

# Connecting Threads



Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
January, 2012



## January Program: Furoshiki

The January program will be on Furoshiki, the Art of Japanese Gift Wrapping. Bring a square or rectangular cloth, 12-24" on its widest side, and a small box or container. A dishtowel, bandanna, cloth napkin or something similar are good candidates. This will be a hands-on presentation where you will learn to wrap various size and shapes of packages.

### Calendar of Events:

- January 7, 2012 - Board Meeting  
Moxie Java near Vista and Kootenai  
10:00 am
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Boise Historical Museum at the **Adelmann House**  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
12:30 am - Social time  
1:00 p.m. Program, Furoshiki, by Lynn Ruggles
- December 29 & January 26, 2012 - Sock Study Group  
The Home of Melanie Smith  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- January 3 & 17, 2012 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- January 12, 2012 - Spinning Study Group  
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse  
6:30 - 8:30pm
- January 16, 2012 - Day Weaving Study Group  
Cancelled, because we will all be at the Intensive!!
- February 4, 2012 - COE Study Group  
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise  
9:30 to 11:00 am
- February 4, 2012 - Next Regular Guild Meeting  
January 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Weaving Intensive  
March 23, 24 & 25, 2012 - Spinning Workshop



### Spring Workshop - Spinning

**"Comprehensive Spinning"** – A three day workshop with Celia Quinn will be held March 23, 24, 25, 2012. See page 5 for more information about registering for the Workshop.

### Color Harmony, 2012 Intensive

It's not too late to sign up for the Color Intensive. This will be a great workshop. During the workshop you will be able to study color, and perhaps more importantly, how color choices work with weave structures. The samples woven during the workshop will provide a lot of information to help you successfully add color to your weaving projects in the future. Contact Vila to register for the Intensive.

For those who have already signed up, be sure to prepare a short explanation of the warp you bring. **Weaving drafts and plans** need to be sent to Vila no later than **January 4th**. If you have questions or need help, be sure to speak up.

◆ Vila Cox

### Board Meeting

Board Meeting -- January 7th, 10:00 am  
at Moxie Java, near Vista and Kootenai  
All board members please be there.

## Ramblings of the President

By the time you are reading this the Christmas Holiday rush is nearly over. For me that means putting all the "stuff" away and cleaning house. The new year motivates me to get reorganized, rethink the order of things, and rejuvenate our living space. Also like to start with a list of goals for the year. Last year I wanted to put on 8 warps and did accomplish 6. Wishing you all a most Happy, Healthy, Colorful and Creative 2012 possible!

❖ Happy weaving and spinning!!! Mitzi

## Mitzi's Annual New Year's Spinning Day

Hello all you lovely fiber freaks >'!<

Please join us for the 5th annual spin-in-the-new year day of fun, fiber, and food. January 1, 2012, 10 am till 5 pm, bring something to work on (doesn't have to be spinning), and a food item to share. Please let me know if you plan to attend, and hope for clear roads. For directions or more info, please email or call.

❖ See you then, Mitzi  
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Sweet Idaho, 83670 208-340-9775  
[www.mitzis-yarn-weaving-knitting.com](http://www.mitzis-yarn-weaving-knitting.com)

## Monthly Sample Exchange

Do you remember looking forward to receiving the Guild Newsletters in the mail with anticipation to see what sample would be included? Then you may be an old-timer. In our new-fanged world we do samples differently.

Now you may obtain your sample at a regular Guild meeting from the Sample Exchange Box.

Unfortunately, there is no sample for this month. However, members may check to see what samples they may be missing. If you would like to participate or have questions, contact me.

Those who have signed up to provide samples are as follows:

January - Al Hayden  
February - Jean Zaske  
March - Vila Cox  
April - Kathy McGowan  
May - Julie Gerrard  
June - Irene Chandler

❖ Rebecca Winter

Please note: This is when the samples are due. They will be published and available the following month.



## Study Group News

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

Spinning Study Group will meet at Maralyn's clubhouse (350 E Carmel Dr, Meridian) on **January 12** from 6:30-8:30pm. Color is Winter Blues. Bring some fiber to spin and your wheel, or just come to socialize.

### ♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will meet **February 4** at the Moxie Java on Vista near the corner of Kootenai. All are welcomed. Contact Mary Berent for info: 939-8906.

### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will not meet on January 16 because of the Intensive. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



### ♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We have decided to meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. In **January** it will be on the **3rd** and the **17th**, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



### ♥ Sock Study Group

We will once again be meeting to work on socks or any other knitting, on **December 29th and January 26th** from 6:30 to 8:30 (weather permitting). At Melanie Smith's home 523 S. Pond St Boise Idaho. If you have any questions you can call her at 608-0101.



## Mug Rug Exchange

There were 12 participants in the Exchange. Below is a picture of the Mug Rugs made for the exchange.



