



# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of  
Boise Valley

May, 2011

## May Program: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

I can hardly wait to see what everyone brings out to move along to another fiber/fabric/yarn/equipment lover. Remember the seller collects their own money and pays 10% to the Guild at the end of the sale. Please remember we have quite a few new or wanna be new weavers that need stuff. Looking forward to this fun tradition!

♦Mitzi Meyers

## Mark Your Calendars

Celia Quinn will be here March 23-25th, 2012, to teach a comprehensive spinning class.



## Calendar of Events

May 7, 2010 - Guild Meeting -  
Boise Historical Museum  
at the Adelman House  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
Following the business meeting:  
Program - Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

May 12, 2011 - Spinning Study Group  
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse  
350 East Carmel Drive, Meridian  
6:30 - 8:30pm

May 16, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group  
Home of Vila Cox  
1:00 pm

May 5 & 19, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
Rebecca's Studio House  
6:30 pm

June 4, 2011 - Annual Picnic  
the Home of Mitzi Meyers

June 4, 2011 - COE Study Group  
the Home of Mitzi Meyers, prior to the Picnic  
10:00 am

☞ All are welcome to all events! ☞

## Election of Officers

The Election of Officers was held at the April meeting. The new officers will take over in June, 2011. The following were elected to lead us in the upcoming year:

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



## Ramblings of the President

A friend of mine that works at a yarn store was telling me about a customer that she had last week, who was enjoying looking at all of the skeins of yarn. She shyly confessed to having a collection of yarn, in fact she had "a bag full" of yarn at home already. I had to smile, if only my yarn collecting stopped at one bag. I think she might shutter if she knew what the advanced stages of collecting looked like.

I have convinced myself that my large collection of yarn is a good thing. It sits on the shelf filled with promise. Sometimes I enjoy just squeezing a skein of wool and admiring its beauty.

As a "color-texture" person, I have 2 theories. First, I think that is good to have a large enough inventory of yarn that you can design without feeling limited by your pallet. My other theory says that you need to frequently reevaluate the direction that you are heading so that you do not accumulate a lot of dead weight (ugly cones of yarn) and you can feel free to move ahead in your new design direction. Actually, I think I have 3 theories; sometimes an ugly yarn can redeem itself with just the right amount of over-dyeing. If I spend a lot of time thinking about the last theory, I will either be aglow with creative energy, or I will feel compelled to watch an episode of Hoarders, to bring myself back from the ledge.

Whether you want to clear your stash, or see what treasures are waiting for you to snatch up, I hope you will join us for a great meeting, some great deals and some great friendship.

◆ Cynthia Newman, President



## Upcoming Program

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

## Spinning Saturday -- Anyone?

If anyone is interested in hosting a summer spinning day, please contact Lynn. In the summer, the Spinning Study group takes a break, and instead we have a Spinning Saturday at someone's house, one per month in June, July and August. The event usually runs from 10-3 (or whatever hours suit you), we have a potluck lunch, and the hostess provides drinks (ice tea, lemonade, or water). Bring your wheel, something fun to spin, and while away a lazy summer day in the company of other fiber fanatics. Venue can be either indoors or outdoors (hopefully where there is some shade).

◆ Respectfully submitted, Lynn



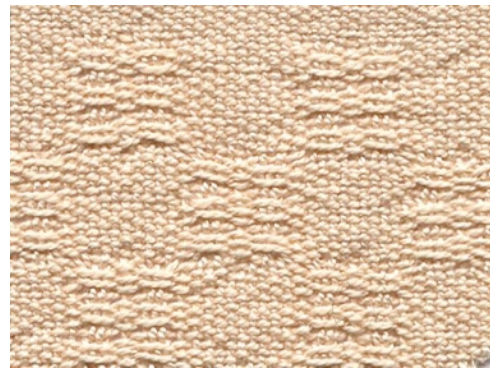
◆ Mitzi Meyers

## UFO Program

UFO's time is ticking away... Get 'er done by the June Picnic for your prize. There will be a surprise award ceremony at the picnic.

## Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Julie Gerrard. We have a sample of Swedish Lace Tea Towels. Lots of lace going around these days!



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



## Study Group News

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will be meeting on **May 12** at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse from 6:30-8:30pm. May color is **Blue Sky**. Anyone is welcome to attend -- spinners, spinner-wannabes, or anyone else who just wants to hang out and socialize. For more info, contact Maralyn or Lynn.



### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **May 16** at 1 p.m. at the home of Vila Cox, 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 **June 4** at 10:00 a.m. at Mitzi Meyer's house in Sweet. **Please note the change of time and place for the month of June.** As usual, everyone is invited, for information call Mary Berent, 939-8906.

### ♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We will meet on **May 5 & 19** at 6:30 p.m. at Rebecca's Studio House. We are meeting every two weeks for now as we learn the moves. Call Vila or Rebecca for more information.



## Guild Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 4/2/2011, Adlemann House

Present: Janet Stanger, Rebecca Winter, Rena Lute, Nancy Swenson, Cindy Schafer, Irene Chandler, Carol Freeman, Mary Sheets, Pat Ann, Kathy McGowan, Julie Gerrard, Mary Berent, Mitzi Meyers, Chris Farrin, Al Hayden, Judy Tallent, Lynn Ruggles, Vila Cox, Melanie Smith, Emma Smith, Cynthia Newman, Georgianna Goetsch, Marita Turner.

Meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Newman

**Vice President Kathy McGowan-** presented information on 3 spinners for a future workshop. She

passed around a form with the information and everyone was to mark the one they wanted. She also wants to know what the guild thinks is the best time to offer the workshops. We will email everyone to get their input.

**Vice President Mitzi Meyers-** Has lined up 3 programs for us. Animal fibers will be today after the meeting. The Guild yarn and equipment sale in May and the Picnic Pot Luck at Mitzi's in June. The meeting in June will be at Mitzi's.

**Treasure Irene Chandler-** reported that there is \$3,777.01 in checking. Our income for the month was \$1,800.00 from workshop fees and expenses were \$1,718.44, also from the workshop.

**Secretary Janet Stanger-** reported that the nonprofit status form has been completed and filed for the year.

It was reported that Penny Schraufnagel has been diagnosed with cancer. She is very positive that everything is going to be alright. Janet will send her a get well card from the Guild.

**Librarian Judy Tallent-** reports that the Library is up and going.



**Rebecca Winter-** passed out ANWG Conference flyers. Rebecca announces that the picture of this month's sample in the newsletter did not do it justice. She reminds everyone to sign for their samples. The new samples are in the front of the box. The old samples in the back of the box anyone can take.

**Vila Cox** reports that the **Web site** is going great.

**Melanie Smith-** reports that the September **Challenge** is natural Un-dyed Fibers. Forms are to be in the next newsletter. There was some discussion held on what if you can't tell it was dyed. It was also discussed that bleached would be ok.

**Vila Cox-** Has set the theme for the **2012 Intensive**. It will be Color Studies.

**Group Meetings:** The day weaving group will meet at the home of Mary Berent. Time at 1 pm. The Spinning Study group will meet April 14<sup>th</sup> at Marilyn's club house. Time from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The color of study will be Daffodil yellow. The Bobbin Lace Group will meet next Thursday 6:30 pm at Rebecca's Studio. COE next meeting is in June and will be at the Home of Mitzi Meyers.

### **UFO's**

- Irene Chandler showed her completed weaving on the lawn chairs.
- Cindy Shafer finished her Christmas Tree Skirt

- Janet Stanger showed the progress she had made on her crocheted table cloth.

**Election of Officers:** Mitzi Meyers read the Slate of Officers. Mitzi Meyers- President, Rena Lute- Vice President, Mary Berent- Vice President, Janet Stanger- Secretary, Melanie Smith- Treasurer, and Irene Chandler- Membership Officer.

Janet explained the ballots and passed them out. The guild members present voted to accept the slate of officers.

**Show and Tell**

- The Lace Bobbin group displayed their completed work. Rebecca, Vila, Mary & Melanie.
- Vila also showed some Marino Scarves on a 16 harness twill pattern.
- Lynn had eggs for sale and showed us a double weave sample with pockets. She also had some patterns and materials to give away.
- Kathy showed samples from the Robyn Spady workshop and an Ikat table runner.
- Rebecca, besides her bobbin lace book marks, finished her intensive warp by weaving a star sampler.
- Visitor Georgianna Goetch showed dyed wool, fiber arts book, bags, bowls and a shawl.

Meeting adjourned for the Live Animal Show and animal fiber presentation.

- Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

**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

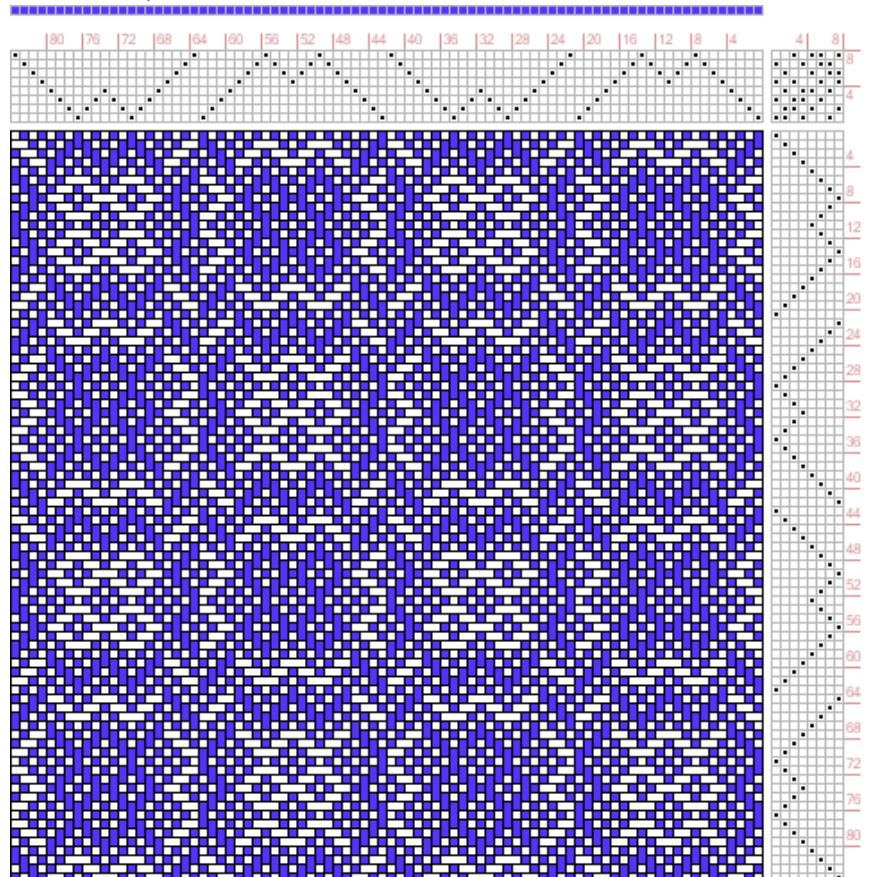
**Website**

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



**Draft Inspiration**

Here is a draft 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 #62961 A cool mirroring motif!





# Challenge 2011: Natural Color



It's that time once again for the Challenge. This year's theme is: Natural Colored Fibers. You can use any natural colored fiber or yarns to make your items. Yes, this means that *there should be no dyed yarns or fibers*. There should not be a dye lot on your labels. There are so many natural colors out there that you won't have to use just white or cream. Just think about all the colors of alpaca, wool, and cotton. All entries must be from a natural fiber and your own work, finished since last September.

### There will be four categories for prizes:

- ~ Flat handwoven items- includes yardage, and hemmed or fringed pieces (scarves, towels, bobbin lace or rugs).
- ~ Handspun skeins- hand spun yarns from natural colored fibers.
- ~ Finished items from handspun yarn. This can be woven, knit, crocheted, or bobbin lace.
- ~ Fiber arts- non flat handwoven fabrics (including clothing) or 3 dimensional items. Must be made of at least 50% woven fabric or handspun yarn made from natural yarn or fibers.

### Prizes for each category

\$50 First place - \$35 Second place - \$15 Third place

Registration is due by Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Finished items are due by September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Museum Comes to Life is September 24<sup>th</sup>

Entry fees are \$5.00 for the first entry, \$2.00 for the second and the third entry (a maximum of \$9.00). Any additional entries from the same person are free. So, enter as many pieces as you wish.



\*\*\*\*\* Entry Form \*\*\*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of piece(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit form and entries to: Melanie Smith, 523 S. Pond St., Boise Idaho, 83705, 385-0085**

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## May Newsletter Highlights:

- ☀ **May Program: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale**
- ☀ **Year Long Program: UFO's. Will it be continued? Stay Tuned!**
- ☀ **Officers Were Elected for the Next Year**

