

The Bushfire Committee of the Handweavers & Spinners Guild of Victoria has had the immense privilege of distributing looms and spinning wheels to several spinners and weavers who lost all their possessions in the February 7th Bushfires in Victoria.

One such recipient was Helen, whom Joy and Bev recently visited. A most inspiring lady, Helen had been burnt out and lost all her possessions, including 2 spinning wheels, all her paintings and her sheep.

The purpose of their visit was to present her with a spinning wheel, which had been generously donated, as well as to replace those necessary accessories such as flickers, carders, niddy nobby, fleece etc.



Helen (left) with Joy Dove

At 81 years of age, Helen said she plans to rebuild on her land and was just so positive about the future. Joy & Bev were shown photos of her house and land before the fires and they said it looked so beautiful with all the trees, ferns and her lovely garden of natives.

Helen lived in St. Andrews and is now in a unit in Montmorency until such time as she can rebuild.

Helen was very appreciative of her new wheel and couldn't wait to start spinning again and said how lucky she was to have been given so much to start over and how generous people have been.

She asked that her thanks be passed on to all concerned.

Helen is such an amazing lady that you couldn't help but come away inspired.

We wish Helen all the best with her rebuilding, her spinning and her painting.