

Bobbinwindings

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Meeting:
Friday, October 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. Coffee/
Socialize
9:30 a.m. Meeting begins

Meeting Place:
Sanctuary for
Spiritual Living
5446 Citrus Ave.,
Covina, CA
(between Arrow Hwy. &
Gladstone)

Please Bring:
Your own mug
Show & Share items
Items to Sell for Guild
Cardboard, Frame Loom
or Table Loom

Hostesses:
Fran Brunsell
Laura Miles
Margo Ricard
Loreen Wietersen

PROGRAMS:

November 2012
*Photographing Your
Handwoven Fabric*
NikKay Romero
(Field Trip)

December 2012
Holiday Potluck

January 2013
Encoded Textiles
Guillermo Bert

February 2013
*Sewing Handwovens
Round Robin*

Bobbinwinders, P.O. Box 125, Covina, CA 91723

The Art of Zapotec Weaving & Natural Dyes **Antonio Mendoza**

Antonio Mendoza will not only showcase his beautiful Zapotec weaving and natural dye techniques, but also will give us a chance to try out some techniques at our meeting. Bring a cardboard loom or a small table loom, with a little warp and some colorful weft yarns. He gave no special instruction about warping, so a basic warp set up will be fine. Be prepared to be surprised by his latest pieces, which harken back to an ancient, highly unusual source of fiber. He is also bringing a special loom.

Born in Teotitlan del Valle, Oaxaca, in 1973, Antonio began weaving under his father's tutelage at age 7. He studied Zapotec culture and vegetable dyes in Oaxaca. "Antonio Mendoza has redefined the boundaries of contemporary Zapotec pedal loom weaving, combining vibrant hand-dyeing wool, with dazzling designs of astounding complexity. His present work reflects over a decade of design development inspired by the classic 19th century southern Mexican sarape." His ongoing series of rug designs gives Mendoza a basis in which to explore his own creativity. His work has influenced many Teotitlan weavers. One of his latest works is now part of a major art collection at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles.

~He will bring his woven items for sale! So bring your checkbooks.~

"Dear Janice . . ." A Weaver's Advice Column

Starting this month we have a new column! "Dear Janice" is a column where weavers can ask Tri-Community weaving teacher Janice Martens any question about weaving that they wish. Janice has a wealth of information about weaving, and I am sure weavers of all levels can rely on her expertise. If you have a question you want answered, please send Eva Valentijn your question at evalentijn@yahoo.com She will see that Janice gets your question to answer.

DEAR JANICE . . .

How can I minimize draw-in and keep my selvages consistent? When I was weaving a scarf using 20/2 pearl cotton weft, I found myself having to pull the weft tight. I learned that if I didn't pull the weft tight, the threads on the selvages were either loose or I would have a bubble on the side. The other project was a double weave blanket where I used soft wool yarns that stretch. No matter how much weft I would leave in the shed, I seemed to experience great draw-in. How can I properly adjust for draw-in?
Sincerely, "Troubled Selvages"

Dear Troubled Selvages,
Selvages are a problem for all weavers. I usually allow one dent pull in and that is all. Never pull your weft tight and if you need to, hold the weft/selvage on the entrée side. You can put in a floating selvage to hold the weft out on the sides. You are right to have loose weft across the web so it can "take-up" all the way across; however, you do not want bubbles. Beat it slowly and watch the "take-up" across your weaving and you can see what I mean.

Janice



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~ Membership Dues ~

Please remember to pay your yearly membership dues. Your \$5.00 contribution at our meeting is used to help pay for use of the church facility. Our Bobbinwinders Guild pays for the program. Lunch is kindly donated by the hostesses of the month.

Bobbinwindings Choice: A Virtual or Hard Copy Newsletter

We are asking members whether they would prefer their Bobbinwindings delivered via email or offered at Tri-Community weaving class as usual as a hard copy.

We would prefer you select the email version of our newsletter. Why? It is paperless for one, which means we do not have to pay for paper, printing, and the stamps we sometimes use to mail the newsletters to those members who do not pick up their newsletter. In other words, emailing your newsletter is cost efficient.

We know that some of you do not have email and would not receive the news if there were not a paper copy of Bobbinwindings. You will continue to receive your hard copy. We do not want to keep anyone from having the latest news.

We are asking you to inform **Kathleen Waln** if you **want a hard copy** of Bobbinwindings. Contact Kathleen before November 1st: 626-963-7192, khwaln@me.com or 211 E. Virginia Ave. Glendora, CA 91741. If you are satisfied with our sending you your Bobbinwindings via email, you do not need to do a thing. The newsletter will continue to come to you!

Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta <http://vistafiberartsfiesta.com>

October 13-14, 2012 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Vendors & Demonstrations
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Vista, CA 92083

WeFF www.schg.org/festival/index/

SCHG Weaving and Fiber Festival Annual Autumn Show and Sale.
November 4, 2012. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Torrance Cultural Arts Center.
Admission \$7.00. Parking Free.

Bobbinwinders - Celebrating Weaving Excellence for 57 Years

Our Purpose: To bring together those interested in handweaving throughout the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys for the purpose of exchanging ideas and developing a finer understanding and appreciation of the techniques and beauty of handweaving.

Officers: President, Eva Valentijn; Vice President, JoAnn Kilkeary; Treasurer, Fran Brunsell; Recording Secretary, Lynn Nicholson; and Correspondence Secretary, Suzanne Schmutzler.

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