

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
May, 2008

May Program:

April showers bring. . . . May Yarn and Equipment Sale!!

Its time for the annual Yarn and Equipment Sale. Bring any weaving or spinning related items you would like to sell – yarn, equipment, books or fiber – whatever you have. Please mark your items with your name (so buyers will know who to pay), and the price. Remember that 10% of your sales goes to the Guild. This is a great opportunity to clean out the yarn closet! It's also a great opportunity to bring home a few new goodies to inspire you in the coming year. Bring lots of stuff, the more the merrier.

Library Book Sale

This is the last opportunity to purchase Guild Library books not sold at the 2007 May Guild Sale. All books are priced at pennies on the dollar from the estimated book value.



Officers Elected for 2008-2009 Year

The guild elected officers at the April meeting, as follows:

President - Al Hayden
Vice-presidents - Cece Stricklin
and Marlene Bean
Secretary - Mary Ireland
Treasurer - Irene Chandler
Membership Chairman - Penny Schraufnagel

Thank you all for your dedication to the Guild.



Calendar of Events

- May 3, 2008 - COE Study Group
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise, ID
All are welcome.
- May 3, 2008 - Guild Meeting - Adelman House
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12 noon - Social time
1:00 p.m. Program
-Yarn and Equipment Sale
- May 8, 2008 - Spinning Study Group
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
- 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 - Home of Mary Ireland
11:00 a.m.
Program - Spring Luncheon
(See directions in next Newsletter)



Deciphering the Color Code



I was not at the April meeting, but I hope there was an array of "Steel and Glass" colors from the guild challenge color palette.

For the May meeting, the last color palette to explore is "Lush Vegetation". This has 3 different greens, a raspberry color, a darker blue grey and an interesting orangey-tan-brown color. For this one, it may be best to look at the Fabric Forecast color samples from the Sept./Oct. 2007 issue of Handwoven.

Search your stash once again for these darker-valued colors and bring them to share. I've been playing with my stash and it has really been challenging to find colors that truly match the color palettes. I've been amazed at how many variations of greens, blues, browns, oranges and reds there are and how few of mine match!!! It has been a fun exercise however, and I have reacquainted myself with all sorts of interesting fibers I forgot I had! Jean Z.

Guild Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2008

The call to order was given by President Marlene Bean. Members present were Rebecca Winter, Irene Chandler, Vila Cox, Al Hayden, Penny Schraufnagel, Julie Gerrard, Shirley Sterling, Lynn Ruggles, Maralyn Larsen, Carmen Hammari, Ivy Dehart, Joan Sheehan, Nancy Swensen, Mitzi Meyers and guest Andrea Cooper. Marlene asked each one present to introduce themselves and share a moment in their weaving or spinning where they had had an "aha" moment. There were many different things brought up but everyone could relate to each of them.

Reports: Vice Presidents – Vila talked about upcoming programs and what is scheduled for the rest of this year and upcoming events. The May program will be the annual Guild Sale. Mem-

bers are encouraged to bring their weaving and spinning equipment, yarns, wool, etc. for sale. Ten percent of the proceeds for each item sold goes to the guild. Vila also talked about upcoming workshops and according to the vote taken at the last meeting, the majority voted to have Laura Fry give her "Magic in the Water" workshop next year.



Treasurer: No report

Challenge: Penny talked about the upcoming Color Forecasts challenge and encouraged all to participate.

Newsletter: Rebecca requested that if anyone wanted to change from a hardcopy of the newsletter to the e-mailed copy to let her know.

Stamp prices were discussed, as they are going up again in May. A suggestion was made that perhaps members could donate a book of the "Forever" stamps. These stamps will be usable at the increased rate, but purchased at the current rate. This would offer a bit of savings to the guild for future stamp use.

Study Groups:

Spin Study group will be held at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse on the Second Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00p.m. The upcoming dye day was discussed and Lynn said that she would be sending out an e-mail after this upcoming spin study group with more details about it.

COE will meet again next month, instead of June and the regularly scheduled May Board meeting will be in June to help the transition for the incoming new officers.

