

SOUTHWEST UTAH BRANCH OF WEAVERS

FEBRUARY 2025

The January meeting was challenging. I am still working on some of the tapestry stitches. Members worked on their own tapestry looms or used our cardboard looms to learn rya, soumak, and several loop stitches. We discussed various types of yarn and shared our samples, especially the malabrigo yarn. Here is a photo of Gail's completed piece that shows off the rya fringe, soumak in the roving, blue loops plus wrapped warp threads.



Here is a list of Youtube videos that we watched:

Rya: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OVK1xvtuuE&t=30s>

Soumak: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SU25OhB-DYs&t=14s>

Loops: Spruce & Linen has many great videos on tapestry weaving. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JroF-RePgnA>

Long Thread Media has other free videos
<https://www.youtube.com/@LongThreadMedia/videos>

Gail shared the book she used "Welcome to Weaving" by Lindsey Campbell. The author has videos at
<https://www.youtube.com/c/hellohydrangea>



Show & Tell: We were so happy to see the first weaving projects from our new weavers Marie & Diane. They completed a class with Sandra and showed off their samplers.

On the left is Doni's amazing beachy Eye-Candy project for the Kayenta Art Show starting March 20th.

Isabel completed 2 pieces on her Rigid Heddle loom in plain weave. The pattern looks like a houndstooth. We look forward to seeing her pattern at the next meeting.



February Meeting: Our guild meeting is Saturday, Feb. 8th at 10 am at the Washington City Library. For the first hour we will work on our looms or spinning or crocheting, so bring your projects or watch others work. I will be working on a Saori Weaving project using some of the lovely sari silk ribbons that I have collected over the years. Around 11 am we will have Show & Tell so bring your projects or photos of your projects.

Mark your calendars for Guild meetings in 2025: Mar 8th, Apr 12th, May 10th

Workshops in 2025: We are still looking for sign-ups for our workshops. Our guild workshops are done outside of the normal meeting and usually held at the workshop leader's home. After you sign up for the workshop, the leader will send you a list of items to bring with you. Cost for the workshop is a charge for the supplies provided by the leader, like the dyes at the Dyeing Workshops.



Mixed Media Spirit Dolls: Saturday, March 15th at 10 am. Dolls are made using handwoven scraps plus sticks, fiber, and beads for embellishment. I have prepared a handout with the list of items to bring. The head can be made from Fimo clay at the workshop or other media prior to the workshop (like dried apple). Contact Dona at fisherdonann@gmail.com.

Folk Broom Making: Please contact Doni if you have an interest in learning folk broom making. Donipack@gmail.com



Shaving Cream Dyeing: Saturday, May 3rd at 10: 30 am. This type of dyeing involves laying down a palette of shaving cream, adding dye thickened with more cream on top, then moving the dye around in patterns or shapes. Prepared cotton or tencel fabric is laid on top and absorbs the dye. You will need to bring a few tools so let me know if you are coming and I will contact you. Contact Doni at donipack@gmail.com

Other Upcoming Events

Intermountain Weavers Conference Registration: Registration is open for the IWC Conference June 17-21. Website: <https://intermountainweavers.org>

Rigid Heddle – Little Looms: Feb. 12th (2nd Wednesday) 1pm to 3 pm at Washington City Library. Bring your looms, share your work, or come to watch and learn. Dona Fisher, fisherdonann@gmail.com

Spinners of Southwest Utah: The focus is on fiber, spinning, and dyeing and we work on projects while we share our learning. Anyone is welcome to observe and learn more. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and our next meeting is Feb. 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm at Washington City Library, Community Room. Contact donipack@gmail.com

Mary Meigs Atwater Weavers Guild: Zoom meeting, Feb 13th “Costumes and Fabric Modification at the Utah Shakespeare Festival” by Jeffrey Lieder. Please consider joining our parent guild and you can enjoy these zoom meetings too. Join on the website: <https://www.mmawg.org/>

Outreach: Our group has been asked to participate in the Colonial Village at the County Fair. The dates are Apr 14-19, 2025. We would demonstrate spinning and weaving.

Library: Our guild has a library of weaving and spinning books currently housed at Judy Harlin’s home. You can email her to arrange a time to look at the books, edu321@gmail.com.

SW Utah Branch of Weavers: Our monthly meeting place is Washington City Library, Community Room at 220 N 300 E. We are a branch of Mary Meigs Atwater Weavers Guild based in Salt Lake City, www.mmawg.org. We encourage our members to join MMAWG but it is not required. Membership forms are available on the website.