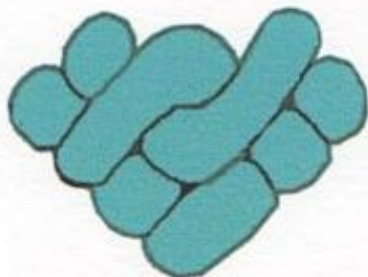


October
2025



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

You are invited to the 4th Vegas Deppe Dye Day & Potluck
SATURDAY October 11th, 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 dyeing.....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, and how to prepare fibers the day before:

1. Something to dye – fiber, fabric, yarn, MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 4
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
4. Soak your protein fiber evening before, optional, it saves time
5. Ice Dyeing: depending how much you want to dye, please bring 10-20 lb of cubed ice

MORE
DETAILS
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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, and email: 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.

NOTE: IF you can help set up on Friday, 10/10, starting at 9 am,
please let me know!

There is lots to do and not all of it heavy lifting objects.

2025 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

November 8, 2025: Alana Wilcox: on creativity as a fiber artist

December 13, 2025: Potluck at Jami's & gift auction

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the September 13, 2025 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on September 13, 2025, in the Parish Hall at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Attending the meeting were: Ginny Deppe, Richard Deppe, Diana Smith, Cinda Towne, Stephanie Bryant, Leah Gregorio, Emily Buchwald, Charmonte Malbon, Sara Ebert, Deb Haveman, Charles Parker, Victoria Perez, German Martin M, Jerry Buckler, Katie Wilcox, Terri Wilcox, Lisan Jimenez, Danielle Hanson, Courtney Wagner-Smith, Erin Washington. Zoom Participants included Meg Harrington, Mimi Rodes, Elizabeth Holdman (program presenter), Sue Wainscott, Sandy Gillies, Pam Spooner.

President Rich Deppe called the meeting to order at 9:10 am after some difficulties with the zoom connection. He welcomed all, including guests.

Approval of Minutes from the June meeting, Charles moved and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report by Cinda: The Guild account currently has \$5,378.04. Cinda reminded everyone that dues need to be paid by the end of October in order for member names to appear in the directory.

Newsletter: Hermi will include a dyeing experiment by Monique on Rust Dyeing.

Workshops by Meg and Janet: Meg is researching topics with updates on Dorset Buttons, C2C – Crochet to Crochet (StitchFiddle.com), and also Making Small Books, unfortunately this presenter is no longer available, so Meg will continue to look for other options. Please contact Meg if a particular workshop appeals to you, she can start a reservations list. If you have another topic you'd like to see, please let her know and she can investigate further.

Programs – Rich & Maria are working on Programs, upcoming programs are listed on the website if you need further details. Maria gave a preview of the next few months: October meeting will be Dye Day at the Deppe's. November meeting is Approach to Creativity by Alanna Wilcox, and the December meeting will be the Holiday Potluck and Gift Auction at Jami's.

Historian – Elaine – No Report

Web and Social media – Diana and Sue. There was no report given.

Equipment and Library – Janet is out of town. No report was given.

Study Groups and Continual Educational Demonstrations: Spinning Circle/Band Group continues to meet at the Saha-

ra West Library on Wednesdays from 10 am to Noon, reported by Dani.

RH Study Group – Continues to meet at Laurie R's on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. More Inkle loom weavers have been attending and are welcome to attend future sessions.

Scientific Dyeing Study Group – Cinda indicated some members are working to put together a dyeing group where the output will be a fiber color wheel for each participant. Expected start date will likely be in January. Cinda and Jami will have further details as we go forward. If you like to be part of this group, start saving 32 oz containers from cottage cheese or yogurt for dye pots

Upcoming Event Demonstrations:

Pioneer Day – Spring Mountain State Park on October 4th. Please confirm with Hermi for details if you are planning on attending.

NV State Museum/Springs Preserve – October 18th. Please confirm with Hermi for details if you are planning on attending.