The new slate of officers were then announced and a written vote was held. The new board was unanimously voted in and are as follows:

President – Al Hayden
Vice Presidents – Marlene Bean & CeeCee Stricklin
Secretary – Mary Ireland
Treasurer – Irene Chandler
Librarian – Pat Ann
Rebecca Winter will continue to do the monthly newsletter.

Marlene mentioned that the guild had received a thank you note from Ellie Young from Twin Falls, who had attended the Karen Selk workshop. Other mail was discussed and several upcoming even announcements were passed around. The Idaho Falls weekend was discussed.

Color Study: Steel & Glass. Julie had lots of color samples from the Handwoven article and Shirley and Rebecca also had samples. Next month will be the Challenge colors – “Lush Vegetation.”

The Gold Bag was presented and Shirley won it. She received a lovely ball of fiber for spinning.

The June picnic will be held at the home of Mary Ireland in Marsing. Directions will be given at the next meeting and published in the newsletter. Penny volunteered to have next Christmas at her new home.

In other business, Lynn talked about a Mennonite Relief Festival event that is being held on May 17. They have asked if anyone would want to come and spin. Lynn has a contact name and number for anyone interested.

Show and Tell – Lynn brought some pins from one of her trips, Mitzi showed her dyed warps from a workshop, Rebecca showed the samples from the Karen Selk workshop, Shirley brought Jerusalem artichokes for anyone who wanted some.

Program - Joan Sheehan gave the members a wonderful program about sheep breeds and the various fibers that they produce. She brought

many examples of lots of different types of wool.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ireland



Ramblings of the President

I'm sure you've heard of the weaver's handshake. It is the irresistible touch one weaver gives to another weaver's work of art. There is another touch however, that may be new to you. This touch or finish concerns pets.

My old cat T.O. will be twenty two this fall. He is feeble and so, so thin, and his soft, bright reddish orange coat so immaculate in the past is somewhat disheveled, but his purr is just as loud as always. I love his purr. T.O. has been a good cat to have in the house. He always used his litter box and never jumped up on furniture other than the ones that he was allowed on. There was one exception. Before his aged body had to be lifted to any height, I don't know how he knew, but if there was a new piece that had been taken off the loom, whether it was from my loom, or the loom of a friend, he would find it and jump up on the table or counter to lay on top of that piece; just briefly and just that first day as if to voice his approval.

My dog on the other hand would not be a good judge of fine handwoven pieces. Her taste is less discriminating, as she chews on anything she can “sink her teeth into”. We wouldn't want her to “finish” anything, unless it was that “dog” you had on the loom!

Laura Fry is scheduled to teach our next weaving workshop in March 2009. Laura is the author of the book, Magic in the Water, which

deals extensively with finishing handwovens. She is the authority on the subject, but I know for a fact that she doesn't discuss the pet finish in her book. I have talked to other weavers whose pets, particularly cats, also "bless" a new weaving by lying on it. I think I should mention it to Laura. I'm sure she would want to include it in any future edition! Now if I could just come up with a good name for it first. Perhaps the Pawshake, or Pet Stomp of Approval? Maybe just T.O.A. or Touch of Approval. I'm taking suggestions-----.

See you at the meeting!
Marlene



Study Group Notes

Spinning Study Group

Our regular meeting will be May 8 at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse in Meridian. Call Lynn Ruggles for directions, 375-9172.

The SSG will be having a dyeing day sometime this spring to dye wool roving for the Color Challenge for Museum Comes to Life. This is a working group, not a class, and participants are expected to have some experience in dyeing. We are limiting this to 10 people due to limits on the space we have available. We will pair up and each pair will be responsible for one dye pot. We will be choosing colors from the palettes specified in the challenge. We will dye one pound of each color and will split the dyed fibers into 1 oz. bags to be shared among the participants. Dyes, dye pots, and other dye accouterments will be supplied by whomever has them. Fiber cost will be \$12/pound.

We already have a list of interested participants which exceeds our limit, but if you are interested, I will maintain a waiting list.

