

March 2023 Newsletter

Guild Meeting: Monday March 13th at 10.15 a.m

We will meet in person at the Irvine Fine Arts. Please plan on joining us, there is plenty of space and doors will be open along with optional masks.

There will be Zoom for the Business portion only, with camera only for the Program. Start time: **10.30 a.m.** (link will be sent out separately.)

From our President:

March 2023

Hello Spinners and Weavers,

Have you stopped to think how fortunate we are as members of our guild that we have so many, so often who step up and offer their time volunteering to make our monthly programs so delightful, informative and worthwhile?

When I reflect back on our December guild program, closing out our 2022 year and the members who arrived with baskets, boxes, bags and arms filled with items to be auctioned off, I was amazed! Lots and lots of volunteers participated in making our auction a huge success! Thank you to Margie Bell and Betty Morrissey for organizing a very fun and colorful program. If it hadn't been for so many of you bringing items it might have been a very short action!

Our January program was a wonderful success because of our experienced members willing to share their knowledge and expertise on the subject of cotton and wool for spinning. Lots of "how to's" and "what not to do." Everyone in the room was involved and curious. What a great way to start off our 2023 year as a guild.

Then our February program with Rona Hamilton our Program Chair who invited any guild members to bring their spinning related items to demo. They shared the "what and how" of all different types of spinning devices. We had large spinning wheels, and some very tiny handheld spindles quietly hovering over the floor.

It took a lot of effort for so many to bring their spinning wheels and set them up in order to show us firsthand how they worked and what kind of yarn/thread they spun. Several gals had specific messages for us on carding and the tools and equipment they used and why. Lots of colorful cotton and wool brightened up the room as the demos went on teaching us how to ply different dyed colors together. We were even instructed on the need to keep our spinning wheels in proper working condition. What to use, what not to use on the wood and how often to lubricate our equipment. Several questions were asked by those in the room, giving all of us a chance to learn even more.

Our guild meetings and programs are a success because of all those who volunteer in so many ways month after month. Thank you to all for helping create a wonderful environment to want to be in and for putting your heart and soul into our guild. We would have a very difficult time functioning if we didn't have such a great community of volunteers.

A special welcome to our newest guild members, Derek Dunkin-Rankin, Megan Greenwood, Paula Keogh, Jan Larson, Jean Ryznal, Lisa Segesta and Diane Wilson. We are delighted to have you be a part of our guild family.

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Program:

March 13th. We will have a world renowned rug hooker named Gene Shepherd speaking. We are very lucky that he has agreed to do a program for us.

Please have a look at his website before the program on March 13th. There is a lot of really interesting information about him and his work with his photo gallery. He has had workshops for many years and written several books on rug hooking. He does retreats and dyes a lot of his own unique wool which he sells on his website.

Gene Shepherd will speak on found materials, rug hooking and rug weaving. He is currently the president of the rug hooking group.

<https://www.geneshepherd.com/>

Rona Hamilton



Hospitality: Please feel free to bring your own drink and snack.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please submit by March 23rd. Thank you!

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS :

Weave Structures: We are discussing other weave structures and ideas for our next topic. The next meeting is Monday, March 6th. at 10:00 am. Location tba. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let Deborah Heyman (in roster) know so that we can include you on the email list. If the meeting is to be via Zoom a link will be sent out. Held on the 1st Monday of the month.

Spinning: Set for the 3rd Monday of the month at 10-12 Noon (next : 3/20/23) at the University Community Center Association Clubhouse, 4530 Sandburg Way, Irvine, CA 92612. Susan Upson chair.

Please RSVP to Susan Upson: Mupson45atYahoo.com by the Friday prior, if you plan to attend. 😎

Tapestry: Tapestry group will be held on the 4th Monday of the month 10 a.m -12noon at Margaret Steepleton's house. Please RSVP if you will be attending so she can set up enough space. (Email/phone In the roster).



Library:

The Guild Library is still available for browsing by appointment with either of our two librarians. Rosalie Holub has all the DVD's and Magazines. Co-chair Deborah Heyman has all the books and equipment (looms etc.). Visit the library online at <http://www.scwsg.org/librarytools>

Please contact Rosalie or Deborah to confirm an appointment time. Contact info in the roster.

Irvine Fine Arts Studio Festival for June 3rd. We are waiting for acceptance, so in the meantime please be working on all your pieces for our booth!. Any questions please contact Nancy Rimsha. Volunteer sheet will be sent around at the Guild meeting.

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Membership: Dues for the 2022-2023 Guild year are payable at this time. In an effort to collect more much-needed funds without actually increasing dues, we are offering three categories of yearly membership:

Regular : \$ 25-49
Sponsor: \$ 50-99
Sustaining: \$100 or more

As usual, members over 80 years of age are complimentary.

If you wish to **NOT** be acknowledged as a Sponsor or Sustaining member, please write "Anonymous" or "ANON" on the memo line of your check. Dues can be turned in at the September 12 meeting, or mailed to:

South Coast Weavers and Spinners Guild
P.O. Box 1843
Newport Beach, CA. 92659-0853

Social Media Show and Tell:

Please do post pictures of whatever you are working on at:

The Guild Facebook page : Group name is **South Coast Weavers & Spinners.**

Instagram: #southcoastweaversandspinnerguild, #scwsg

Our Guild Website: www.scwsg.org

For inspiration, and just to know that you are all there!

OTHER BITS:

CNCH April 2023 Information:

Registration for the 2023 Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH) is just two months away! I'm pleased to announce that the complete conference brochure is now available on the CNCH website at: [CNCH 2023 Conference Brochure - CNCH](#). You have the option of viewing the brochure online or downloading it as a PDF for quick viewing or printing. For queries please contact Yvonne Smith at: weaveryvonne54@outlook.com

HGA: Handweavers Guild of America offers an interesting new program 'Tea & Textiles' where you can sign up for these weekly on-line talks. You do need to be a member of HGA. But after it has aired you can view the conversation via their Facebook page, directions are at HGA website.

tatterbluelibrary.com is an interesting website for the library of antique embroidery, and sewing objects concerning all things textile, plus the research library collected by Jordana M Martin, the granddaughter of Edith Wyle, founder of the Craft and Folk Art Museum in LA.

Southern California Handweavers' Guild: <http://www.schg.org>

Bobbinwinders Weaving Guild: bobbinwinders.org

Handweavers Guild of America: <https://weavespindye.org>

The Textile Society of America :

<https://textilesocietyofamerica.org>

The Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Please check for updates per their website: **<http://vistafiberartsfiesta.yolasite.com>**

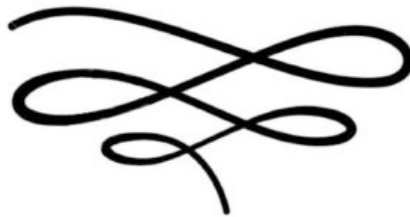
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pieceworkmagazine.com

Google Arts and Culture, We Wear Culture:

This site is a great resource, amazingly informative where you can virtually visit many Art Museums, learn of the origin stories behind what we wear including how they are made from thread, dye and weave:

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