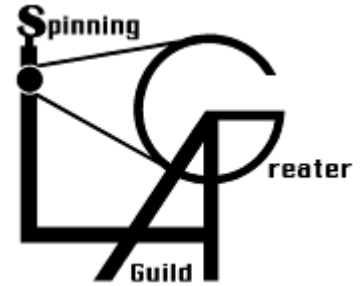


Website: [www.glasg.org](http://www.glasg.org)  
RAVELRY Group: [www.ravelry.com/groups/glasg](http://www.ravelry.com/groups/glasg)  
Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GLASG>



### **2017 MEETINGS**

January 28	<b>February 25</b>	March 25
April 22	May 27	June 24
July 22	August 26	September 22
October 28	November 25	December 22, Potluck holiday party

Guild President: Stephanie D.  
Vice President: Nan O.  
Treasurer: Virgedean

Secretary: Gretchen H.  
Programs: Rotating Members  
Workshops: Jesse?

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#### **February: Add Ravelry to your Spinning Toolbox, Stephanie De La Torre**

Find out how you can use the Ravelry to manage your spinning fiber stash and spinning projects through yarn stash and beyond. Keep a virtual spinning notebook of your progress.

#### **March: Spin Your Own Warp with Jan Larson**

Don't think your handspun can stand up to warping? Learn how to spin your own warp yarn.

#### **May Workshop: Preparing Fiber for Noro Style Yarns**

Noro yarns are more popular than ever. If you are not familiar with them, they are specialty yarns that have interesting colorways that have extremely long repeats. Noro yarns come in many fibers and colorways but the colors and styles you want might not be available and they are very expensive. In this workshop, you will learn to design and prepare fiber into a roving that is ready to spin to create a Noro style yarn of your own.

Friday: Preparing on the Blending Board (Rolags)

Sunday: Preparing on the Drum Carder (Roving)

\$90-includes class, material fees and parking

#### **GLASG Spin-Along**

GLASG is doing a SAL in 2017. The idea was hatched during our Jillian Moreno workshops. There are so many different ways to spin fiber that even those of us that were spinning the same thing were coming up with different results -- all gorgeous. We thought it would be fun to have a guild SAL where we all start with the same thing and then share our results. The finish products will be shared during a guild meeting so we can all oogle the finish yarns and talk about how we got them.

We are going to have custom dyed fiber for the SAL. I thought it would be fun to have 3 different colorways available in a couple different bases in 2oz put ups to enable combo spins and increase the possibilities.

I will create a "SAL 2017 Inspiration" photo album in the group. Add pictures that you'd like the colorways based on. We will all vote and the top 3 will become our SAL colorways. Everyone can vote by clicking "like" on the pictures they'd like to spin. Vote as many times as you'd like. I will also be posting on the Ravelry group.

Initial voting will be open through the end of January. On Feb 1st I will post the top picks from FB and Rav in both places and we'll have a week of voting to pick the winners from among them. It's the fairest thing I could think of

since not everyone is on FB. The members that post the winning pictures will each get 2oz of their colorway as a prize.

Once we have the colorways picked out I'll post ordering information.

**Reminder: Dues for the 2017 year are now due. Be sure to pay at the next meeting or via PayPal. Application is on the last page of this Newsletter.**

## **EVENTS & OUTREACH**

### **SPINNING EVENTS 2017:**

#### **MARCH 2017**

#### **APRIL 2017**

- [PLY Away](#) April 25–29, 2017, Kansas City, MO, USA at the Westin at Crown Center

#### **MAY 2017**

- CNCH (see above) May 4-7, Asilomar, CA

#### **JUNE 2017**

- Estes Park Wool Festival, Estes Park, CO, June 8-11.
- Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene OR

#### **JULY 2017**

- The MidAtlantic Fiber Association (MAFA) Conference of 2017 - "A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities" will be held at Millersville University, Millersville, PA during July 20 – 23, 2017.

#### **OCTOBER 2017**

- Vermont Fall Knitting Retreat At Trapp Family Lodge, October 27-30, [website](#)

## **Announcements**

**July 6-12, 2018**



### **Save the Date!**

[The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.](#) will present Convergence®, our international fiber arts conference, in [Reno, Nevada](#) July 6-12, 2018 at the [Peppermill Resort](#). With more than 1,500 participants, HGA's biennial Convergence® Conference is a multi-faceted experience with exhibitions, shopping, fashion show, tours, workshops, seminars, lectures, and more. We are excited to share with our members and fellow fiber enthusiasts all that Reno and Northern Nevada has to offer.

