

Calendar of Events

April 2, 2011 - COE Study Group

Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise
9:30 am

April 2, 2010 - Guild Meeting -

Boise Historical Museum
at the **Adelmann House**

11:30 am - Business Meeting, Election of Officers

12 noon - Social time

1:00 p.m. Program - **Live Animal Show**

April 7, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group

Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian
6:30 pm

April 14, 2011 - Spinning Study Group

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
350 East Carmel Drive, Meridian
6:30 - 8:30pm

April 18, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group

Home of Mary Berent
769 N. Grey Pebble, Eagle
1:00 pm

☞ All are welcome to all events! ☞

Ramblings of the President

Between bouts of staring out of the window, checking for new sprouts where I planted the daffodil bulbs last fall, and sorting through skeins of silk stashed in drawers and cupboards, I have been reflecting on the tragic news coming out of Japan this week. As I look at the silk in my hands I think about the awesome textile heritage in Japan; the silk brocade, the ikat, the indigo, the shibori, and the sashiko. Not only are the traditional textiles exquisite, but the contemporary textiles push new boundaries of creative expression. There is a noticeable respect for the materials they work with, and a reverence for fine craftsmanship. When you are sitting at your loom or at your wheel, do you think about your fiber heritage? What would you like your weaving or spinning legacy to be? Being part of a guild we have a great opportunity to share our knowledge and to learn from one another. I hope you will join us this month to share in the fiber traditions of Diane Hawkes and Rhonda Shay.

♦ Cynthia Newman, President

Upcoming Programs

May: The Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale, so gather up those things that are useful, just not to you and cash in on them.

June: Annual Potluck Picnic, at the home of Mitzi Meyers.



April Program: Live Animal Show

Alpacas and Rabbits for fiber fun!! I am excited to have these 2 ladies bring an animal for us to pet, admire, and imagine the possibilities that can be done with their fiber. They will both also be bringing some things sale, so please bring your checkbook/wallet to support these 2 animal farms. You may contact them with questions or special requests of items to purchase at:

DianeHawkes

summerlinalpacas@cablone.net.

Rhonda Shay (german angora, sheep, soap maker, etc) fuzzbutt1@frontier.com

♦ Mitzi Meyers



UFO Program

Please work on those UFO's and get them turned in for the BIG prizes and the special prize for the person or persons with the most things completed. Whoo Hoo - isn't this fun?

♦ Mitzi Meyers

April: Election of Officers

Our Nominating Committee has gathered some wonderful willing volunteers for our officers for next year. We will vote on the slate of new officers during the April meeting.

If you cannot make it, you may mail in a signed ballot. Use the guild P.O. Box 6258, Boise, ID 83707. They will be collected just before the meeting.

The proposed new officers are:

- Mitzi Meyers - President
- Mary Berent and Rena Lute - Vice Presidents
- Janet Stanger - Secretary
- Melanie Smith -Treasurer
- Irene Chandler - Membership Chair

I must add a personal THANK YOU to all of you for volunteering!

- ♦Mitzi Meyers

Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

Spinning Study Group will meet on **April 14**, 6:30-8:30 pm at Maralyn's clubhouse (350 East Carmel Drive, Meridian, ID). The color this month is **Daffodil Yellow**. Contact either Maralyn (888-2650) or Lynn (375-9172) for more information. All are welcome!



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **April 18** at 1 p.m. at the Home of Mary Berent 769 N. Grey Pebble, Eagle, at 1:00 pm. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will be held on **April 2** at 9:30 a.m. at the Moxie Java on Vista in Boise. As usual, everyone is invited, for information call Mary Berent 939-8906.



Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Cynthia Newman. She wove an 8-shaft 5-thread Huck in 10/2 cotton, sett at 24 epi. the yarn has a wonderful sheen that appears to sparkle.



Members may pull samples from the Sample Exchange Box at each regular guild meeting. And remember to check your name off the list in each file folder. If you would like to participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chair.

Also, remember, there are samples from last year that are available to anyone toward the back of the box.

