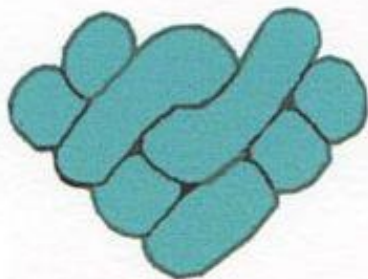


December  
2024



# Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

## Holiday Party at Jami's

**Saturday December 14, 2024, 9 am**

This is our traditional holiday with potluck and gift auction. Come around 9 am and bring something interesting to feed hungry members. Jami's phone and her address is in the Guild Directory and also in the email with this newsletter. Please call if you get lost!! Directions cheerfully given!

Jami will have coffee, tea, and water, and you all bring a dish to share. After eating, we will gather around the creatively wrapped gifts and auction them off to benefit the guild treasury. Also, we will again collect donations for a local charity, the All Saints' Church Street Teen's Ministry. More information about the December 14 event on page 3 of this newsletter, including about the auction and the donation. Unfortunately Zoom will NOT be available at this meeting.



### **2025 Guild Meetings — SAVE THE DATES**

**January 11, 2025:** Silk Road Unveiled: A Journey into the Enduring Artistic Heritage of Central Asia. Rikki Quintana

**February 8, 2025:** Program to be determined

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# Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

## Minutes of the November 9, 2024 Meeting

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

Attending in-person were: Charles Parker, Vicki Johnson, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, Elaine Eggink, Sue Wainscott, Janet Mayers, Jami Johnson, Lorelle Nelson, Hermi Hiatt, Elizabeth LaRue, Maurine Adrezin, Stephanie Peters, Audrey Strehlow, Danielle Hanson, Maria Ipharr, Elizabeth Preston, Elaine Morris, Diana Smith, Mina Campos, and Cinda Towne.

Attending on Zoom: Lori Lee, Jean Woodcock, Sandy Gillies, Jodell Larimer, Jill Staubitz (our Zoom presenter), and Nancy Shinder.

Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:12 am by welcoming all. He also introduced our speaker, Jill Staubitz who was attending on Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** Charles moved and Maurine seconded that we approve the September minutes. The motion was unanimously approved. (ed note: there were no October minutes due to having Dye Day on our meeting day.)

### REPORTS

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Cinda reported that we have \$4083.66 in our checking account. Among other things, this includes payment for our post office box (up to \$222/yr) and for the Annual List filed with the Secretary of State (NV). Cinda reminds everyone that expenses for reimbursement (with documentation) for the 2024 year are due by Dec. 14. Dues for next year are due *today*, in order to be in our Membership directory (to be distributed at the Christmas Brunch.)

### Committee Reports

**Newsletter:** Hermi appreciated all the photos of dye day.

**Workshops:** Maurine said that we have a new member, Jean Woodcock, who is interested in forming a Kumihimo Study group. Jean, tho she considers herself a beginner, is a member of the American Kumihimo Society. If you are interested in being part of a study group, please contact Maurine.

**Raffle:** Ginny said there's lots of stuff, so come and check it out! Buy lots of tickets!

**Historian:** Elaine, our Historian, had nothing to tell.

**Web and Social Media:** Website is going well: we had 300 visits last month! Sue requested that if you have pictures to put up on the website to please send them to her and she will post them. She is hoping to attach names to the Deppe Dye Day pictures.

**Equipment and Library:** Janet brought lots of books and CDs,

available for check out. We had a generous donation of spinning, tapestry and weaving equipment and supplies from Cat MacKenzie, a friend of Barb Tolleson (former member). Included in the donation is a wonderful Tapestry Book by Tommye McClure Scanlin.

**Study Groups:** The Spinning Circle meets at the Sahara Library every Wednesday at 10 am at Sahara Library. Janet reports that we have a large group attending regularly. This is the Guild's major outreach to the Community: we have gained 2 members from the spinning group, taught a young man (14 years old) to spin and knit – so he has something to use up his hand spun! The Rigid Heddle group continues to meet on the second Wednesday each month at Laurie Ruben's home. There is some instruction and lots of encouragement in this group.

**Demonstrations:** Thank you Vicki, for all your hard work on organizing our Demonstrations – another Community Outreach effort. We had 2 successful ones in October: Pioneer Day at Spring Mountain State Park on October 5, and Nevadaween at Old Mormon Fort on October 26. Good job, Vicki!

**December Meeting:** Our Annual Holiday Brunch will be on December 14 at Jami Johnson's home. This is your chance to 'strut your stuff' foodwise! Please bring a dish to share – let's try and get a variety of not only sweets, but also some protein dishes, some salad/vegetable contributions. Jami will supply coffee and tea. After our feast, we have an Auction. Please bring a *wrapped* gift for auctioning off....if it is specifically aimed at a weaver or spinner, please indicate that on a tag, otherwise anyone will know it could be useful. This is an anonymous donation to the guild: our auctioneer will encourage bidding up the value of all gifts (hence beautiful packaging is encouraged!) and the proceeds go to the guild's general fund. Bring cash or your checkbook

### Old Business:

**IWC:** Intermountain Weaver's Conference (our regional source of weaving education) will be held June 17-21 in Albuquerque. Hermi has postcards for anyone interested. See [www.intermountainweavers.org](http://www.intermountainweavers.org) for more information. Our guild contributes something every time for the 'Goody Bags': MUG RUGS are due at our May meeting. See Hermi or Janet for further information

**Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36. Refreshments, raffle ticket buying, a wonderful talk on Blending Drafts, via Zoom, by Jill Staubitz drawing followed. The Raffle and Show and Tell followed.