Nestled at the base of the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Reno's dry, mild climate with more than 250 days of sunshine makes it attractive to visitors year round. The city is accessible by car, train, or the newly renovated airport - just an 8-minute drive with complimentary shuttle provided by the Peppermill Resort. At the Peppermill Resort we will be able to house our entire Convergence® conference in one space. The Peppermill offers guests 12 dining options from authentic Chinese and Italian to seafood, steaks, sushi and the convenience of 24-hour room service; free parking; and their rooms have been selected as the "Best Reno Hotel Rooms" year after year.

We hope you will make plans to join us in Reno for Convergence® 2018. Stay connected for more updates as they become available by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

For more information about Convergence® and the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc., please visit our [website](#), [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org).

## The Conference of Northern California Handweavers 2017

CNCH will be hosting two fabulous basketry instructors. The conference will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California May 4 – 7, 2017. This is a workshop format conference – 2 ½ days with one instructor – plus fun evening events. Online registration opens Nov 12 at 9 am. A downloadable registration booklet and other information is at [www.cnch.org](http://www.cnch.org). Additional info is posted on the CNCH 2017 Facebook page. This will be a popular conference - you will want to register early!

Check the registration booklet for instructors in spinning, weaving, dyeing and creativity.

Spinning workshops will be led by Kate Larson and Beth Smith: **THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS!**

--Learn to hand spin Spectacular Knitting Yarns with Kate Larson

--Beth Smith will teach the ins and outs of 15 sheep breeds and how best to spin fabulous yarn from each of them in Princess Breeds – Turbo Charged.

Deborah Valoma will be the keynote speaker one evening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions:

Donna LaVallee

CNCH 2017 Program Committee

[Donna.lavallee@gmail.com](mailto:Donna.lavallee@gmail.com)

**The CNCH newsletter has been published on line. Great read! <http://www.cnch.org/cnchnet/fall-2016/>**

## Indiegogo Campaign for a Spinners Cottage - Palomar Handweavers Guild at AGSEM

As representatives of the Palomar Handweavers Guild at AGSEM, we invite you to visit our Indiegogo/Generosity.com campaign at <https://igg.me/at/TLsOXsNG2Sg>.

We are raising funds to complete the interior, educational elements in our new Spinners Cottage, currently under construction at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (AGSEM) – a California non profit organization. When completed, our new building will house an incredible collection of weaving and spinning equipment and fiber-related artifacts, gathered worldwide by Susie Henzie, a world-renowned fiber artist. You can learn more about Susie and her amazing 50-year quest in the video posted on the campaign site

We ask you, our fellow fiber artists and crafters, to consider making a contribution of any amount that you can. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Also, we ask that you share our campaign with friends. Posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media posts would be very much appreciated, as well as email messages to your Guild members, as appropriate.

We'll be back in touch soon with campaign updates. We hope you'll come visit when our building is finished and enjoy the collection.

Thanks so much for your help in spreading the word!!

Marty Foltyn & Tyler Orion  
Campaign Hosts

## GLASG.ORG

We now have a section on the website for members' spinning stories. If you would like to post your experiences with spinning, send pictures and your story to [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org).

The GLASG website is updated at least every month. We would like to have more input into the website. Please send [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org) pictures and articles that are labeled. If the pictures have people, please send a note that the people in the picture agree to have their picture put on the internet. We will take your word on this. Please include either a caption to go along with any pictures.

**If you have uploaded any spinning related videos to YouTube, please forward the information to [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org). We will list the videos under resources. Thank you.**

**Guild members** may place a fiber related "for sale" advertisement in the newsletter. Email [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org) your information for the ad. These ads are not for commercial ventures.

PLEASE add [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org) and [GwenPowellSpinner@outlook.com](mailto:GwenPowellSpinner@outlook.com) to "safe senders" setting in your email. I get bounced emails because I am not on your list and do not have time to contact you individually. Thank you

**Thursday Night Fiber study in Torrance—Spinning, Fiber Preparation, Band Weaving, Crochet, Beginning Knitting, Needle Felting—Openings are again available, no charge 5-8 p.m. [GwenPowellSpinner@gmail.com](mailto:GwenPowellSpinner@gmail.com) .**

**Ongoing:** The Orange County Spinning Guild is an informal group. Margaret Trousdale ([sciencatcher@gmail.com](mailto:sciencatcher@gmail.com)) is now arranging meetings and can provide information on their locations.