- ♦ Rebecca Winter

Challenge 2011 - Undyed Fibers

Museum Comes to Life is not so far away (just 5 months) that we shouldn't all get to thinking about what we are going to spin, weave or make for this year's Challenge. For those who are new to the group, each year the guild gets all decked out in pioneer clothing and heads down to the Idaho Historical Museum on the last Saturday of September. Along with all sorts of other reenactors and other history nuts, we show the public what life was like back in the day. Each year, the guild members make items within the theme to display and have the visiting public vote on the best of show. This year's theme is Undyed (natural) Fibers. Now this doesn't mean just white. Think about all of the wonderful colors that wool and alpaca come in, not to mention all the great natural colors of cotton. It just needs to have no dye or colors added. There are prizes ranging from \$15 to \$50. There will be a small entry fee of \$5 for the 1st entry and \$2 each for additional entries (to a maximum of \$9).

The 4 categories are:

1. Flat woven
2. Hand spun yarns
3. Finished items from hand spun yarn
4. Fiber arts- non-flat woven fabrics.

Look for entry forms to come soon. •♦Melanie Smith

Guild Board Meeting Minutes

3/5/2011. Moxie Java, on Vista

Present: Mitzi Meyers, Al Hayden, Irene Chandler, Kathy McGowan, Penny Schraufnagel, Cynthia Newman, Rebecca Winters, Janet Stanger.

VP: Kathy McGowan reported on details of the Robyn Spady workshop is this weekend. Robyn is staying with Mary Berent. The warping directions have been sent and Robyn is bringing the workshop instructions with her. The guild can get into the Caldwell Library at 9 am. Bring a brown bag lunch the first day and then the group will decide what to do for the next lunch. It was brought up that someone should bring lunch for Robyn and Mary both days. Kathy also reports that she is trying to put together a spinning workshop that would be scheduled for 2012 and needs input of spinners that would do a workshop.

Treasurer: Irene Chandler reports that there are no financial issues at this time.

Secretary: Janet Stanger reports that starting at today's meeting there will be an attendance sign in sheet passed around.

Membership: Penny reports that there are 50 members. She also reported that she has been working with the estate of Linda Mercer. There are many pieces of weaving and spinning materials that will be available for sale. Many books, magazines, pieces of equipment, and a lot of miscellaneous. She will present this to the guild members today.

Librarian: Cynthia reports that the new Librarian is Judy Tallent. Judy is busy organizing the Library. Cynthia asks how the librarian goes about purchasing books for the library. There is an annual \$300.00 budget and the librarian has the authority to make the purchases.

Newsletter and ANWG: Rebecca Winter reports that she has the survey from the ANWG. If you are interested you can get with her. Rebecca wants to try to get some spinning information into the newsletter. If you have any interesting spinning tidbits please get them to Rebecca.

Challenge: Melanie Smith reports there is no information on the 2011 challenge at this time.



VP: Mitzi Meyers would like to see the UFO program continue after this year. Mitzi presented the slate of officers nominated by the nominating committee.

Mitzi Meyers-President

Mary Berent- Vice President

Rena Lute- Vice President

Melanie Smith-Treasurer

Janet Stanger- Secretary

Irene Chandler- Membership

Secretary is to make ballots and bring to April's meeting.

Mitzi also presented a new form to be filled out for equipment rentals. The new form will explain the rules and applicable fees of renting the guild equipment. The equipment is stored at Mitzi's. She will bring the requested piece of equipment to the meeting with her. If the piece is needed sooner you will have to make other arrangements with her.

Meeting adjourned to move to Adelman House.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



Guild Meeting Minutes

3/5/2011, Adelman House

Present: Janet Stanger, Al Hayden, Melanie Smith, Julie Gerrard, Rena Lute, Cynthia Newman, Penny Schraufnagel, Martina Turner, Kathy McGowan, Irene Chandler, Judy Tallent, Michelle Armstrong, Lynn Ruggles, Pat Ann, Caroline Dade, Rebecca Winter, Vila Cox, Chris Farrin, Ursula Shambaugh, Mitzi Meyers, Mary Berent, Ivy DeHart.

President Cynthia Newman called the meeting to order.

VP, Kathy McGowan reports on the Robyn Spady Workshop that is coming up this next weekend. You have 1 week left to dress your loom. Workshop is 3/12, 13,14 which is Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The first day lunch is a brown bag and the group will decide what they want to do as a group from then. Lynn Ruggles and Julie Gerrard volunteered to bring lunches for Mary and Robyn.

