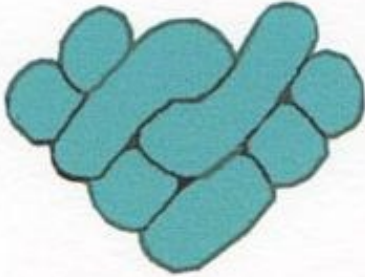


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# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

**Saturday, September 9, 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 September 8.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

**ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM:** After introductions by our new president Rich Deppe, we will brainstorm what informative programs members would like in the future. To sweeten brainstorming, please bring treats you want to eat, the guild will provide coffee and tea. At the same time, Vicky will give us an introduction on tapestry weaving with a vertical loom.

**Membership Dues are, well, DUE AGAIN** — Message from Cinda: Greetings to all. If you did not pay your dues before the summer break, please be prepared to pay them at the September meeting. Rates and the form are on the back (last) page of this newsletter. Dues must be paid by October 31st to be included in the Guild directory. Feel free to send dues and application form (last page of this newsletter) to the Guild mailbox or bring in person to the meeting.

**Fall 2023 Guild Meetings — SAVE THE DATES**

**October 14, 2023: Deppe Dye Day**

**November 11, 2023: program from September brainstorming**

## GUILD ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER

Although there were no guild meetings during July and August, members were incredibly active with fiber arts: Intermountain Weavers Conference (see p. 3), Wednesday spinning at West Sahara Library, a demo at the Old Mormon Fort, the Rigid Heddle Group met at least once (p. 4) and members attended a demo on backstrap weaving at the Winchester Cultural Center (p. 6).



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# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the June 10, 2023 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on June 10, 2023, in person at All Saint's Episcopal Church. (Zoom was not available)

Attending in-person were: Charles Parker, Cinda Towne, Elizabeth LaRue, Vicki Johnson, Sue Wainsott, Diana Smith, Hermi Hiatt, Nora Barry, Mina Campos, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Elaine Eggink, Audrey Strehlow, Maurine Adrezin, Lorelle Nelson, Janet Mayers, Monique Portanger, Jean Seuss, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, and Laurie Ruben.

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

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

**Next year's Officer Nominees:** Rich Deppe, President, Janet Mayers, Vice President, Jami Johnson, Secretary, and Cinda Towne, Treasurer.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Cinda reported that we have \$2,982.69 in our checking account. We need to find some way to spend some of our savings that will benefit the entire guild! Thoughts: large workshop, nicer stuff for the raffle.

**Newsletter:** Hermi would like to encourage people to write articles for the newsletters.

**Programs:** Maurine reports that Dye Day at the Deppes will be the October meeting. December meeting is the Christmas Party at Jami's house. May program: possible workshop on backstrap at the meeting. Hermi will ask Monique to do a program on looms she saw in the Netherlands for the September meeting.

**Hospitality:** If you want to eat, bring a treat. Janet brought mint from her garden

**Raffle:** Ginny needs donations of items to raffle. Time to clean out your stash!

**Historian:** No report.

**Web and Social Media:** No report. Janet posted our bookmarks on the Guild Facebook page.

**Equipment and Library:** Library: Janet purchased a new book on rigid heddle weaving. Instructions for Library Thing are in the newsletter and the member directory. Equipment: We have equipment available to rent in the storage locker. We will try to get rid of the storage locker within the next year.

**Study Groups:** Spinning Circle: Wednesdays at Sahara library. We are getting people who are interested, including young people. Rigid Heddle study group: Continues on 1 Wednesday per month. **first Wed, 2nd, ? what about Sunday one?**

**IWC:** We have 217 bookmarks for IWC. Seven members are going. Janet and Hermi are now sharing Nevada's representation on the IWC board (Veronica resigned).

**Gift for All Saint's:** The Board suggests that we make a donation to All Saints' for the use of the room this year. Charles moved, Nora seconded that we donate \$300 for this year. Approved.

**Election:** Voting for officers: Liz moved that we accept the slate of officers, Charles seconded. The slate is elected.

Rich, new president, presented retiring president Janet Mayers with a thank you card that includes a \$250 Visa gift card and lifetime membership in the Guild.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m., followed by refreshments, the Raffle, then Show and Tell

Submitted

BY: /S/ CINDA TOWNE, TREASURER, WITH  
LIGHT EDITING BY JAMI JOHNSO, SECRETARY

# IWC 2023 in Logan, Utah

Here is a report by Janet: several of our members went to the Inter-mountain Weavers Conference (IWC) in July. It was held on the beautiful campus of Utah State University. The 2021 conference was cancelled due to covid which generated the theme of "Phoenix Rising from the Fiber" for 2023. Cinda, Liz and Janet took the spinning workshop, Elaine took the transparency class, Jerry and Ivy DeHart the double weave, Hermi and Sandra Sandberg tablet weaving, Barbara Ackerman took rep and Lorelle was in the lace weaves class. Together we covered a lot of territory.

The box made by Donovan Belian received the winning bid of \$200 in the silent auction. Liz was once again very lucky at the raffle table, coming home with 3 baskets' worth of goodies. Janet showed her eccentric old lady costume in the fashion show.

Look out for IWC 2025. One of the 5 states involved, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, or Nevada, will be hosting the next Inter-mountain Weavers Conference. If you have any ideas to help us, contact Hermi and Janet who are on the IWC board planning for that event.



Photo right: bus ride from Salt Lake City airport to Logan.

Left to right. Elaine, Deborah Silver, Denise Kovnat and Jennifer Moore in the back.