When: when the weather looks good
(might be April, May or early June)

Where: Homedale

Who: Contact Lynn Ruggles, 375-9172

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

Even though we had a COE study group meeting in April, there will be a COE study group in May, too. 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 May 3, at 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise, ID.

Weaving Intensive: Overshot

The intensive will be held next in January, 2009. The topic will be Overshot. Contact Al Hayden for more information.



Learning Opportunities

- ◆ "Snake River Fiber Fair:
Where Fiber meets the Artist"
Presented by the Weaving, Spinning and Fiber Art Guild of Idaho Falls
May 16, 17 & 18, 2008
For more information contact Sheryl Solberman at (208) 521-7919, or visit <http://www.srfiberarts.org>
- ◆ "Color Mixing for Dyers I"
with Carol Soderlund
September 17-21, 2008
Glacier Camp in Lakeside, Montana
See previous newsletter for details, or go to: www.sophiacenterofmontana.com
or call Kathy at (406) 827-3978.



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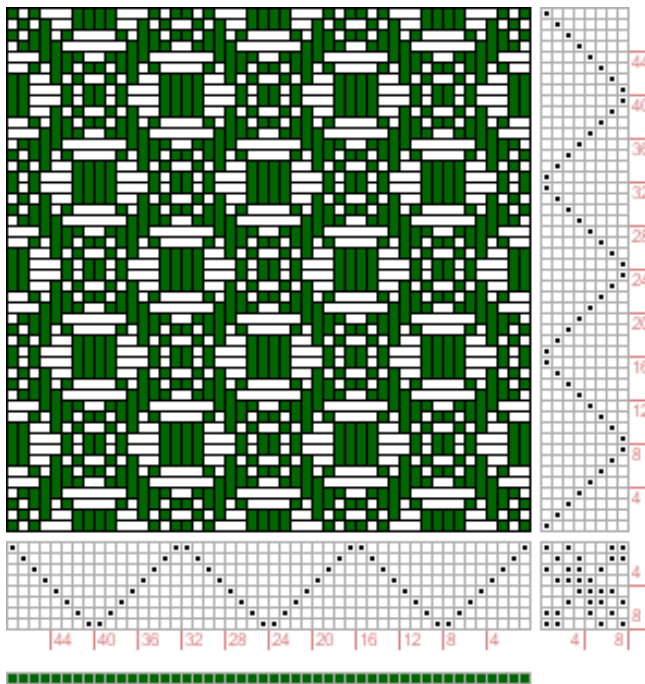
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<http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>

Draft Inspirations:

The following drafts are from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about each draft.

See also Draft #61469, which is a 24 harness draft. Very interesting, but too big for this spot.

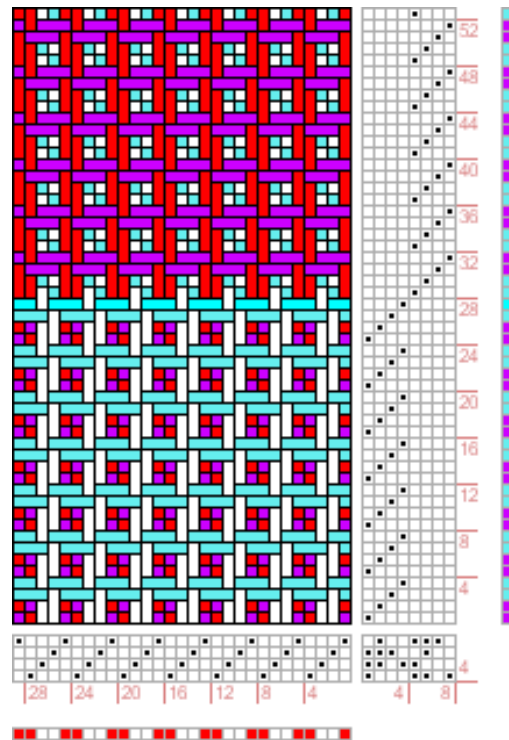
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Welcome to the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. The guild has been sharing its craft with the community for 35 years. Our stated purpose is to "carry on, study and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning and fiber arts." The Guild 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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