



MAY 2023 Newsletter

Guild Meeting: Monday May 8th 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:

May 2023

Hello Spinners and Weavers,

It seems the older I become the more I recognize the influence of attitude on my daily life. A few weeks ago when we experienced heavy downpours of rain in rapid succession for several days, I happened to enter my sewing and weaving room. To my unexpected surprise my 45" plus 8 harness loom was dripping in water from a leak in the ceiling. My warp was drenched, two small shuttles looked like little boats filled with water. Only 8 of the 14 treadles were wet but the carpet beneath was like walking on sponges. In nearly 40 years of living in our home we had never had a leak like this. So yes, I guess we were due. Fortunately the floor didn't leak through to the family room below. I gave the loom and warp a good drying off several times and when I have the time, I'll sand down the ruff spots of the loom and hopefully, can sand off some of the water marks left on 4 of the 8 shafts and on all the rest of the wood. The loom will be fine and so will the long warp and woven samples, but had the leak been about seven feet to the left my high end sewing machines and serger could have been badly damaged.

I share this with you because it had a great impact on my positive or negative attitude. At first I was frustrated, not sure where to even begin cleaning up all the water, in between all the parts of the loom, knowing the water was still dripping from the ceiling in a steady stream. Then I had a flashback of a memory I had three or four years ago.

I was attending a week-long weaving workshop in Northern CA with Sarah Jackson. The class was filled with local weaving ladies, all working on different brands and sizes of wood looms. It was a delightful week! I enjoyed getting to know some of the gals and hearing their weaving backgrounds. We were all positive cheerleaders encouraging each other on the project Sarah had been instructing us on all week. There were positive attitudes felt by everyone. Good memories!!!

Then flash forward to the out of control fires that swept with vengeance through the communities of Northern California. The news showed daily miles of homes burned to the ground with only chimneys standing

in a mass of blackness. All I could think of were the many ladies in Sarah's class who lost everything, including their beautiful wood looms and spinning wheels and warping equipment, plus all their supplies and personal belongings.

As I washed all the towels I needed to clean up the water leak in my sewing room, I was so sorry I had, for a brief time, a negative attitude. I know we can't change the past nor can we change the inevitable but the one thing we can do is decide each day the attitude we will embrace for the hours we have that day.

Be positive, you're wonderful!!!

Christy Asay

Chairs: In advance, we will be needing a new Membership officer and a new Web administrator/other arrangements, for the 2023-24 Board change over. Other positions maybe coming up too. Please consider taking over these positions for our longstanding Officers.

Also please look out for some of our equipment to be put on sale soon.

Membership

From Carol Reinhold: After more years than I care to count, it's time for me to relinquish this chairmanship, which includes the following duties:

1). Check P.O. Box on a regular basis. Renewing for 6 mos. this week. Can move to a different P.O. in October for your convenience.

2). Forward membership checks to treasurer

3). Maintain current roster of members

4). Keep name tags up to date

Anyone interested? Call me if you'd like to chat: 959-697-9333. Thanks!

Website Officer

A new administrator is needed, or a Service, or dissolve. Duties :

1. Change of Domain registration and Sign up to the Web host Squarespace. Arrange for the Guild to take over the charges .

2. Add the monthly Newsletter to the website.

3. Occasionally update the site.

4. There will be listed instructions and verbal help from Miryha on how to maintain the website, plus there are tutorials on-line.

Program:

Our member, Susan Horton will talk about her background to becoming editor and the transition to Long Thread Media. She will walk us through the start to finish of an issue, and end with how members can get their own projects and articles into Handwoven and Little Looms.

In the link below you can find articles that Susan has written in Handwoven's on-line Newsletter filled with useful and interesting tips.

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/author/susan-e-horton/>



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

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

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS :

Weave Structures: We are discussing Huck and Lace weaves for our new topic. The next meeting is Monday, May1st. 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: Mupson45@Yahoo.com by the Friday prior, if you plan to attend. 😎

Tapestry: Tapestry group, normally on the 4th Monday of the month at Margaret Steepleton's house, is cancelled at present. Next meeting tab.

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. 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:

Membership: As announced by our treasurer, there is no charge for new members joining this late in our fiscal year. So, come join us!

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: #southcoastweaversandspinnersguild, #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 a month 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>**

Handwoven, Spin Off and Piecework is now being published by Longthread Media: <https://www.longthreadmedia.com>

handwovenmagazine.com; spinoffmagazine.com;
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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