Kathy has been trying to get a spinning workshop scheduled, but Cecilia Quinn is the only spinner that has answered her e-mail. She would appreciate names of other spinners that could put on a workshop.

VP Mitzi Meyers reports on monthly scheduled programs. This month is Ikat dying. April's will be animal fiber and May is the Guild yard and equipment sale.

Treasurer Irene Chandler reports that we have a balance of \$4,003.94 in checking. We had expenditures of \$338.52.

Penny Schraufnagel reports that the Guild now has 50 members.

It was announced that Judy Talent was our new Librarian, It was explained to her that there was a \$300.00 budget to keep our Library updated. She had the authority to make the purchases without getting approval from the guild first. It was suggested that she ask for suggestions periodically as the past Librarians had.

Rebecca Winter is looking for spinning information for the newsletter. She sometimes needs to fill a space and it would be nice to include information and tidbits for our spinners as well as our weavers.

Rebecca also has the survey results from ANWAG. If you are interested get with her to review the results. Rebecca also went over the samples and signup sheets.

Melanie Smith explained the upcoming challenge of September 2011. The theme will be Undyed Fibers.

Vila Cox was contacted by Mt. View School for someone to come and demonstrate spinning and weaving to a 4th grade group. If you can help Vila with that please let her know.

Vila also discussed the intensive for 2012. The theme will be Color Harmony.

Study Groups: The day study group will meet at Rena's house on the 19th of March.

Spinning group will meet Thursday at Marilyn's Club House; it is the pre spring green fling.

COE will meet at Moxie Java in April.

Bobbin Lace group will meet at Rebecca's house March 24th at 6:30 pm.

Mitzi is having her spinning thing on March 12th from 12 to 5 at Mitzi's.

Mitzi announced the slate of officers that were nominated.

President- Mitzi Meyers

VP -Mary Berent

VP- Rena Lute

Treasurer-Melanie Smith

Secretary- Janet Stanger

Membership- Irene Chandler

Voting will be at the April Meeting.

Penny has been working with the estate of Linda Mercer, getting it ready to sell. There is a lot of

equipment, books, magazines, etc. She will get a listing and prices together and notify the guild.

UFO- Mary Berent finished a sweater and socks.

Gold Bag was won by Ursula Shambaugh it was a variety of yarns and threads.

Rena Lute reported that a place in Nampa called Puffy Mondays. They offered a retreat that she attended. The retreat focused on spinning and weaving.

Show and Tell:

Mitzi had thread to give away.

Melanie Smith showed a scarf and dish cloth that she had knitted.

Mary Berent wove some red fabric from some Henry's Attic thread that she had dyed.

Ivy DeHart showed a sampler that she had made from her advanced weaving group.

Ann Pat finished her sample from the intensive workshop..

Irene Chandler showed quilts.

Penny Schraufnagel showed rugs

Cynthia Newman showed a handwoven beaded bag that was made by guild secretary Janet Stanger.

Meeting adjourned for Ikat dying presentation.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary.

Advertisement - Loom For Sale

For Sale: 4-harness Fireside Floor Loom

60" wide four shafts

Sliding bench

Natural Oak

Sectional warping beam

2,000 heddles

60" temple

60" rotary temple

Double box fly shuttle

Two AVL end feed shuttles

Three 60" reeds

With fly shuttles it measures 115" wide, 40" depth, it comes with directions, and is 7 years old, one owner. The loom is located in Emmett, Idaho, and will have to be picked up by buyer.

◆ Open for offers. Janet Holland, 208-369-1145



Guild Officers and Chairs

President: Cynthia Newman (541) 523-2451
Vice-presidents: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775
Kathy McGowan 939-7215
Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746
Treasurer: Irene Chandler 467-4997
Membership Officer: Penny Schraufnagel 342-1288
Librarian: Judy Tallent
Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
Weaving Intensive Study Group: Vila 323-7736

Spinning Study Group: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172
COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
Past President - Al Hayden - 343-7300