**More events can be found on our [Ravelry Group](#)**

**If you have anything to be added to the newsletter, please send it to [editor@glasg.org](mailto:editor@glasg.org) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you.**

**Equipment for sale. Contact Nona @ [805.587.9635](tel:805.587.9635)  
Babe Production spinning wheel, \$175. Barely used.  
Recently upgraded treadle.**

## Web Links

This month's weblinks from Edith:

[Indigo in your Garden and your Dye-pot](#)

<http://www.cnch.org/cnchnet/spring2017/indigo-garden-dye-pot/>

Blue dyes were rare in the millennia before chemical dyes were invented. Northern European dyers used woad (*isatis tinctoria*), a member of the cabbage family, and in tropical climates there are several species of indigo. *Indigofera tinctoria* is from India, *Lonchocarpus cyanens* lives in Africa, and there are two or three others from the New ...Read more online...



### **Heart & Hand: Spinning Wheel Restoration with Reed Needles**

<http://heartandhandfestival.blogspot.com/2014/09/heart-hand-antique-spinning-wheel.html>

Spinning wheel restorer Reed Needles answers a few questions about his craft and gives us some tips on what to do with that antique spinning wheel you find ...

## GLASG Meeting Minutes:

Date: January 28, 2017

Welcome to your guild!

President - Stephanie  
Vice President - Nan  
Secretary - Gretchen  
Treasurer - Virgadean

Members at Large:

Jan Larson  
Andy Mordoh  
Sonya

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Introductions and welcome to 2017!  
Welcome to the new and returning visitors.

3. Minutes

Everyone should have received the minutes and newsletter from December. They were approved with no changes.

4. Treasurer's Report (Virgadean)-

checking: \$3927.90  
saving: \$1624.51  
Paypal: \$475.35

5. Committee Reports

New committee people. The Board Members are serving for one more year. During the program everyone will talk about their committees.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

Eileen- Should we have real name tags? We could have official ones (not stickers) and store them here. She does them for the Knitting Guild. She could make them for everyone, printed with large lettering in plastic with a lanyard. People can bring in extra lanyards they may have at home. Suggestion to add the ravelry name and location in smaller lettering.

Molly- Would rather hear about what people are spinning at the moment than how long they have been spinning during introductions. Stephanie- Likes to hear about a different aspect each month, ex- how long spinning one month, spinning goals the next month, etc. We will switch it up at the different meetings.

8. Announcements

- Karen- new yarn store in Burbank, SoCal Knits. She will be teaching spinning there. It is on 615 S. Victory. Wednesday evenings for the spinning classes.
- Anna- teaching a felting class- felted bowls is the project, at the Knitting Tree. March 11, from 9-12.
- Edith- Solvang Village Spinning and Weaving- the brick and mortar shop is closed, but still selling online
- Jan- makes project bags. She brought some for sale. \$10-\$20, new fabrics, some with pockets. She is also selling some wheels, including a historic one for \$150.- Sold to Judy in less than a minute!
- Stephanie- Great raffle stuff, including our special raffle today.
- Andy- She will photograph some wheels people brought to use on social media.

- Jessie- workshop choice for August. Amy King or Amelia Garripoli.
- Information is printed out on each, please read it so we can vote on it.
- Jen- Our spin a long was inspired by the workshop with Jillian Moreno. We are going to have a colorway for the guild for people who want to participate. It will be on different put-ups and in different fiber bases. It will be available at the meeting. You can order from Jen at the meeting or by emailing her. It will be interesting to see how everyone's yarn comes out when starting with the same colorway. Voting for the spin a long colorway is closing soon. Look on facebook and ravelry to vote. If you don't do social media, you can email Jen to vote.

