

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
June, 2008

June Program: Picnic

It has been another great year for the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley. We hope you can all come to the annual potluck for the last meeting of the year. This year we will be meeting at Mary Ireland's new place in Marsing. Meeting time is 11:00 am and directions can be found below. So dig out your favorite potluck recipe and let's party. The food will be wonderful and so will the company. We're looking forward to a great gathering one more time before we take a break for the summer.

p.s. You might want to bring a chair just in case.



Directions to the June Picnic

Take Exit 33A (toward Marsing) from I-84 and follow SH 55 west to Marsing. Once you have crossed the Marsing Bridge you will take the second street to the right, Old Bruneau Highway. Go about a half mile on Old Bruneau Highway to the second road on the right - Red Rock Road. There is a sign on the highway marking Red Rock Rd. As you come down Red Rock Rd. look off to the left. We are the first house on the road by the pond - gray/blue house, shop and barn with white board fence. If you have any questions please call 896-4833.

Please Note: June 7th is the first Jet Boat race of the season and it takes place right before the Marsing Bridge. There will be a lot of traffic, and there is usually someone out there directing traffic for those attending the race. Perhaps give yourself a bit more time to find your way to Mary's.

Calendar of Events

June 7, 2008 - Board Meeting - Passing of the Torches
New and Old Board Members
9:30 a.m.
Home of Mary Ireland in Marsing
All are welcome to attend

June 7, 2008 - Guild Meeting - June Picnic
Home of Mary Ireland
11:00 a.m.
Program - Spring Luncheon
(See directions to the left)

June 8, 2008 - Spinner's Dye Day-**Openings Available**
Home of Mary Ireland
Contact Lynn, 375-9172

Saturday Summer Spinning Days
June 28th at Mitzi Meyer's
July 12th at Penny Schrafnagel's
Aug 16 will be hosted by Phyllis Bulgin at
Roseville in Donnelly
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a pot-luck lunch

July 12 and August 2, 2008 - COE Study Group
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Home of Vila Cox

September 6, 2008 - Guild Meeting - Adelman House
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12 noon - Social time
1:00 p.m. - Program

September 18, 2008 - Weaving Study Group
Traditional Overshot
7:30 p.m.
Home of Julie Gerrard

September 27, 2008 - Challenge Show
Museum Comes to Life - Adelman House

January 17-19, 2009 - Weaving Intensive: Overshot
March, 2009 - Workshop with Laura Fry

Deciphering the Color Code



At the May guild meeting we explored the last of the 4 color palettes we can use for this year's Guild Challenge - Lush Vegetation. This palette has interesting

hues of green, blue, red and tan-ish. Julie Gerrard came closest with her greens and blues and Irene Chandler had a ball of red that was spot on! Thanks for sharing....

For June, please sort through your stash for natural fibers that have not been colored or treated (bleached, etc.) in any way. Let's see the variety of colors that "natural" encompasses. Does anyone have any of the naturally colored cotton? What about the huge range of colors from different breeds of sheep and other critters? Spinners - I know you have much you can share for this color exploration - bring it on!

Guild Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2008

President Marlene Bean called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves. Members present included Cindy Schafer, Al Hayden, Mary Ireland, Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Lynn Ruggles, Carolyn Dade, Kathy McGowen, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Jean Zaske, Julie Gerrard, Carmen Hammari, and Nancy Swenson.



Reports: Vice-Presidents: Mary and Vila talked about next year's program with Laura Fry. She

will be here in March to teach a round robin type workshop.

Treasurer's report: Cindy reminded members that the dues are due by the June meeting. Dues remain at \$25.00 for the year.

Challenge: Penny reminded the group of the Challenge for 2008 and it's theme - "Crystal Ball Colors" taken from Daryl Lancaster's "Fabric Forecast" in the Handwoven from Sept/Oct. 2008, page 78-81.

