

# Reed and Weave

Inland Empire Handweaver's Guild

April 1, 2010

## IEHG CALENDAR

**Saturday, Apr. 3, 1pm-4pm.**  
**IEHG- West** will meet at the home of Gail Marlow-Dickey. See information box below.

**Thursday, Apr 15, 9:30 am.**  
**Lace study group** at home of Suzanne Chappell. See Page 2.

**May 8.** Election of Officers. Program. Retreat news and Bring a project to work on.

**June 14.** Members Boutique (See details on next page), & Potluck, Installation of Officers, and activity *Crocheteo edges for handwovens*. Please invite guests to this event.

**IEHG-West** will meet in Rancho Cucamonga at the home of Gail Marlow-Dickey. She just purchased the new spinning video by Judith MacKenzie McCuin. She has not viewed it yet, but if there is interest, she will play it, and spinners can follow along, stopping and starting it as necessary. So bring your spinning wheel to practice her techniques.

Don't worry if you are not interested in spinning, there is always weaving, knitting, crochet or something cool going on.

Bring a food item to share, a project that is complete or in progress, and **come join in the fun.**

Address:  
8287 Calle del Prado  
Rancho Cucamonga  
909-985-8916

## Weavers Barn at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista

**Date:** THURSDAY April 8 **DIFFERENT MEETING DAY**

**Where:** Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.  
Vista, CA 92083-1534

**When:** Plan to arrive at 10:30 a.m.

**Bring:** A Sack Lunch

The **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum**, a nonprofit corporation, collects, preserves and displays examples of mechanical ingenuity and crafts associated with the early days of the American farm and rural community. The Museum Weavers are dedicated individuals who meet **Thursdays** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to weave on more than 50 antique looms housed in a 4,000 square foot barn. Experienced weavers teach those new to the craft to weave rag rugs that sell in the museum gift shop. The group was able to raise half the money to build the barn from the sale of the rag rugs, individual donations, in addition to a grant from San Diego County.



We will be visiting these *weavers in motion*, in the process of making rag rugs. They have invited us to join them for lunch at noon. Bring a sack lunch or a snack and get acquainted with fellow weavers.

**Directions:** From I-15 exit Gopher Canyon Rd - 4.6 miles. Turn Right at E Vista Way-1.6 miles. Turn Right on Osborne St -1.5 miles. Take a Left at Santa Fe Ave, then right at the light on Museum Way. Turn right at the windmill, turn left immediately after the second metal building and continue past the Weavers Barn. Parking is behind the building. It is 73 miles from the SBCO museum about 80 minutes.

**Gift shop hours: 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm**

**Fun and Informative** Tune in to the internet-based WeaveCast Audio with Syne Mitchell. In each episode there are interviews with weavers about their craft, the latest news from the weaving world, and tell tales from the weaving life. You can stream directly from the site, download MP3s to your computer, or get them on iTunes. The music is even very nice. <http://www.weavezine.com/audio>.

# President's News

## What Kind of Member?

Last month I published a poem in this section of the newsletter asking YOU what kind of member you ARE.

In summary, it asked:

- 1) if you are an active member who either holds a position in the guild or actively volunteers in some capacity;
- 2) do you attend the meetings and actively seek to meet your fellow guild members;
- 3) or are you satisfied to just belong and leave the work to others.

I am resigning from the Presidency after three years and we need someone to step up to the plate and be our next president.

If you want to be active to a lesser extent, there are vacancies for Librarian, newsletter editor, and Membership chair. Please contact either:

Suzanne Chappell  
Maggie Aguirre, or  
Jean Long if you wish to be a **proud** member of IEHG. Our guild is only as good as our members make it. **Thanks.**

**Suzanne**

## Of Interest

**May 7-9. Studio 66 Weaving and Spinning Retreat** in Forest Falls. Registration forms at [www.IEHG.org](http://www.IEHG.org).

**Through May 30, 2010. The Art of Native American Basketry: A Living Tradition, at the Autry National Center of the American West.**

A comprehensive exhibit of more than 250 Native American baskets from more than 100 cultures, arranged in eleven geographic regions. <http://theautry.org/>

**July 18-25. Convergence 2010, New Vision: Ancient Paths,** Albuquerque, NM. <http://www.weavespindy.org/>

## Challenges

On a recent visit with family members spending a month in Scottsdale, Arizona to get away from the cold Wisconsin winter, I was challenged to walk up Squaw Peak in the Phoenix Mountains Park and Recreation Area. This peak has recently been renamed to Piestewa Peak in order to be more politically correct, but the trail is still off of Squaw Peak Drive. The elevation of Piestewa Peak is 2,608 feet with an elevation change of 1,208 feet in 1.2 miles. That equates to a 100 foot elevation gain every one tenth of a mile.

Of course when we planned our trip to Scottsdale, I did not know of my brother-in-law's desire to hike this peak, so I did not have my walking stick or walking shoes. I was not familiar with the trail, and I let him talk me out of taking water along. Long story short; I hiked approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up, decided I could not make it all the way without water and still have legs that weren't like rubber on the return trip. Decision made, I went a short ways down the trail and waited in the shade of a rock outcrop until I could see Dave in his descent. Do you believe he was semi-jogging down! I started down, he passed me a short time later and the remainder of the trek was, as they say, *"downhill from there."*

Next year I know what to expect on the Summit Trail up to Piestewa Peak, and am sure I can go the distance. I will take two bottles of water, a snack, and a walking stick. We will also start around 7:00 am when the temperatures are lower, and there is still some shade. There is no substitute to being prepared.