Cactus Joes – Sponsored by "Stewards of the Earth". Date TBD sometimes in November. Please confirm with Hermi for details if you are planning to attend.

Nevadaween – This event has been cancelled.

Farm Fest – Kids Day Demo will be on October 7 & 8th at Horseman's Park between 9am to 3pm. There will be 3rd grade students present on both days, and 4H members on Tuesday the 4th only. Please confirm with Hermi or Dani for more details if you are planning on attending.

Pomegranate Festival is at the Clark County Fairgrounds November 7 & 8 in Logandale. Please contact Charles for more details if you are planning to attend.

Next Meeting – October 11. Setup will be on 10/10 at 9:00. Contact Ginny if you are planning to attend or plan to assist on either day.

9:56 End of Business Meeting

There was no **Show & Tell** but a short cookie break prior to the presentation at 10:09 to 11:45 – "**Dyeing at Home**" by Elizabeth Holdman, recently left Dharma Dye Works. Richard sent out a PowerPoint of Elizabeth's presentation.

Skein Exchange: two members brought in yarn, so the exchange is being held off for a later date.

Raffle - Ginny. The raffle was held after the program. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted

BY: /S/ MEG HARRINGTON, WITH EDITING BY HERMI HIATT

NEW DYEING STUDY GROUP

Several members are interested in forming a dyeing study group with the goal of scientific accuracy to achieve formulas for reproduceable colors. There will be at least a couple of planning meetings this fall (dates tbd) and a projected start date in January. Members will likely work in pairs to produce a portion of the color wheel (numbers of colors tbd); every member will receive a complete set of colors and the formulas use to create them. We will start with fiber reactive dyes on cotton or Tencel. If there is interest, we may continue with acid dyes.

Everyone joining this study group **MUST COMMIT TO SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY** in all measurements and processes. (The random measuring we do at dye day is fun but not reproduceable.) All participants must own a scale accurate to .01 gram (yes, we will be using metric measurements). There will be a small, shared cost for lots of syringes (no needles), which are cheap on Amazon, for measuring milliliters.



We are also asking all the guild members to save 32-ounce plastic containers for us, the kind that sour cream and cottage cheese come in. The 32-ounce containers that yogurt comes in are harder to use (and we already have lots). Please bring them to any meeting.

Elements of this study group, including the schedule, are still being developed. If you are interested, please talk to Jami Johnson, Janet Mayers, or Cinda Towne.

Photo below by Jami: this was street art in Saariselka, Finland. Triangular posts, about 10 ft high, maybe 50 of them! WOW.



SPECIFICS ON HOW TO PREPARE FIBERS

The evening before Dye Day soak your clean fiber/yarn/fabric in water (not hot!) When you get here, we will have tubs with the proper chemical dissolved in water for you to put your yarn/fiber/fabric in to soak for at least 30 minutes before you can dye.

Soaking at home is **NOT** required, but it saves time. This is for protein fibers. If you are dyeing fabric, prewash in hot water to remove sizing.

If you are going to dye something in a crock pot, you don't need to pre-soak. You will use 50/50 water and vinegar (we have enough vinegar!)

We will have tubs for Ice Dying but you have to **bring your own ice**. Depending on how much you'll be dyeing, you will need 10-20 lbs of cubed ice.

Setup is Friday October 10, the day before Dye Day, starting at 9 am. We **NEED** your help, even if it's just a few hours! Please send Ginny @ 805-236-9993) a text if you can come to help setup. There's lots to do and not all of it is lifting heavy objects! Thanks!!!

DUES

Membership dues of \$25 (individual) and \$30 (family) are due now for the 2025-2026 year and may be paid by cash or check payable to Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild. Dues *must* be paid by October 31st for your name to be included in the member directory.

FIBER ARTS GUILD SKEIN EXCHANGE

Since we ran out of time at the September meeting, the deadline for the Skein Exchange has been **extended to the November meeting on Nov. 8th**.