Study Groups: Spinning - Lynn talked about the upcoming dye day. No specific date has been chosen as yet. She will have something coming out in the next newsletter. There will also be several spin-ins taking place during the summer. Watch the newsletter for the places and times. COE- Study Group will meet during the summer. Details will be in the newsletter.

New Business: Marlene talked about the annual sale and putting in place a policy for times when non-members have contributions at these sales. The current policy gives the guild 10% of what members sell at the annual May sale. It was decided that non members should contribute 20% to the guild. Carolyn Dade made the motion to accept the new policy and Jean seconded. It was carried by the membership.



The Guild Booth for ANWG in 2009 was discussed. The theme for this conference is Weaving Waves of Color. Marlene asked if anyone would like to chair it. Jean expressed an interest. ANWG will be May 28 - 31, 2009. More information can be found at the ANWG website. A reminder was given about the Snake River Fiber Fair in Idaho Falls from May 16 - 18.

Announcements: Vila talked about a local teacher who needs a volunteer to talk to her 2nd graders about weaving. There will also be a weaving event at her Meridian school. Contact Vila for more information.

The next Board meeting will be in June at 9:30 before the regular meeting starts at 11:00. The June meeting will be the annual potluck and is being held at the home of Mary Ireland in Marsing, Idaho.

Al talked about the upcoming Weaving Intensive. He would like to have several pre-intensive study groups to talk about overshot drafts and go over all the various options. Julie volunteered to have the first get-together at her house the 3rd Thursday in September. Watch the newsletters for more details.

Color Study: This month's color combination was Lush Vegetation from the Challenge groupings. Julie, Jean and Irene brought some great samples and the complexity of the color groups was discussed. The question was also asked about whether one had to pick from the six colors at the bottom of the color pages or could you choose from the yarns pictured. Any 3 - six of the yarns pictures are allowed. It was also mentioned that black and white can not be included in your color choices. Next month's colors will be natural fibers or yarn.

Show & Tell: Vila brought some wonderful samples of her Diversified Plain Weave that she is working on for her COE. Carolyn Dade had a "tell" - she is planning on having her tapestry done by Memorial Day. Kathy McGowen showed her knitted hat that was done from her own handspun. Mary Berent showed her advancing twill scarf.

There was no program this month due to the annual May Fiber and Equipment sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ireland



Ramblings of the President

"Keep bringing your show and tell. Sharing makes us all better weavers." This quote was given to me by a friend when I was complaining about writing something for the first newsletter and had not a clue for a topic. Anyone who knows me realizes how I agonize over writing and would rather tackle a math problem any day. I appreciated the quote that was given to me and as some other topic had popped into my head, I kept the quote to use for that "rainy" month when nothing materialized.

I have to admit, I've actually enjoyed writing. No one interrupts, no one contradicts, and no one criticizes, at least not at that moment, and so far the editor is grateful for any contribution, so she prints my rambling thoughts, unedited. She must have been apprehensive though, wondering what strange topic I would write about next!

I have always enjoyed show and tell. I know that some beginning weavers are afraid to show their projects to more experienced weavers, but all weavers were beginners at some point and all experienced weavers are thrilled that someone is learning the craft they love so much.

I know that some weavers think it looks like bragging to show their work, but I say, "they deserve to brag and inspire others. A loom with many shafts is not necessary to make beautiful designs. There are more patterns for a 4-shaft loom than one can weave in a lifetime.

So, I say, bring on the show and tell! We all need the motivation! Besides, we all need to be

better weavers! Thanks to my friend too, who so thoughtfully provided the topic to get the cogs turning!

This has been a fun year, and the reins soon pass to Al, our next President and his new slate of officers at the June meeting. Let's all work together to make the upcoming year the best ever, with lots of sharing, caring and learning. Happy weaving and spinning to all of you and may your loom never be bare, your wheel rarely idle, and your creative juices always flowing.

See you at the June picnic!
Marlene



Study Group News

Spinning Study Group

Spinner's Dye Day - Openings Available

We will be having our Spinner's Dye Day on June 8 at Mary Ireland's house in Marsing. Due to schedule conflicts, we have openings for several more people. If you are interested, contact Lynn, 375-9172.

