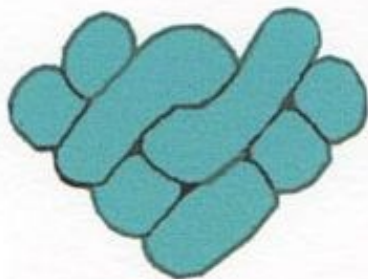


May
2026



Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

a.k.a. Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild

Saturday, May 9, 2026

at 9:00 am

NEW MEETING PLACE

We will be meeting at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes, 8200 W. Sahara at the NW corner of Cimarron and Sahara.

In person meeting: NEW MEETING PLACE

Zoom will be available: Diana Smith will be sending you a link before May 9th, 2026.

Please EMAIL photos to Diana for Show and Tell.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS:

Annual Meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc., vote for next year's board. Slate to the right of this page: Janet, Dani, Jami, and Cinda.

Meeting includes **Breakfast Potluck** and **Show and Tell**. Bring whatever you have to show, including lovely pieces of weaving, bands from tablet weaving, and bands from inkle weaving workshop. The Dye Color Study group will also have results of their study.

2026 Guild Meetings—SAVE THE DATE

June 13, 2026 Program- Textile and Tea: Rebecca Hutton #215

July and August 2026: Summer Break

September 12, 2026: Program to be determined

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues for the 2026-2027 Guild year are due. Payable by check or cash at the May meeting, check only at the June meeting. (We are still working on Zelle, but not yet.)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. will be held May 9, 2026 at 9 am, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church at the Lakes, 8200 W. Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89117. All members are encouraged to attend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has the following slate:

President: Janet Mayers
Vice President: Danielle Hanson
Secretary: Jami Johnson
Treasurer: Cinda Towne

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Southern Nevada Handweavers & Spinners Guild, Inc.

Minutes of the April 11, 2026 Meeting

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Inc. was held on April 11, 2026, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (The Lakes campus) in person and on Zoom.

Attending in person: Janet Mayers, Hermi Hiatt, Stephanie Peters, Vicki Johnson, Danielle Hanson, Meg Harrington, Becky Hengl, Cinda Towne, Elaine Eggink, Emily Buchwald, German Martin Martin, Victoria Perez, Diana Smith, Jami Johnson, Susan Wainscott, Courtney Wagner-Smith, Pamela Martin, Elizabeth LaRue, Ginny Deppe, Rich Deppe, Sara Ebert, Mandi Elliott, Samantha Kennedy, Lorelle Nelson, Joyce Terry, Charles Parker, Lori Lee, Lee Rossi, Erin Washington, Bianca Papp, Maria Ipharr, Ricki Cranford.

Attending on Zoom: Stephanie Bryant

Rich called the meeting to order at 9:15 and welcomed members & guests.

Approval of Minutes: Charles moved that the March minutes be accepted as published. The motion was seconded by Meg and passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Treasurer and Membership: Cinda reported that the Guild checking account currently has \$9,071.86, of which \$2,405 is reserved for the Annie MacHale workshop in May.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Rich called on Hermi after complimenting her on our ‘cool’ newsletter! And then Hermi reminded us that she is going to be retiring from her position after the June newsletter.....so someone needs to step up and volunteer to do this job. There are 10 issues a year, and the job takes some time to compose, but it’s not too hard!

Workshops – Meg reminded us again about Annie MacHale’s Inkle workshops May 1-3. Annie is willing to accept more attendees than posted, so if you are interested, please contact Meg.

Jillian Moreno is scheduled to present a three-day spinning workshop Nov 13-15, 2026. This is not a beginner’s class – you have to be able to spin well enough to create a 2-ply yarn. If you have any doubts about your spinning level, please come to the Wednesday spin-ins at Sahara West Library and ask someone for coaching. Each day will be a different topic, so if you would like to attend 1 or 2, that is fine too. The cost is \$65/day. There is an \$80 materials fee: Cinda has taken the class and said you get a lot

of fleece for your money! Cinda said the guild has enough money to defray the cost of those materials. Charles made a motion for the Guild to subsidize \$50 for each weaver. Seconded and passed unanimously. A reminder that Sept 13 is the cut-off for a full refund of your payment.

Programs – The program for our May meeting will be the Annual Meeting, election of officers, and a potluck brunch. So bring some good food and enjoy talking to people while you eat. In June, there will be a talk from HGA’s archive of Textile and Tea talks. Deppe Dye Day will be October 24....note the ‘new’ day. Due to a scheduling conflict with Jillian’s workshop we had to change the date and move November’s meeting to October. Maria reported that she is working on other programs for the fall and next year.

Raffle – There is a huge raffle again today – we have been the beneficiaries of some pretty substantial donations (a Boulder City spinner, Maurine and Audrey) of yarn, books, magazines and fleece. We will also be having several items available for silent auction: 2 drum carders, 2 spinning wheels, combs and a lazy kate. With so much on offer, buy lots of tickets!

Historian – There was nothing to report for Historian. Elaine gave a lovely tribute to Audrey Strehlow who was a long-time active member of our Guild and encouraged many fiber artists over the years, until infirmity restricted her movements. She died March 28 at 92 years old.