There is nothing like a challenge to make us grow in knowledge and achieve new goals. Weavers can extend their breadth of knowledge and skill by joining study groups. **I challenge YOU to join my lace weaves study group.** Maggie Aguirre has kindled a spark in me to learn the doup leno lace weave, and we are jazzed to get going on it. There are many different types of lace, Bronson, Huck, Swedish, Leno, and Barleycorn to name a few.

The meeting times are the second Thursday of the month at 9:30am, at my house in Redlands. If you are interested in joining us and have a conflict with that day and time, let me know and we can have two meetings a month. We faltered a bit at the start, but I don't want to wait until September to start meeting again. **The next meeting is April 15.**

If I've piqued your interest, peruse some weaving books or *Handwoven* magazines for some lace weaves. You can call me, 909-794-3470, or drop me an email ([suz.weave@verizon.net](mailto:suz.weave@verizon.net)).

Remember, that's 9:30 am on Thursday April 15. You may want to bring a snack, and I will provide coffee, tea, or water. **Hope you can make it.**

*Suzanne*

## June Meeting - Member's Boutique

At the annual potluck and luncheon, we will host a Members' Boutique. Tables will be set up for handwoven, handmade and handspun items. Anything falling into the handmade category is allowable. This would include jewelry, handspun yarn, hand dyed yarn, knitted or crocheted items, stained glass, handmade paper or any other arts or crafts. All monies from sales will go to the member!

**Members may bring guests** to shop and eat with us.

Please contact me if you would like to have a table.

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**"The Weaver's Life"**

**My Mentors**

In my nearly three years of weaving, I've been extremely blessed with weaving friends who took me under their wings, and lead me into the weaving experience. I have Sallie to thank for my "initiation" in August of 2007. She invited me to a "day of dying" that led to her incredible notebook of 100s of color swatches. I stirred dye pots for hours as Pamela instructed and explained the process. In October of that year, Sallie and Kerry took me to my first IEHG meeting, where I met many guild members, including guild president, Suzanne. I even signed on to be the IEHG Newsletter Editor at that meeting!! I was hooked... or should I say "warped"?

"Suze" and I became fast friends. She often visited me in the mountains and we talked weaving for hours.... She found me my first loom, a little LeClerc, on which I have produced scarves, mug rugs, and samples. And, Suze went with me to buy my second loom: a big, old Binder rug loom. After much cleaning, adjusting, fiddling (and cursing) the Binder and I are now great friends. When I made my move to Baja last October, both looms made the trip with me. I now weave with a view of the Sea of Cortez.

Rugs, especially wool rugs, quickly captured my imagination. **The colors!! The textures!!** I bought copious amounts of New Zealand rug yarn from Mr. Bill, and took off weaving. Rag rugs, too, came off the Binder. The ones I didn't sell or trade, are being used in my Mexico home.

I suppose my three greatest weaving moments have been when Sallie and I pulled my first set of mug rugs off her table loom; when Suze bought one of my wool rugs and entered it in the Riverside County Fair.... and, when it won a **first place ribbon** in the rug category, and **Best of Division** for weaving. My mouth is still agape. And, I have my two special mentors to thank for getting and keeping me going. **Keep weaving!!**

*Nancy Hinsey*

**Please add these New Members to your IEHG Directory**

Cowin, Betty	866 W. Fourth St, Ontario, CA 91762	909-633-9248	<a href="mailto:bcowin@earthlink.net">bcowin@earthlink.net</a>
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**COLORS 91711**

<http://www.colors91711.com/photos.html>

A new yarn shop in Claremont is offering spinning classes, both on a wheel and using a drop spindle. Kathleen Waln is the spindle spinning instructor for both cotton and wool. View all their classes on their link.

**FOR MORE INFO:**

Contact IEHG President  
*Suzanne Chappell*  
  
909-794-3470

*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

<http://www.iehg.org>

## *Inland Empire Handweavers Guild Information*

- ✓ **Date:** The 2nd Monday of each month
- ✓ **When:** September thru June at 9 a.m.
- ✓ **Place:** The San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA  
(California St. Exit off the I-10).
- ✓ **Dues:** \$20 per year  
Come to a meeting as our **guest**, we welcome you.

**\*\*\* WEAVING & SPINNING CLASSES \*\*\***

**Classes:** Mon & Tues 9am-3: 30pm, Wed. 7-10pm. \$35 for 12 Weeks of individual instruction—all equipment supplied--first project free yarn!  
626-331-0682 Tri-Community Adult Ed. 20350 E. Cienega Ave Covina CA

### Riverside Spinners

**Meetings:** Tuesday mornings from 10 AM to Noon  
**Where:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church in the Fellowship Hall, 4070 Jackson Street, Riverside.  
**Contact:** Lynda Yoho 951-351-4542 for more information.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Spinners, Weavers...Whatever!

**Meetings:** Third Sunday of the Month - 11am- 2pm at Massage Rx in Rancho Mirage  
**Contact:** Mariellen Boss for information and location. 760-328-2790 or email: [tactilespirit@dc.rr.com](mailto:tactilespirit@dc.rr.com)  
Spinners et al...bring **WHATEVER** you want to work on: spinning, knitting, weaving, or any other fiber arts.

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