Saturday Summer Spinning Days are June 28th at Mitzi Meyer's house in Sweet, ID, July 12th at Penny Schrafnagel's house in south Boise, and Aug 16 will be hosted by Phyllis Bulgin at Roseville in Donnelly, ID (Roseville is the museum about 1 mile east of Donnelly). Spinning is from 10-4 with a pot-luck lunch. Directions will be emailed next week. Hope to see you there! Lynn, 375-9172.

Night Study Group

Starting in September, the Night Study group will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Meeting will be held at Julie Gerrard's home at 7:30pm.

We will be exploring Overshot - Traditional to Multi-Harness. This study will be in preparation for the Intensive 2009.

All are invited even if you have not participated in the night study group in the past or are not planning to attend the Intensive.

The first meeting is September 18th, when we will discuss the basics of overshot and "traditional" structure.

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

As preparation is made for the Fall judging the COE Study Group will meet in both July and August. See the Calendar for dates. Anyone who is interested in working on the Certificate of Excellence, or anyone who is interested in using the COE booklet as a study course is welcomed to join us. We will meet this summer at the home of Vila Cox.

Weaving Intensive: Overshot

Plan now to attend this three day "teacherless workshop." The structure we will be exploring this year is Overshot. The dates of the Intensive are Jan 17 thru 19, 2009, this is Saturday to Monday. Watch the newsletter, the guild website or check with Al for more information. A flyer will be available soon.



Guild Officers and Chairs

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President: Marlene Bean 337-3631