Spin a 2-ply skein weighing a minimum of 4 ounces (about 114 g.) to be randomly exchanged with other participants.

1. Use any natural fiber of any color. Fiber may be dyed. No synthetics.
2. Spin and ply using your preferred method. Any weight of yarn is acceptable.
3. Be sure to wet finish your yarn. For more on wet finishing your spinning, see "Yarnitecture" by Jillian Moreno.
4. Submit your skein(s) with each skein tagged with your information: your name, fiber content and source (if known), drop spindle or spinning wheel used and speed whorl (if applicable), total weight, any other information you feel is relevant.
5. Bring to the November 2025 meeting.

Skeins will be placed in brown paper bags and distributed via random number drawing. If you select your own yarn, you can select another.

Monique's dye experiment: linen thread wrapped around rusty pieces of metal



Spinning Circle at West Sahara Library—

meets most Wednesdays 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:

Go to the Guild website www.fiberartsguildlv.org. On top of the Home page, click LIBRARY.

You can either download the pdf of the Library catalog, or scroll down to the Online Library Database which has a search feature to quickly find what you are looking for.

We have lots of books, and you can easily search the Library Thing with their search feature top right.

Title	Author	Date	Tags
16 harness patterns : the fanciest twills of all : from the weaving notebooks of Fred A. Pennington	Irene K. Wood	1976	
African fabric crafts : sources of African design and technique	Esther Warner Dendel	1974	Africa, fabric
The Alden Amos Big Book of Handspinning: Being A Compendium of Information, Advice, and Opinions On the Noble Art & Craft	Alden Amos	2001	spinning

2025 Board and Committees

Officers:

President:	Richard Deppe
Vice President:	Danielle Hanson
Secretary:	Jami Johnson
Treasurer:	Cinda Towne

Committees:

Newsletter Editor:	Hermi Hiatt
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Membership:	Cinda Towne
Equipment:	Janet Mayers
Librarian:	Janet Mayers
Historian:	Elaine Eggink
Programs:	Maria and Rich
Workshops:	Meg and Janet
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith

Upcoming Events

October will be a busy month for demos, and we would like you to SAVE THE DATES. If you wish to attend, please contact the members below, and let them know you wish to get more information and want to be part of it.

October 4th, Saturday: Pioneer Day at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 10 am to 2 pm. Please contact Hermi Hiatt, hjhiatt@yahoo.com, for details, let her know you will attend and she will send you a parking permit.

October 7th, Tuesday: Farm Fest at Horseman's Park 9 am - 3 pm. Please contact Dani Hanson, danihanson1@yahoo.com. She will give you details about the kind of activities needed to show 3rd grade students how to spin fibers and other tricks. As time gets closer, Dani will send out details.

October 10, Friday: Ginny Deppe who is organizing the Deppe Dye Day October 11 needs helpers to set up the event, starting at 9 am. Ginny would appreciate your help, her cell # 805-236-9993, email furbunny@outlook.com. Please consider giving her a hand.

October 11, Saturday: this will be the 4th Deppe Dye Day and Potluck. Specifics are in this newsletter on front page and page 4. Please **RSVP** to let Ginny know you will attend, her email Ginny Deppe furbunny@outlook.com.

October 18, Saturday: we will be giving a demo on various fiber arts activities at the NV State Museum/Springs Preserve. Janet and Hermi are still organizing the activities and will send out details, but in the meantime save the date.

November 7—8th: Pomegranate Festival in Logandale. There will be more information available, in the meantime save the date.

November 15 and 16: demo at Cactus Joe's, we are still in the process to get details. The event was cancelled in May, but now we should plan the same activities of spinning and weaving. More details as they become available.

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? _____

Checks payable to **Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild** (please do not abbreviate). Mail to:

Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

P.O. Box 370604

Las Vegas, NV 89137

**Or email completed form to lvfiberartsguild@gmail.com and
pay your dues at one of our meetings.**

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