Web and Social Media – Sue apologized for her tardiness in updating the website, but will do so in the next couple days. She is moving a few things around and encourages all of us to look under the ‘classified’ for more supplies available to purchase.

Equipment and Library – Janet keeps the library at her home and brings a selection of books with her to each meeting. If there is something specific you would like to borrow, please contact her and she will make arrangements to get the book (or video) to you. Consult The Library Thing to see what we have in our library.

Study Groups and Continual Educational Demonstrations:

Spinning Circle: every Wednesday at Sahara West Library lobby. Besides spinning, some knit and others weave on inkle looms or do some card weaving.

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Message from the Prez, Rich Deppe

What a great year we had, looking back at the monthly programs I can't think of one that I didn't enjoy and/or learn a lot from.

I'd like to thank the nominating committee for selecting such a great and hardworking group of people as they have for our board. Let's fully support the new board members and give them all the assistance they need.

Thank you to all the current board members, Janet, and the entirety of the members who have supported me during the last few years!

Especially Janet, who walked with me in those early months offering assistance and suggestions when I needed it. Janet has always been there, putting the Guild ahead of her own needs. I wish her well and will support her. Thank you also to Cinda and Jami who I could always count on to whisper me something in a meeting in case I was veering off track.

But special thanks to all of you who have always stood behind me supporting all my endeavors, it's ALL of you that make the guild. Besides support, I urge you all to step in and volunteer when needed (or just volunteer).

Until Our Next Meeting!!

Have a creative and safe Summer, Rich.



April 2026 Program: Backstrap Tablet Weavers at Work

Photos by Janet

Minutes continued from page 2.

RH Study group: meets last Tuesday of the month, 10-12 at West Sahara Library. At their March meeting they studied Log Cabin structure and had show and tell. On April 28, they will learn Brook's Bouquet.

Upcoming Demo: the Mormon Fort will be holding their Pioneer Day on April 18, from 10-2pm. You are welcome to come and demonstrate weaving, spinning or other fiber arts. You can sit inside or outside, visit with each other and talk to anyone interested in our craft.

Next Meeting is May 9, our Annual Meeting, election of new officers, and a Potluck Brunch. The slate for new

officers is: Janet Mayer for President, Dani Hanson for VP, Cinda Towne for Treasurer and Jami Johnson for Secretary.

New business: HGA (Handweaving Guild of America) is considering Las Vegas as the site of 2028 Convergence (their biannual week-long conference). They will be in town June 7-9 and would like to meet with some of our members. Janet is going to be out of town and is interested in getting a group to meet with their representatives.

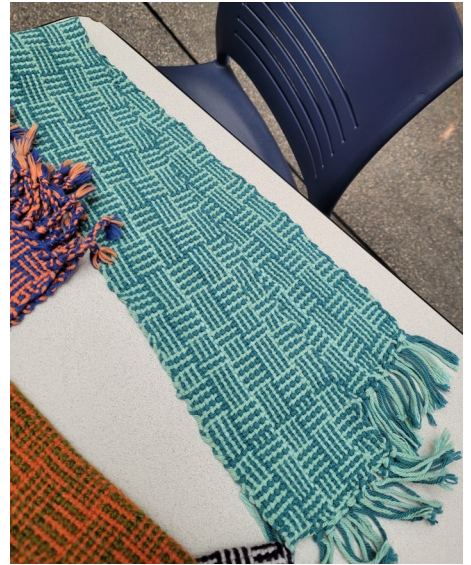
Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:45.

Submitted by: /s/ Jami Johnson, Secretary



Rigid Heddle Study Group

Maria reports that the Rigid Heddle group held the March meeting at the Sarah Library on March 31st. It was a fun and productive meeting. The group focused on weaving the log cabin structure on our rigid heddle looms. We also presented finished log cabin scarves and a table runner. Also, we discussed our next possible project, the weave structure Brooks Bouquet.



Our next meeting will be held on **April 28th** at the West Sahara Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Photos by Maria

Demo at Mormon Fort

Photos by Elaine



ODDS and ENDS

Found on the Internet by members, thank you all for the info !!!

- **Monique:** she has just come across this website on sheep and there are lots of good fact sheets for people to print out. There are also free magazines that you can click on - even archived older magazines- it seems it's all free. She thought to pass this on to anyone in the Guild that might be interested in knowing more about sheep, wool and production. It's quite interesting, especially the fact sheet about wool production by state. -<https://digitaledition.pub/wc/asi/American-Sheep-Magazine/> and <https://www.sheepusa.org/education-resources/fast-facts>
- **Cinda:** Here's a good article [Textile exhibition exploring wartime Britain to be displayed at Lichfield Cathedral](#)
- **Vicky** talked to staff at the Blind Center. They could use some yarns for their rigid heddle program. Their clientele are doing great wonderful projects on rigid heddle looms. They are looking for yarns that are easy to manage. Vicky will collect any yarns that you can spare.

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
Hospitality:	Vicki Johnson
Membership:	Cinda Towne
Equipment:	Janet Mayers
Librarian:	Janet Mayers
Historian:	open
Programs:	Maria and Rich
Workshops:	Meg and Janet
Web Master:	Sue Wainscott
Raffle:	Ginny Deppe
Zoom Master:	Diana Smith

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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