

THE UMBRELLA

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Welcome to the Umbrella Launch!

Here's a peek inside recent newsletters from around the world of CNCH!

As your editor, I still don't know what I'm doing, haha. Having a little trouble getting the photos to come on board.

I've only received these few newsletters -- I hope you'll send yours!!

--Joan N.

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Adorbs!

At CNCH 2025 there was a freebie giveaway of 10/2 cotton yarn. Look what Donna from Loom & Shuttle made from it! Just one of many great projects they created with the yarn Nancy snagged for us. We'll share more in future Umbrellas!



Here's Julie
 from
 Tamalpais
 Textile Arts
 Guild with
 rugs she
 made on a
 Navajo loom
 using blue
 jean strips,
 etc.
 Gorgeous!



Did you know that it's possible to create a questionnaire that you can email to new members to fill out? The responses can be set up to come back directly to a new tab on your CNCH Guild Roster. This makes it easy to add them to the CNCH roster for your guild. The form can even be customized to add any other information you would like to gather.

If this sounds like something you'd like to look into, drop us an email at techsupport@cnch.org and we'll have a conversation about what would work best for your guild.

Weave Spin Dye Baskets Bands



Reno Guild

CNCH 2025's Grant Fundraiser included a coupon for a free guild presentation about band weaving.

The guild won the bid, and added a Sami band workshop to make a fun educational day!

The **Bay Area Basket Makers** put on beautiful gallery displays. Right now you can see their amazing work in these places:

The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles: Diversity in Basketry
October 2 to January 9, 2026.
The museum is located on 520 S 1st Street in San Jose.

At Ruth's Table: Baskets on the Edge
October 24 to December 19.
Location: 3160 21st Street, San Francisco.

BABM meets on the first Saturday of the month online, and in person in Oakland. Visitors are welcome!



Copper Woven Plate by Joan R.



Carmel Crafts Guild

For the second year, CCG members created their own round-robin workshop to explore some structures. Besides sampling at many different looms, the 15 participants gave presentations about their chosen topics. Enlightening!



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Look at this great picture from the Columbia Harvest "Festifall" in October, where the Motherlode Weavers and Spinners demonstrated.

Tina, Pat M., Pattie H., Sharon, & Kathy were behind this fantastic outreach effort.

Bringing our passion to the public is much appreciated!

## Curiouser & curiouser!

**CNCH 2026 at Asilomar is deep into the planning stage, set for May 14-17.**

**A fun Alice in Wonderland theme with related contests and activities, so many great workshops, an iconic location.**

**Registration opens Feb. 1**

**Details, plus grant application form, on the [cnch.org](http://cnch.org) website: [here](#)**