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Websites

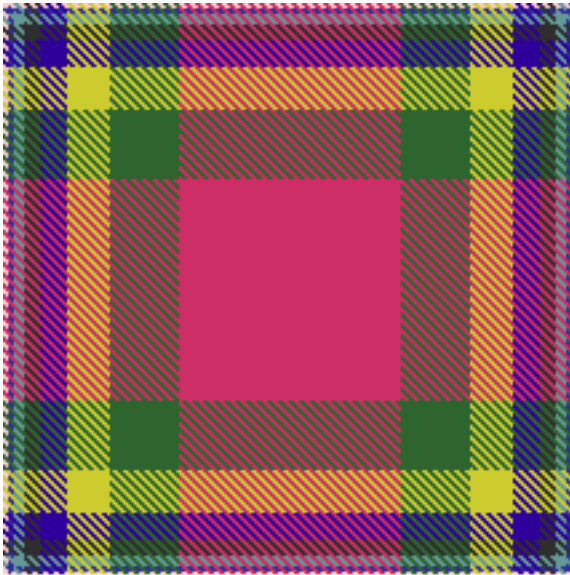
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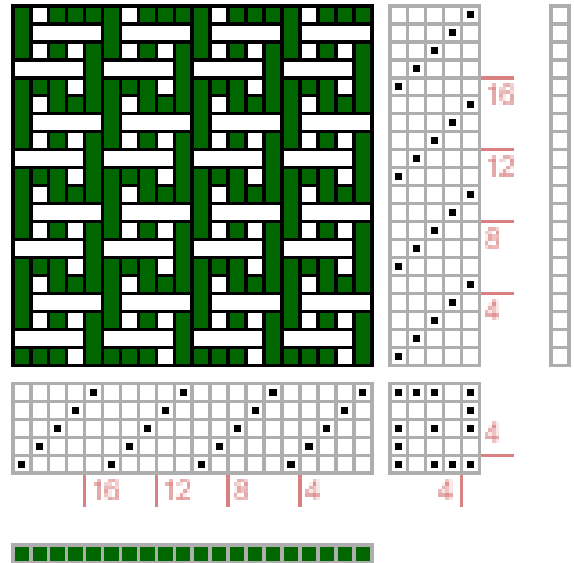
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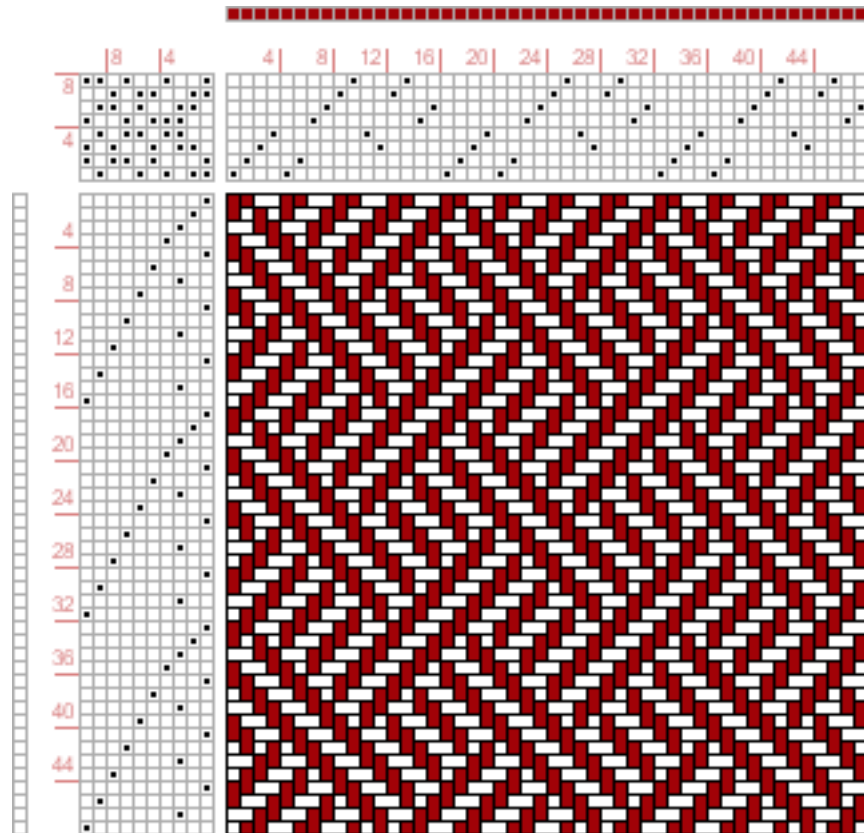
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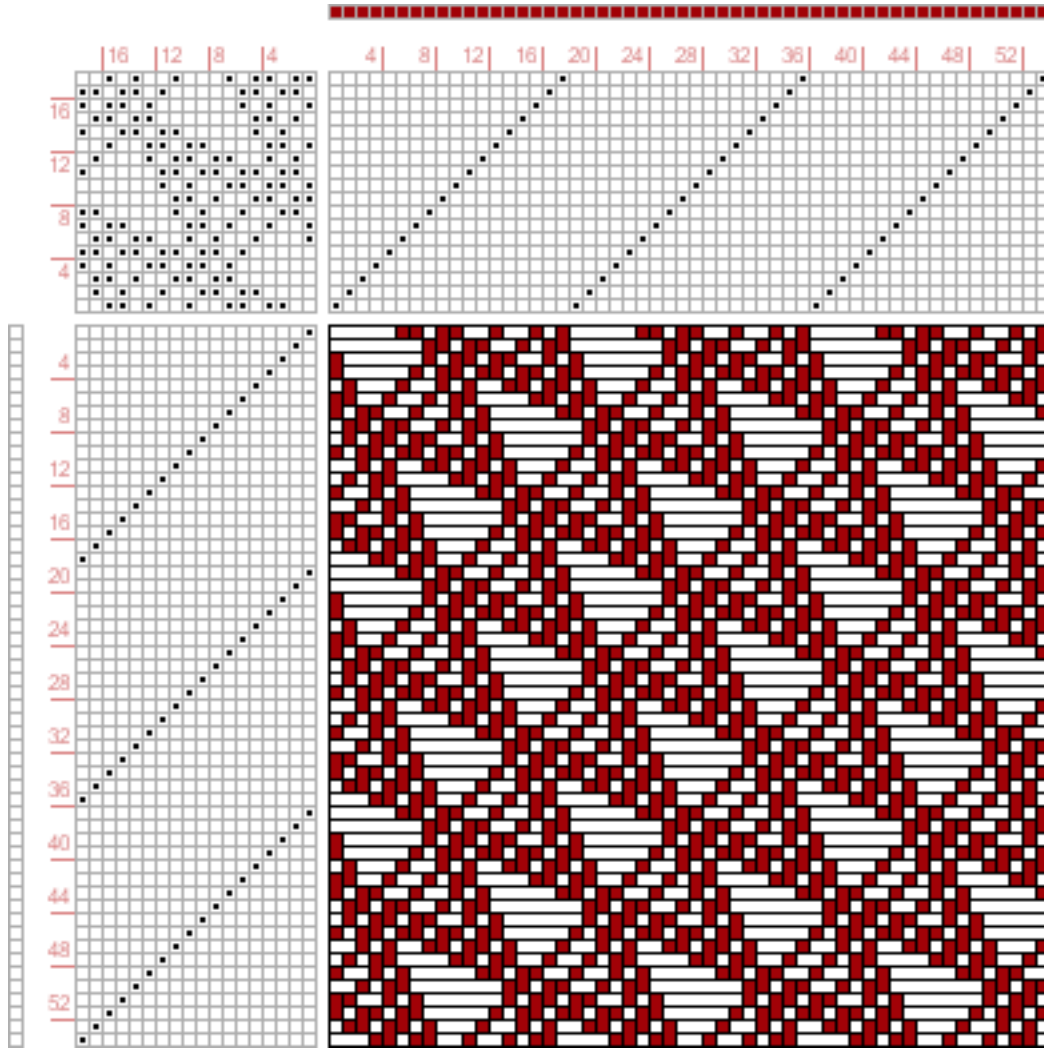


