a way of recording ideas, techniques, projects, etc. An announcement will be in the newsletter so members can think about it before the meeting.

What else for the September meeting?

Rich has approached Vicki Johnson to share her tapestry loom and weaving. He will reach out to confirm and encourage.

Food encourages socializing and excitement so will promote food, both sweet and savory.

Rich will look into local small newspapers, aka 'rags' to see if we can get notices about our meetings announced there. Also talk with Sue Wainscott about social media announcements.

2. Dye Day in October

This will be held in Ginny and Rich's backyard.

Will need some people to come the day before to get everything set up and organized.

Ginny is putting together an instruction booklet at the different 'workstations': acid dyeing, MX dying, and indigo. Instructions will be published in the Newsletter or sent out before the meeting so that interested people can print for their own use at the event.

To eliminate cross contamination and chaos, Ginny wants a couple people working directly with the source dyes.

3. Fund Raiser for Desert Panda

Desert Panda had a traumatic event in Seattle where their van was broken into and all their reserved supplies and storage bins were stolen, along with an over-sized tire jack. There is no business insurance. (Note: Christin is a member of the guild and owns a local shop for spinning supplies and some yarn)

We kicked around ideas on how to contribute: direct donations to DP, to the Guild which would write a big check, encourage members to purchase gift cards from DP to be redeemed later – this would give her some cash-flow.

Currently she is dyeing fiber like mad to prepare for a show in Texas.

4. Photos during meetings for newsletter

Janet will not be at every meeting and she is the self-appointed photographer!

We decided we have enough people with cameras (aka cell phones) at the ready, Rich or other board members can fill in at meetings.

5. Emergency Preparedness

This sort of became an issue when Diana had hip surgery and we could not Zoom the June meeting.

We decided, in the short term, to qualify our Zoom announcement in the newsletter to indicate this is an aspiration and not a guarantee.

Possible workarounds for various scenarios:

Diana will research a proposal for the guild to purchase the equipment needed. (Currently this is her personal equipment). And train some of us to operate it!

Meeting place: If Cinda can't come, arrangements can be made to get a key, even at the last minute.

Jami thinks her church could be a backup site for meetings.

Any necessary last minute announcement would be handled through a phone or text tree.

6. Major workshops

There are currently no major workshops planned.

We need to be sure that any workshops don't lose money (or at least comes close to break-even).

Highly recommended: a workshop for our rigid heddle members...they're a growing group and eager.

Zoom workshops would save on costs and have some advantages for our members – weave on loom at home, more time for weaving between lectures, maybe a potluck to have some socializing which we all seem to enjoy.

7. Storage unit

per Janet: **We will be out by June!!**

To ensure that, we're going to shoot for emptied out by April.

We're going to sell off or raffle stuff, one way or another.

Janet will take the lead.

8. Community Demo Person

We need a lead person for our community demos – Community involvement is part of the Guild's purpose stated in the by-laws.

Being out in the community is good Publicity for the guild and brings in curious people.

Rich will take the lead on recruiting someone.

9. Guild Growth

At this point, food for thought and consideration. Should we be growing, do we need to? Why aren't we?

10. SAM.gov registration

At this point, not an issue per Jami. It takes about an hour of her time to renew, it costs the Guild nothing to be registered, and it keeps us available to apply for government sponsored grants if ever needed. (Nothing foreseen for now).

11. Anything else?

We ran out of time – the coffee shop was closing!

The meeting ended when the cafe closed, at 4:00 pm.

Submitted

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY

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? _____

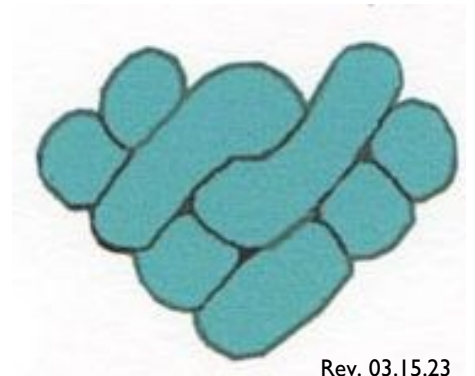
What equipment and software do you use in your fiber efforts? _____

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

Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

P.O. Box 370604

Las Vegas, NV 89137



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