Submitted

BY: /S/ JAMI JOHNSON, SECRETARY

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If you wish, bring a **creatively wrapped gift** to engage the senses and bring forth the buyer in us all. Everyone has a chance to bid on the unknown item. The winning bidder immediately opens the gift to ohhhs and ahhs. If the gift is particularly for a **spinner or knitter**, a tag indicating that would be appreciated! Our lively auctioneer this year will be determined at the meeting.

We will again **collect donations for a local charity** as we have for several years. We will support All Saints' Church's Street Teens. Donations of non-perishable food, snacks, and personal items listed in the flyer below. All Saints' can take donations of small-denomination fast-food gift cards (\$5 and \$10) that are also needed for Street Teens. Our church liaisons with Street Teens will make sure those donations are delivered.







Photos by Janet

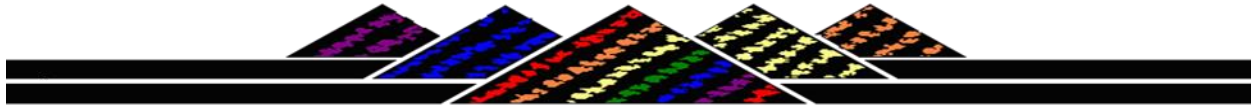
## Show & Tell November 2024

The shawl, upper right, is a blended draft woven by Nancy Shinder. She was on the Zoom for the presentation. This was woven a while back as a gift for a friend.

The cap below was knitted by a member, please let us know who you are!!







# INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS CONFERENCE

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. The Conference will start Tuesday June 17, 2025, and end Saturday June 21, 2025.

We will be getting some postcards, but in the meantime, the classes are listed to the right and <https://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

### Intermountain Weavers Conference



**Elevating Fiber to New Heights**  
[intermountainweavers.org](https://www.intermountainweavers.org)

**Susie Ballenger**, M's and O's, Treadlings  
**Elizabeth Buckley**, Tapestry  
**Myra Chang-Thompson**, Bound Weave, Dorset Buttons  
**Cael Chappell**, Basketry  
**Karen Donde**, Plaited Twills, Design  
**Julie Drogsvold**, Spinning  
**Molly Elkind**, Landscape for Tapestry, Using Photographs  
**Donna Foley**, Rigid Heddle, Natural Dyes, Stock solutions  
**Geri Forkner**, Weaving for Nuno Felting, Electronic Textiles  
**Liz Gipson**, Translating Drafts for Rigid Heddle

**Connie Lippert**, Wedge Weave, Chipboard Looms  
**Jennifer Moore**, Doubleweave, Fractals, Tessellations  
**Martha Owen/Elizabeth Johnston**, Spinning for Weaving or Fair Isle Knitting, 7 Ways to Knit  
**Marcy Petrini**, Colors and Twills, Turning a Draft, The Way We See Color  
**Laura Salamy**, Punch Needle  
**Deborah Silver**, Split Shed Weaving  
**Meg Stump**, Pin Loom Weaving  
**Emily Trujillo**, Chimayo Weaving  
**3-day, 1-day and half day classes**

**Registration for the 2025 workshops will open on 10 Jan, 2025 at 7 AM MT.**

## ONLINE INSPIRATIONS

**Jami:** do you ever get asked how long it takes to weave an item? Please read the commentary on how long it takes to weave each scarf, eye opening!!! <https://bhsguild.ca/slow-cloth-exhibit/>

**Hermi:** OLD SPANISH TRAIL EXHIBIT: <https://www.lasvegasnvmuseum.org/>

If you are interested in old woven blankets, please visit this exhibit in the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas, it runs till May 2025. Many of the items that were moved along the trail system were wool, textiles, and piñon nuts, which were plentiful in New Mexico. These were traded for horses and mules, which were abundant in California. The exhibit illustrates the important commerce along the route with items tracing the trail's history through illustrated wall panels, maps, textiles, and artifacts.

The Friends of Nevada State Museum, the museum's volunteer association raised funds to acquire a wool Rio Grande blanket dating back to 1860 to add to the collection. Seeing it was the highlight of my visit. The blanket is made of Spanish Churro sheep wool dyed with indigo blue. The Old Spanish Trail was primarily a horse and mule pack route linking the region of Santa Fe to the Pueblo of Los Angeles. The trail evolved from a network of indigenous trade routes and exploratory routes that crossed the modern states of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Hollis Gillespie, the Director of the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas, stated at the opening that educating the public on the history of the trail is more important now, the trail is under threat from urban development, highways, reservoirs, and electrical lines, and she stressed the importance to preserve the history of the trail.



Photo by Janet

## Spinning Circle at West Sahara Library— meets most Wednes- days 10-12

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.



### 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.

### 2024 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:	Elaine Eggink
Programs:	Maurine Adrezin
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith
IWC Representatives:	Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt

# 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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Checks **MUST BE** payable to **Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.**

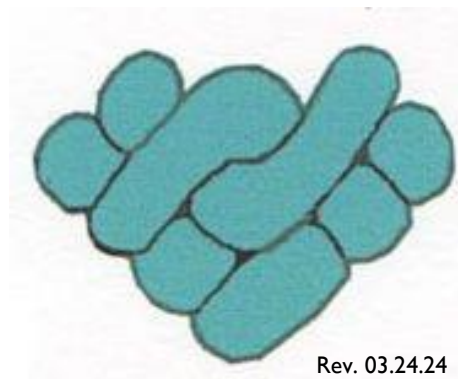
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**Or email completed form to [lvfiberartsguild@gmail.com](mailto:lvfiberartsguild@gmail.com)  
and pay your dues at one of the meetings.**



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