Websites

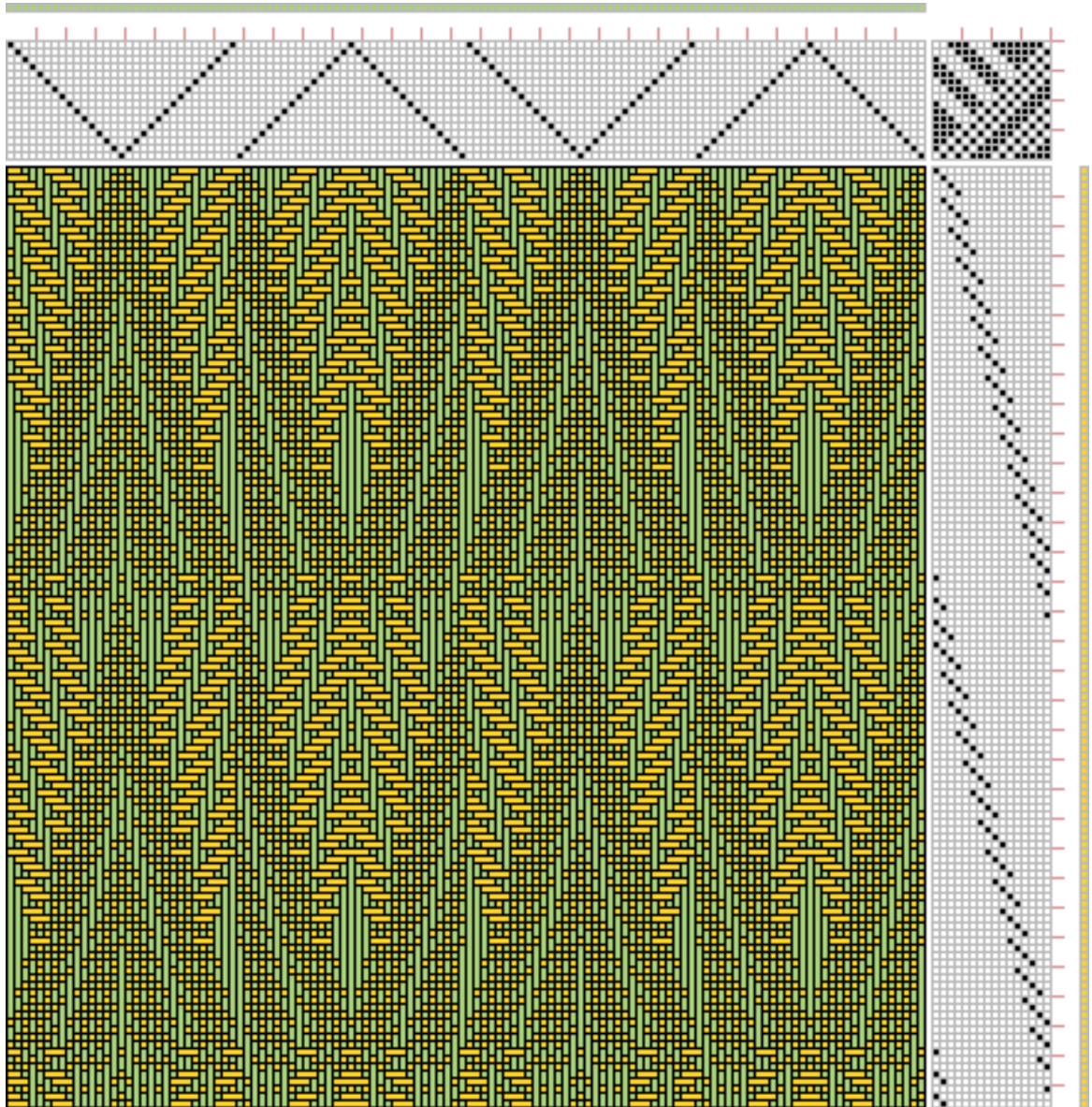
<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BoiseGuild/>

Draft Inspirations

Here are some drafts from <http://www.handweaving.net>. You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about each draft, as well as download a .wif file.

Draft #61268
Looks like a
draft for
collapse
weave,
perhaps.

16 harnesses



The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

April Newsletter Highlights:

- ✿ Elections of Officers at the April Meeting
- ✿ April Program: Live Animal Show
- ✿ UFO's