#### 9. Show & Tell

- Beverly- awesome weaving - Blue, corriedale, indigo dyed, singles then woven. Also a woven wrap in natural alpaca. Gorgeous!
- Kathy- a great wheel fixed by Ray and a thoughtful green, handspun, cormo shawl made for a friend with little pockets to hold stones and crystals.
- Jan- Got a new minispinner and has been very productive with it. It is easier to transport. She is getting familiar with the new spinner and spun some pygora-merino, cashmere blend, and other wool. Additionally she brought a hat spun from crazy batts. She also spun the brown yak-merino fiber that she got at the holiday party gift exchange.
- Anna- Wore a lovely purple sweater made from bits and pieces that she dyed, spun and knit.
- Ray- a new swift with clever markings for calculating the yardage. It breaks down for easy storage and transport.
- Katie- Just started weaving. She brought some silk singles woven on a rigid heddle loom with a cotton warp. She spun the yarn for it on a spindle. Also her daughter, Alex, helped her dye some fiber. Great colors, Alex! Some of it she spun and wove into a cowl.
- Margaret- natural dyed yarns- marigold blossoms mordanted with alum, some post mordanted with tin and some post mordanted with iron. She brought all three and it was interesting to compare the differences. She also brought yarn dyed with cochineal. Some continuous strand weaving samples that she made were included in a book on the topic. She brought a herringbone project she is working on and an amazing woven cardigan made from natural dyed yarns. Also a shrug in a plaid pattern. She modeled a vest made from natural dyed and undyed multicolored cotton. It was from stash yarn in greens, browns, and yellow-oranges and knit on size zero needles.
- Edith- Spoke about a book, Shetland Oo. Kate Davies website has it for sale. It features photos and stories of Shetland, the local wool industry, the sweaters, the people who designed them.
- Sally- Brought some big rug yarn made from Winston's (pygora) fiber. Some of us got to meet Winston on our field trip to her farm.
- Jen- a cool handspun and knit hat that she finished in two weeks. Also, she brought a sample of fun, encased yarn. Polwarth with firestar and black silk.
- Stephanie- has a neat, new charka that sits on your lap. It has a piece of wood that fits between your legs to hold it in place. It is from fiberforest (on Ravelry). It can also be clamped to a table. You can adjust the angle of it. It is very comfortable to use. Fiberforest also sells extra spindles and little lazy kates made for it.

#### 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

#### **January- board meeting:**

Gwen will do the workshop in May.

Westside pavillion available in May- Jessie spoke to them and got prices- around \$82 for workshop. Gwen isn't charging a teaching fee, just enough to cover materials. So, probably rounding to \$85 per person for the fee plus materials. Will check with Gwen about the materials for the shorter Saturday workshop to work out the price.

Topics: using blending board, drum carder, fiber prep. Need clarification on what the Saturday class will be. - Guild weekend.

August- Amy King or Amelia Garripoli? Both came highly recommended from several members. Looking into possible locations for that weekend. Perhaps the Knitting Tree? The Camera Obscura?

CPW wheel for raffle: How much for tickets? We need to market the raffle- ravelry, local spots, etc. The raffle will be at our open house. Potential to increase membership. - perhaps give a half hour or so of instruction/ mentoring session if a new spinner wins it as part of the win.

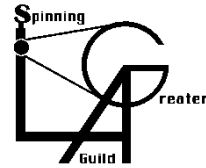
Andy- Facebook- We could do promotions on Facebook for a low cost if we wanted to. Do the metrics show the locations of people clicking? We would want to target local people.

Stephanie- On our website, does anyone have issues with having their last name on the website? Maybe we should use full names- It would be more professional looking, more official. We also need to give Gwen content for the website. Jen- working on getting the roster automated and updated.

Date of dues? In the bylaws it is in November so people will be paid up by Jan 1st, for the start of our fiscal year. We need 64 paid members to cover the rent of the church for our meetings. Maybe we should not offer a discount for people who join the guild later in the year. Maybe we need a small increase in the membership dues.

Update to bylaws? The last time they were updated was in 2011. We should have input from regular members, not just the board on any updates. Also, it would be good for members to be familiar with the bylaws.

Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild  
2017  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL



**\$30** for one year \$15 after July 13, 2017

Please complete the form below and submit with your check payable to **GLASG** by hand to any GLASG board member, or send to:

**GLASG Membership Committee**  
**P.O. Box 64454**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90064**

You may also make dues payment by PayPal by following these steps:

- Log on to your own PayPal account
- Click on "send money"
- Enter "membership@glasg.org" as recipient and "Service" from the "Payment" tab as the transaction type. Do not check "personal transfer" or anything from that tab.
- Enter \$30.00 as the amount, and enter your name in the "Comments" section so we know without a doubt who is renewing their membership. Be sure to enter all contact information and your email so that we can get the Newsletter list updated.

Mail in or hand in a completed copy of this form. *The information below will be made available to members in our Member Roster, published in a secure area of our website. If you wish any item to be omitted from the published Member Roster, please check the box at the left of the item.*

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*Renewal:*  Please correct the Roster as shown above.

*Roster Correction Only:* My dues are paid through 2017, just correct the Roster as shown above.

**Membership Committee use only:**

Date dues given

Date Received: to Treasurer:

Check No.: Check Amount:

This membership term begins (date):

Ends: 12/31/2017