

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2016

December Program: Holiday Scarf Exchange and Potluck

The Holiday Potluck will be on Saturday, December 3, at Penny Schraufnagel's home. The program for the December meeting will be a Scarf Exchange. The scarf must be made this past year by the person giving it. It may be woven, felted, knitted, crocheted, whatever you think makes a lovely gift. Please bring your scarf wrapped and ready for the gift exchange. If you bring a scarf for the exchange, you will leave with a scarf from the exchange. ♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

- December 3, 2016 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m.-Program -**Holiday Potluck & Scarf Exchange**
At the Home of Penny Schraufnagel - Directions on pg. 2

- December 3, 2016- COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting at Penny's
- December 7 & 21, 2016 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- December 8, 2016 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- December 13, 2016 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila's Home
- December 20, 2016 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Julie Gerrard's Home
- December 29, 2016 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jinks Hunter's Home
- January 7, 2017 - - Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting

- January 14,15,& 16, 2017 - Weaving Intensive, "Texture"
See the flyer on page 5.
- March 10,11,&12, 2017 - Weaving Workshop, "Forgotten Weaves," by Margie Thompson
- April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 - Spinning Workshop, "Take Control of Your Spinning (Drafting) and Plying Techniques," by Sarah Anderson

Workshop News

Weaving Workshop

There are still plenty of openings for the "Forgotten Weaves" workshop with Marjie Thompson March 10 - 12, 2017. While working with Marjie on getting the workshop information, she said that she alternates weaving time with general lecture time, discussing a couple of weave structures at a time. She will spend a fair amount of time talking about gebrochen and "dumb flowers" with worksheets/computer drawdowns included. If you are wondering what that is, you may want to sign up for the workshop to learn more. For more information please see the flyer on page 7 of the newsletter.

Spinning Workshop

Sarah Anderson will be here in April to teach the spinners in the guild how to "Take Control of Your Spinning" and "Plying Techniques." It will be a 3-day workshop, April 7, 8, and 9, 2017 at Stevens-Henager College in Nampa. The cost of the workshop will be \$240 for members of the guild. The cost includes a \$50 materials fee. Please see the flyer on page 6 for more information.

♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President



Directions to Penny's house:

From either Boise or points west on Highway 84, take the Eagle Road exit from the freeway. Turn south on Eagle, go past Overland about 2/3 of a mile up a slight rise. A fire station will be on your right and the turn left on Easy Jet will be coming up. Turn left and follow Easy Jet to the end where it turns left on Tristram. Four houses later turn right on Hollandale. Proceed to the stop sign on Goshen. We are across the street, slightly to the right at 2688.

If coming from Boise on Overland, turn left on Cloverdale; go about 1/2 mile and turn right on Muir Ridge; continuing until it turns left and becomes Goshen Way. Call Penny at 208-342-1288.

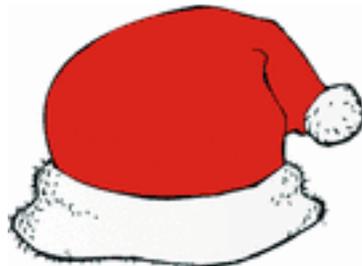
Spinning Study Group



It's that time again! Our annual Christmas fiber exchange and Chocolate potluck. However, we are planning something a bit different this year. Instead of our usual fiber exchange we are planning a Crazy Christmas Sock/Fiber Swap. So here are the "rules." Find a pair of

Crazy Christmas Socks that would fit an adult. (I have found them at Joann's, Fred Meyer, Walmart and even the dollar store). Then fill said socks with fiber fun-ness and other goodies. For example, roving, rolags, chocolate, locks, dye stuff, wrap-per-inch guides, yarn needles, chocolate, you get the idea. Be sure to wrap your sock and goodies and bring them to the party. We will draw names at the pot luck and take a picture with all of us wearing our new crazy socks for the next newsletter. Also, remember to bring some Chocolate Goodness, or any other food item to share. Maralyn will be making her wonderful butternut squash soup, which you don't want to miss. You don't have to be a spinner to join us, everyone is welcome. We will be meeting at Maralyn's club house on Dec. 8th and the fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Of course, remember your wheel or spindle or whatever you would like to work on. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or email me. yarnsntreads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith,
Spinning Study Group Chair



From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

Thanksgiving is approaching fast. As I sit at the loom this week I will be thinking of all the things I am thankful for. I am thankful my family is healthy and we have the means to help family members when they need a boost. I am thankful for my friends and the time we can share and enjoy each other's company. I am thankful for being able to create fabric that I love and to be able to weave things that others dream of. I hope you are also thinking of all the good things in your life.