Elaine had a chance to ride the bus from Salt Lake City to Logan with 3 IWC instructors; Deborah Silver who taught Split Shed Weaving, Denise Kovnat who taught about Weaving Outside the Box and Jennifer Moore who taught Double Rainbows. It must have been an inspirational trip.

Janet



# Rigid Heddle Study Group is going STRONG!

The group meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 10 am to noon at Laurie Ruben's house



Laurie

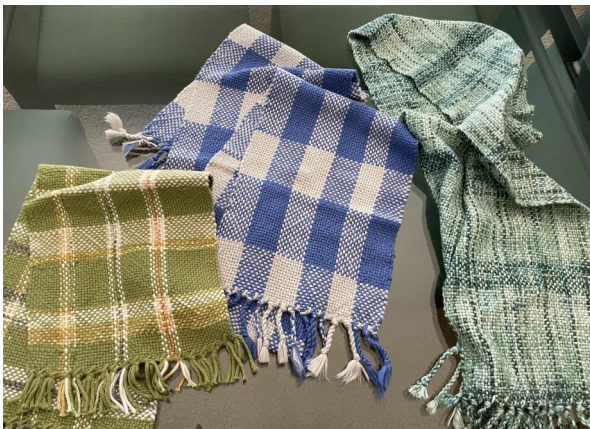


Stephanie



Lorraine

Photos by Janet



Maria



Lori

# Announcement

Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild would like to recognize an “event” that happened to a guild member earlier this month. Christin Santos, aka Desert Panda Fiber Arts, was vending at a fiber festival in Washington. Her booth was set up and they had a good first day. However, sometime in the evening her trailer was broken into, and all her backstock was taken. Seven tubs full of hand dyed fiber and yarn. Hours of work and \$\$\$ just gone, without insurance coverage!

If you would like to show your support, you can purchase a gift card on her website (to be used later) or a straight donation to Christin’s PayPal account – [desertpandafiberarts@gmail.com](mailto:desertpandafiberarts@gmail.com). Before she can replace this lost backstock she has to purchase fiber/ yarn and redye it. Even a few bucks would be appreciated!

<https://desertpandafiberarts.com/>



## 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 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!



# Community Outreach at Winchester Cultural Center



Our Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild members were recently invited to a weaving demonstration at the Winchester Community Center. Members of a community of backstrap weavers from a town in Oxaca, south-eastern Mexico, demonstrated the weaving of “Telar de Cintura” (back strap loom). They also showed their final products woven on the loom which guild members could purchase. The link below leads to more information about this great community.

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



Photos by Janet



## 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



Another demo at the Mormon Fort where members showed their talents.



## 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.**

<https://allsaintslv.com/>

# ONLINE INSPIRATIONS:

Sent by various guild members

Here is an article about spies and knitting, Janet.

[https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/double-o-7-stitches-per-inch-knitting-spies/?mc\\_cid=4a75f4e2fb&mc\\_eid=d241595f3f](https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/double-o-7-stitches-per-inch-knitting-spies/?mc_cid=4a75f4e2fb&mc_eid=d241595f3f)

Janet: I had not heard of Roxanne Richardson until today. She has several technique videos on YouTube that are good but this one impressed me: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3sD\\_RU720c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3sD_RU720c)  
It is for the Finchley graft which was published in 1852. It is easier than the Kitchener Stitch and she explains it beautifully. She has instructions for stretchy cast-ons and jogless joins in the round too.

Monique thought this article might be a good link for the dyers in the guild, especially for October Dye Day!! Eco conscious members interested in natural plant dyeing especially now since the mustard is apparently rampant in Calif.

<https://www.audacy.com/knxnews/news/state/california-artists-chefs-find-creative-ways-to-confront-superbloom-of-wild-mustard>

Ginny sent this interesting video for weavers, it shows how to create a weft hanger for towels:

[\(1152\) #6 Flying8 towel Weft-Hanger - Hanger from the Weft - YouTube](#)



Charles sent this link:

<https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/community/letter-from-paris-so-you-wanna-knit-the-louvre/>



Cinda thought this was an interesting new way to insulate homes:

[This first-of-its-kind factory could completely change how we insulate our homes: 'It's time to look toward the future'](#)

Hempitecture's insulation joins a growing roster of products made from hemp materials. This first-of-its-kind factory could completely change how we insulate our homes: 'It's time to look toward the future' first appeared on The Cool Down.

From Bivian:

[https://www.camillavalleyfarm.com/leclercloohelp/what\\_tools\\_does\\_a\\_weaver\\_need.htm](https://www.camillavalleyfarm.com/leclercloohelp/what_tools_does_a_weaver_need.htm)

My friend Clare Gerlach found this link: on the Wartime Spies who used Knitting as an Espionage tool:

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/knitting-spies-wwi-wwii>

This link is from Cinda to warn you about identity theft:

[Identity theft | Scam awareness and protection | Fidelity](#)



# 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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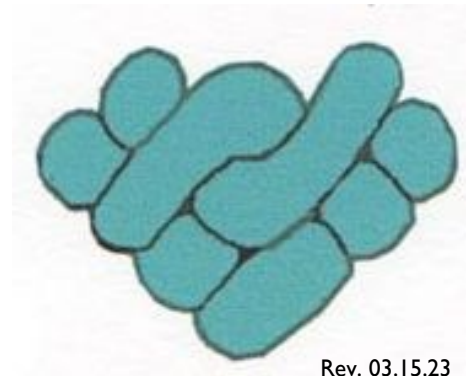
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