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Welcome to the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. The guild has been sharing its craft with the community for 35 years. Our stated purpose is to “carry on, study and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning and fiber arts.” The Guild meets from September through June on the first Saturday of the month. Generally, meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. at the Adelman House at the Idaho Historical Museum in Boise. Look frequently for details in this newsletter, or please contact any member for inspiration, or for answers to your questions.





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2008-2009 Membership Form

Membership fee is due by July 1st for the following guild year.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

____ Renewal Membership

____ New Membership

Please send newsletter via:

E-mail _____

US Mail _____

Membership dues

_____ @ \$25 = _____

Areas of Interest:

____ 4 Harness

____ Basketry

____ Braiding

____ Computer doobby

____ Dyeing

____ Felting

____ Knitting

____ Lace making

____ Multi-harness

____ Navajo Weaving

____ Rigid Heddle

____ Spinning

____ Tablet Weaving

____ Tapestry

____ Weaving

____ Sewing

Please mail this form with your check to:

Penny Schraufnagel- Membership

2688 S Goshen Way

Boise ID 83709

Member Survey (please do not detach)

Name _____

Which activities do you use?

____ Book Orders ____ Library ____ Yarn and Equipment Sale

____ Programs ____ Workshops ____ Newsletter

____ Study Groups ____ Weaving Intensives

What type of demonstrations would you be interested in doing?

____ Weaving ____ Spinning ____ Other

Would you like to be in a study group? _____

Are you interested in becoming a board member or helping in some other way?

____ Yes ____ No ____ Maybe

Suggestions for future program topics _____

Suggestions for future workshops _____

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The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

Newsletter Highlights and Please Remembers:

June Program: Picnic

Color Code for June: "Naturals"

Spinner's Dye Day - Openings Available

Dues are Due: It's time to pay dues for the 2008-2009 Guild Year.
Come join the fun and learning with fibers.
Send \$25.00 to our new Membership Officer.
See the Membership form enclosed in this Newsletter.