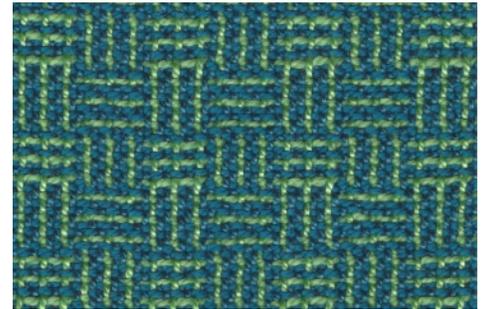
Happy Thanksgiving!

◆ Vila Cox, President

December Sample - Color-and-Weave, Interlacement Motif

This month's sample is from Rebecca Winter. It's a color-and-weave, which makes an interlacement motif.

The yarn is 5/2 cotton, on a 6 harness draft. If you haven't tried a 6 harness draft, just know there are some really sweet weaves available on 6. This is one for your pleasure from the book by Oelsner.



◆ Greta Ankeny, Sample Chair

Sample Exchange Box

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

Membership

It's great to see all the membership activity in our meetings this year. We have had quite a few visitors, and we welcome them. Members from the past are returning to participate in all the Guild has to offer. We welcome them as well. Membership in any organization is an investment of time and energy. When that occurs the return is a great thing. Thank you to all of you!

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

ANWG Conference 2017

"Tread Lightly"

Dates: July 1 & 2, 2017,
with pre-workshops June 28-30.

Place: Victoria, BC, Canada

I know it seems like the ANWG conference is a long way away, but it will be here before you know it. So, I thought it might be a good idea to share some of my insight that I received by traveling to the annual meeting last summer with other board members.

If you are thinking about attending (which I strongly suggest, I think it will be a great one), here are a few things you might like to know. First, you will need a passport to enter Canada. You must have a full passport and not the card if you are traveling into Canada by air or water by ferry. This can take several weeks to obtain so you might want to get working it now. I will tell you that if you live in Boise you must call the passport office and leave a message and they will call you back to make an appointment, which will take about a month or so just for that. I have been told that you can go to the Emmett post office and just walk in and get the paperwork done. In the city of Boise, you can only get the paper work done at the main office with an appointment. I would advise going on the web site for the paper work and it will also answer any questions you might have, at this link:

<https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/apply-us-passport>

Let me add that they are now requiring that you have your photo taken without your glasses if you wear them. You can get your passport photos taken at Costco for \$4 or Walgreens.

The second thing to think about is registering for either pre-conference workshops or the conference. I just checked and the class listing and other info will be posted on the web site on December 1. With registration in mid January.

Something fun to think about – there is going to be a tea towel exchange. There is more information about this at the conference web site. They also have a newsletter you can sign up for to receive all the latest details at:

<http://www.anwgconference2017.com/>

Next month I will share with you my insights on accommodations. ♦ Melanie Smith



Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ Spinning Study Group

December 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article on page 2 for details.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

December 20, 1:30pm at Julie Gerrard's home.

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

Jinks Hunter will host the Rug Punch and Needle Punch group on Thursday, **December 29**, at 1pm until 5pm (come & go as it suits your schedule). 12030 Savage Dr, Boise 83713.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **December 3**, before the Christmas Pot Luck at Penny's house. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace

Meets **December 13**, 10am at Vila's.

Website

<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org>

Directory Additions or Revisions:

Add this member: Teresa Jones

Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612
& Julie Gerrard 342-8562
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- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
- Membership Officer: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Greta Ankeny 318-6028
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- Day Weaving Study Group:
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208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group:
Vila Cox 323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324



Regular Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am by Vila.

Introductions of all members and guests attending:

Julie Gerrard, Lily Lee, Terri Sanders, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Cindy Schafer, Teresa Jones, Esther Kleinkauf, Rena Lute, Lissa Kimble, Priscilla Madsen, Jean Weber, Janet Stanger, Marita Turner, Pat Ann, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith, Mitzi Meyers, Tara Jones, Lynn Ruggles, Kathy McGowen, Katzy Luring, Kathy Shiflet, Anne Oglevie, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Judy Daniels, Angela Gronewold, Jean Zaske, Pat Day Hartwell, Jonathan Drews.

Vice President's Report: Lily: Ivy DeHart will present the November program, called "Designing My Style."

The December program is a scarf exchange - any technique of a scarf you made personally. Please wrap your exchange scarf. The December Meeting will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's home.

March 10-12, 2017 is the date for the weaving workshop, Forgotten Weaves by Marjie Thompson. April 7-9, 2017 is the next spinning workshop, and Sarah Anderson will be the guest instructor.

Challenge Committee: Will convene soon.

Show and Tell: 10 members offered Show and Tell

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$5163. Savings: \$4749.

Weaving Intensive: Anne Oglevie encourages members to "Sign up Today!" The Intensive has room for 20-25 people and the topic is "TEXTURE."

Librarian's Report: The guild voted unanimously on a budget of \$200.00 for library acquisitions as part of the 2016/2017 Budget. Cindy and Joan will be sorting and data entering donations on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Please remember to write a review of books you check out of the library-these will be added to our data-base for members! Check with Cindy for completed reviews (very few).