## Guild Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 12/3/2011  
Regular Meeting, Adelman House

Present: Marita Turner, Nina Baker, Jane Hoover, Cindy Schafer, Penny Schraufnagel, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith, Lynn Ruggles, Julie Gerrard, Vila Cox, Pat Ann, Chris Farrin, Mary Berent, Irene Chandler, Al Hayden, Caroline Dade, Jean Zaske, Kathy McGowen, Kimberly Brandel, Mitzi Meyers, & Janet Stanger.

V.P.'s report: Mary Berent reports on programs. There will be no program today due to the pot luck, but there is the mug rug exchange for all that brought some to share.



January is Japanese wrapping. Everyone is to bring a small box and scarf, towel or something to wrap this in.

Mary reminded everyone of the upcoming spinning workshop with Celia Quinn. It is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Total cost for the workshop is \$175.00, \$130.00 for the workshop and \$45.00 material fee. A signup sheet was passed around.

Treasurer's report: Melanie Smith reports that after expenses we have \$4,210.24. She paid for the directories, p.o. box rent, Museum for the meeting place, and for the book marks given out at the challenge.

Secretary's Report: Janet reports a concern about the guild's non-profit status. She had found out that since 2007 the IRS was requiring a nonprofit to file with them. She did not get any notice the past 2 years and she knew that Cynthia had not gotten any notice of this. She had found out from our treasurer that we did not have a tax number. Melanie is planning on going to the IRS office and fixing this. Vila Cox stated this kind of e-mail correspondence should be going through the guild e-mail that is connected to our web site. To make sure that our e-mail address is connected to it.

Librarian: Not present. No report.

Newsletter: Rebecca Winter reminded everyone that when she sends out the e-mail to remind everyone that she is ready for the newsletter information it means she is ready then. We need to work on getting her the info in a more timely matter.



Rebecca also explained the sample box to new members. This month's sample was provided by Janet Stanger. Next month is Joan who is doing a spinning sample and then Al is doing a dying sample.

ANWG: Rebecca reported that ANWG is proposing some changes in its membership criteria, to include an associate membership. She passed their announcement around for everyone to see. Rebecca will email a copy to anyone that is interested.

Challenge: Julie Gerrard and her committee have met and set the next theme as Color Explosion. There is a minimum of 3 colors with color harmony. You can start now. There are 4 categories: Flat Handwoven, Hand Spun Skeins, Finished Item made from handspun, and Fiber Arts. Entry fee is \$5.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> entry. \$2.00 for second entry and \$2.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> entry. You can have more entries, but the maximum charge will be \$9.00. You can have as many entries as you like. (See the flier on page 6).

Show and Tell: Mitzi showed a shawl that she had knitted and a shawl that she had woven on a triangle loom. A chenille hand painted scarf and bags that she had made out of left over material from the top she had made. Cindy Schafer showed the sweater that she finally finished after recycling some yarn. Janet showed a bobbinlace bookmark featuring tallies. Rebecca Winter showed some finished warp that she had done for her stars workshop, and her rolls of mug rugs. Mary Berent showed some woven material she had woven with the words Merry Christmas 2011 woven in. Melanie Smith showed her daughter's mug rugs made on a card board loom. Also a mug rug that she made with yarn she did not like. Marita Turner made a wrap and a hat. Kathy McGowen mug rug made with thrums. Kimberly Brandel felted hats and bags.

Intensive: Vila Cox wants the drafts you are working for the Intensive workshop by the January guild meeting. The intensive is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Rebecca Winter's Studio. The cost is \$30.00.

Group meetings: Weaving study group will meet Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Rena Lute will be hosting it at her house. Spinners will be meeting at Maralyn's clubhouse, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It is their annual dessert pot luck specializing in chocolate. There will also be a fiber related gift exchange. Bobbin Lace group meets at Rebecca's studio on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30. Sock Study

group is at Melanie Smiths house Dec.29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30, do not come if the weather is bad. The COE Group meets every other 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at the Moxie Java on Vista. They meet from 9:30 to 11:00. Next meeting in February.

UFO's: Janet Stanger is going to finish a quilt., Cindy Schafer is going to finish fingerless gloves and a sock. Kimberly Brandel is going to finish a saddle blanket, and Lynn Ruggles is going to finish a sweater project that she started in 1990.

Finished UFO projects: Rebecca Winter finished some of her star workshop weavings. And Irene Chandler finished a tablet weaving strap.

Marita Turner won the gold bag had several spools of rug weight yarn.

Meeting adjourned for the pot luck.  
♦ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



## Officers and Chairs

President: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775  
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Rena Lute 891-2111.  
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COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906  
Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter  
859-2822  
Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736  
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## Website

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

Note: This Newsletter is located online at this address.

