

SOUTHWEST UTAH BRANCH OF WEAVERS

MARCH 2025

Notes from the February Meeting: We started the meeting weaving on our looms and helping the new weavers with their questions. Lorri asked how members protect their wool & alpaca fiber from clothes moths. Gail said she always puts new yarn in her deep freezer for a few weeks to kill off anything. Ivy said she uses clothing moth traps with pheromone attractant to get rid of moths or protect items.

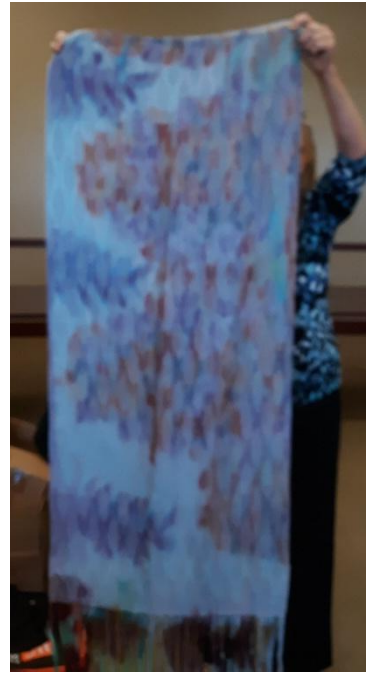
Show & Tell: Isabel's needle felted gnome & painted warp scarf using Ivy's Modular Warping Board to hold the warp while painting.



Gail created dolls from her woven piece by adding needle felted heads complete with earrings.



Ivy showed two complex weave projects with the painted warp using her tool to hold the warp and make it easy to put the warp on the loom after dyeing. (Check out Ivy's Weaving Tools on Etsy)



Diane showed her first pieces on her tapestry loom. She is experimenting with different yarns.

Sally showed a Navajo piece she completed in a class on her tapestry loom.



Dona completed a scarf using mixed weight yarns in warp and weft (distributed weave).



Isabel's projects from last month were done from the Color-and-Weave patterns in "The Weaver's Idea Book" page 25.

March Meeting: Our guild meeting is Saturday, March 8th at 10 am at the Washington City Library.
2 D Needle Felting Exploration: for the first 45 minutes we will have needles, roving, fabric, and some felting mats to try embellishing fabric with needle felting. (If you have a needle felting mat please bring it and your handwoven piece to embellish). Also feel free to bring your looms to work on.

Around 11 am we will have Show & Tell so bring your projects to share.

Mark your calendars for Guild meetings in 2025: 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: March 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 March 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm at Washington City Library, Community Room. Contact donipack@gmail.com

Kayenta Art Show: Eye Candy: 2D & 3D Art. Desert Spirit Art Committee Group Exhibition March 20 – April 30, 2025.

Outreach Update: A group of 18th century reenactors will be attending the Washington County Fair this April 14th-19th. It's part of the Liberty Village under United We Pledge. Nickie Allen is in charge of the fiber arts tent. She is looking for a few demonstrators for Monday-Wednesday to demo for fourth grade students coming through between 10 am and noon. The demonstrations will include washing fiber, carding, spinning, plying, and weaving. She would prefer volunteers in period dress and has some clothing available. They have carding tools, drop spindles, and a floor loom coming on Tuesday. Dona will bring our guild table loom on Monday and volunteer Monday & Tuesday. Nickie would love to have a spinner with a spinning wheel also.

For Thursday – Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm, they will be hosting demos at the fairgrounds. If any members are interested in dressing up 18th century and showing off their skills, Nickie would love to talk with them. Email Nickie Allen for more information: veronicaallen@gmail.com Or register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPv4gFm4x9MpK1Q-w03_sPVhcvrzU0d2c-AWn2y-JqXARSdg/viewform

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, eduj321@gmail.com.

SW Utah Branch of Weavers: Our monthly meeting day is the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm at 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.