Equipment Committee: Lynn, Vila, Ann and Joan have met. Lynn has sorted the estate donation and revised the equipment list to address items to be sold. The traditional Ashford that was donated is unable to be repaired. Thanks again Anne, for having John look at the wheel! A survey was sent around to determine best dates to have a sale of the donated and 'culled' guild items. The board voted unanimously to allocate two thousand dollars. A motion was made by Pat Hartwell to accept that recommendation, and the general membership unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Event Coordinator: Janet shared that the Challis Textile Fiber Art event requests entries to be submitted by January 21, 2017. The event is held in June 3-July 24, 2017. Anyone interested in a crafting adventure?? Try a Craft Cruise. Check out www.craftcruises.com

Sample Box: Greta presented this month's sample, tea bag string dyed with indigo.

Newsletter: For our enjoyment, Rebecca will be adding historical articles to the newsletter.

Webmaster: Vila needs encouragement to play with our website! Go, Vila, Go!

ANWG: The 2017 ANWG conference sign up will be in January! This event will be exciting to attend. Melanie will provide an article for the newsletter.

Study Groups reviewed: Please see the newsletter for topics, dates & times.

The Free Table will continue.

The Rainbow Bag has had little participation the past few months, and the membership voted to retire the bag after this meeting.

Announcement: Members who have commercial enterprises will be placing announcements of their new items or sales or other events on a special bulletin board available during meetings. Fundraising events would also be posted on this board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

November Program to begin at 1:05pm.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Joan Sheehan, Secretary

What is Creativity?

There is an interesting article at the link, which follows below. It's about the characteristics of creativity. How do we apply creativity to our process of working with fibers? Scholars at Kent and Sussex Universities identified 14 "building blocks of creativity." My summarized take on the list is that, as human beings, we love to be involved in new and exciting things. Our Guild is a great venue for such things. The study groups, workshops, and programs offer many opportunities for us to build our creativity.

<http://painterskeys.com/breaking-down-the-muse/>

◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor



Weaving Intensive 2017

TEXTURE

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

January 14, 15, & 16, 2017

9am to 4pm

Location Stevens-Henager College - Nampa Campus

16819 N Marketplace Blvd, Nampa

Fee: \$30.00

Come and join the fun

Some necessary “Intensive” information:

- For the Intensive, each participant will select a texture design of their choice. Previous to the intensive you will warp your loom using the chosen shaft and fiber appropriate to the weave structure. Please weave the first sample for the Guild Notebook before coming to the intensive.
- This will be a round robin format in which each person may move from loom to loom weaving samples as they wish, offering the opportunity to weave some of those other drafts you have been wanting and wishing to try.
- A finished sample of 6 to 8” square is recommended.
- During the Intensive, there will be opportunities to discuss the topic and share information, special hints and helps, additional information about the weave structure chosen and other valuable insights as appropriate.
- The Intensive is open to members of the guild. If a nonmember wishes to be included, we ask that they join the guild.
- **By December 3th, 2016** provide a draft and other notes on your chosen sample to the Intensive coordinator Anne Oglevie, preferably by email. A notebook containing all drafts will be prepared for each person so that everyone has this available during the workshop.



“FORGOTTEN WEAVES” A Weaving Workshop by Marjie Thompson

Marjie Thompson, chair of The Early Weaving Books and Manuscripts study group, enjoys studying early weaving books and manuscripts from the 16th to early 20th century as well as handwoven textiles from Europe and North America. She states that though the drafts for the workshop are old weaves, all are applicable for today’s weavers for everything from scarves to table linens and clothing. She stresses that point, though many will be woven in traditional colors as samples.

Dates and Time: Friday through Sunday, March 10, 11, & 12, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$235 includes \$15 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$260 includes \$15 materials fee

Participant’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Loom: _____ Number of Harnesses: _____

Are you willing to warp your loom with 20/2 cotton? Yes _____ No _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Julie Gerrard, 6667 W. Tobi Drive, Boise, ID 83714. The deadline to sign up is February 10, 2017.



Take Control of Your Spinning and Plying Techniques A Spinning Workshop with Sarah Anderson

Fascinated by all things fiber since childhood, Sarah Anderson is the author of *"The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs"* and has contributed to Spin Off, Handwoven and Ply magazines. Sarah's enthusiasm for spinning techniques and constructions has driven her to create an extensive library of different yarn constructions that she loves to share with other spinners. She has taught at SOAR, Golden Gate Fiber Institute, Madrona, NWRSA's Spinner's conference and for many guilds. She lives, spins, knits and weaves in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and a California quail named Boo. (From Fiber Fusion Northwest)

Dates and Time: Friday through Sunday, April 7, 8, and 9, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$240 includes \$50 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$265 includes \$50 materials fee

Participants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Julie Gerrard, 6667 W. Tobi Drive, Boise, ID 83714. The deadline to sign up is March 1, 2017.

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