# Glenna Harris

**WEAVERS GUILD** 



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#### **OUR PURPOSE:**

The Glenna Harris Weavers Guild strives to encourage its members to explore all aspects of weaving and spinning and to pass on the love of our craft with public demonstrations and classes.

## WHO AND WHERE WE ARE:

The Glenna Harris Weavers Guild was formed just over 50 years ago by the students of San Jose-area weaving teacher Glenna Harris. At present, it has 25-30 members and is centered in the Santa Clara County area.

Our meetings are usually held on the second Monday each month at the Sobrate Community Conference Center, 1400 Parkmoor Avenue, San Jose, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome!

If you'd like to visit us for any of these meetings or want more information about the guild, please go to our web site www.glenna-harris.org or e-mail info@glennaharris.org. We'd be happy to see your face at any of our activities.

## **MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

Every meeting includes show-and-tell to see what our various members are working on or have recently completed — and the projects often take unexpected turns since many of our members spin, knit, sew, quilt, embroider, etc., in adition to weaving. Thus, we are constantly reminded of all the different fiber arts.

Our monthly programs may feature a member of the guild or a guest presenter. It may be a program on making tassels, card weaving, a talk about a particular weave structure, or perhaps a hands-on warp painting experience.

Last year, an on-going program centered on twill weaves. Six table looms were warped with different twill patterns — ranging from a 4-harness dornick twill through a 7-harness corkscrew twill to an 8-harness plaited/ braided twill — and made the rounds of our membership. Each participant wove an approximately 10"x10" sample; when the process was complete, the samples were sewn, cut apart, and returned to the weavers who wove them.

A couple of years prior, we did essentially the same thing with woven shibori patterns. Seven table looms were involved, along with more than 20 participants.

These are just a few of the ways we try to keep our members involved and working in the craft. We believe not only in the education of our members but also in the education of the public at large about working with fiber, spinning and weaving — and the real spirit of the guild comes from these activities.

## **OUTREACH:**

To inspire future weavers, we have several no- or low-cost hands-on weaving, spinning and history programs designed especially for public and private school classrooms and other youth groups. Teachers and sponsors should contact us for specific details.

We also demonstrate at Guadalupe Gardens, Youth Science Institute Wildlife Day in Alum Rock Park, and other special events in the valley. See the calendar listing at right for events where you'll find us. At all of these events, there will be opportunities for children to try their hands at carding, spinning and weaving.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:

Note: Many event planners have not supplied us with specific dates. Please see our web site for information as the event date comes closer.

- February or March Resource Area for Teachers, San Jose. Demonstration of different weaving activities for teacher use in classrooms.
- April Spring in Guadalupe Gardens, San Jose. Demonstrations of carding, spinning, weaving and tie-dyeing with a natural dye pot.
- May Youth Science Institute Sanborn Insect Fair, Sanborn Park, Saratoga. Spinning silk demonstrations.
- May 31-June 2 CNCH Alternate Year Conference, (Workshops), Squaw Valley.
- August Expo Hall, Santa Clara Youth Fair. Youth weaving activities all days. Last Saturday, sheep-to-scarf demonstration.
- October Prusch Farm Harvest Fair and Exposition, San Jose. Carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations.
- October Youth Science Institute Wildlife Festival, Alum Rock Park, San Jose. Carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations.
- October Pumpkins in the Park, Children's Discovery Museum, San Jose. Carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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