Celia Quinn

## Comprehensive Spinning Workshop

Friday March 23, Saturday March 24, and Sunday March 25, 2012

This three day workshop will cover different types of fiber including wool, mohair, llama, alpaca, yak, cashmere, silk, cotton, down, guard hair, qiviut, horse hair, flax, ramie, rayon and polyester; fiber preparation; different spinning wheels and their adjustment and maintenance; and of course, various spinning techniques appropriate for these different fibers. Celia is an excellent teacher with years of experience and loads of patience! This will be a great workshop with a superb internationally recognized spinner/teacher.

The workshop will be held at the Caldwell Public Library Community Room. You will need to bring an operational spinning wheel and your lunch each day. The cost of the workshop is \$135 for members of the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, with an additional materials fee of \$45 for a total of \$175 for the three day workshop. The total fee for non-Guild members is \$200 and includes a one year membership in the Guild. Please register soon as the workshop is filling fast. This will be three fantastic days of fiber fun!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

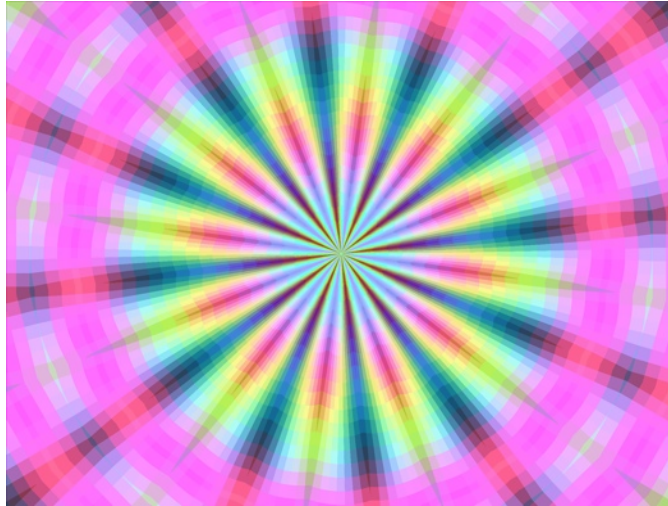
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To register send a check for the full amount to: Mary Berent, 769 N Grey Pebble Way, Eagle, Idaho 83616.



## 2012 Challenge

# Color



## Explosion!!!

Use at least 3 colors for each item  
Select color harmony for each item

All entries must be entirely your own and created since ~~December~~ September 2011

Four Categories:

1. Flat Handwoven (yardage, hemmed or fringed items such as scarves, dish towels, shawls).
2. Handspun Skeins (80% handspun) (fibers must be identified)
3. Finished Items for Handspun (50% handspun) (fibers must be identified)
4. Fiber Arts (3-dimensional items, felted items, baskets, garments)

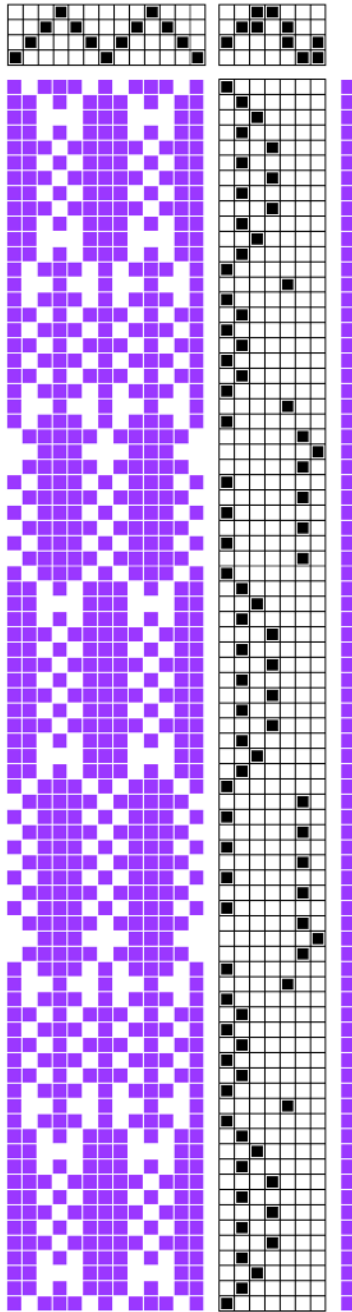
Entry fee - \$5 first entry, \$2 for second, \$2 for third or more entries for a maximum of \$9.

A card will be attached to each entry after entries are submitted. Please provide the following information with each entry:

1. Color harmony chosen
2. Weave structure for handwoven entries
3. Fiber content for all entries

## Draft Inspiration:

Here is the next in the series of drafts from Al Hayden. He wove bookmarks on a four harness point threading, using different tie-ups and treadlings. Then he dyed the bookmarks. The yarn is silk.



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