

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley May, 2026

## May Program: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

Our program for May is our annual yarn, equipment, and fiber sale. So clean out your stash and sort out your surplus and bring it to the sale! This is also your chance to buy bits and pieces you thought you would never find! The guild will receive 10% from the seller, the buyer will get good stuff, and the seller will receive compensation.

A win, win, win!!!

◆ Remember, the seller marks their prices and collects their own money. Then they pay 10% of their sales to the Guild at the end of the sale. Give your payment to Dyan Lay.

◆ Lisa Baker & Robin Conrads, Vice Presidents



## Calendar of Events

### **Regular Meeting:**

May 2, 2026 ~ 11:30 a.m.

### **Program ~ Yarn and Equipment Sale**

At the Boise First Congregational Church of Christ,  
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

Next meeting - June 6, 2026

### **Study Groups:**

May 10, 2026 ~ Rigid Heddle Study Group

2:00-4:00 pm. ~ 1902 Caldwell St., Nampa

May 12, 2026 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

May 13, 2026 ~ Spinning Study Group

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore  
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

May 14, 2026 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Sheri Bittner

May 17, 2026 ~ Paper Study Group

1:30 p.m. ~ Location TBD

May 19, 2026 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ Location to be determined

May 21, 2026 ~ Tapestry Study Group

11:00 a.m. ~ Location to be determined

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Meets on Zoom

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### **Workshops:**

**Understanding Profile Drafts**, by Deb Essen. June 19-21, 2026, at the Fairview Terrace Community Center, Meridian, ID.

**Color-And-Weave: A Design Technique**, by Rebecca Winter. October 16, 17, & 18, 2026, at the Fairview Terrace Community Center, Meridian, ID.

To find Member Contact Information, log in to your [groups.io](https://groups.io) account and look in "Files" for the Membership Directory. The link to the BoiseGuildGroup is [HERE](#).

## Election of Officers for 2026-2027

The election of officers took place at the April 4th meeting. By unanimous decision, the following officers were elected: President—Katzy Luhning, Vice Presidents—Lisa Baker and Pat Dayton, Treasurer—Kelly Sandusky, Secretary—Dyan Lay, Membership Chair—Cindy Griewe, and Past President—Mary Berent. Thanks to these guild members who volunteer their time to keep the guild running smoothly.

◆ The Nominating Committee

## Membership

Registration for guild membership is open for the 2026-27 guild year. Membership remains \$35. Register online at <https://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/shop>, by mail, or in-person at the guild meetings. Digital payment, check, or cash are all accepted.

Digital payments add a small processing fee (\$2). Mail-in forms may have a delay in processing, as the mail is picked up monthly. (OPTIONAL ~ If you request paper-mailed newsletters, the additional fee for that service has increased to \$35.)

Guild membership renewals are due by the end of the current guild year, June 30.

◆ Cindy Griewe, Membership Chair

## President's Letter

May...I love May. It is the month where the universe gives me permission to do things. May I sit in the warm sunshine and knit? Yes you May. May I ignore my housework and weave another hour on my project? Yes you May. Perhaps I shouldn't get carried away with this thought, but it is nice to feel the universe is giving me permission to do things. Sometimes life gets pretty busy and I forget to give myself permission to take care of myself. May is my month for that permission to come from outside. I hope you remember to take care of yourself in May!

Perhaps taking care of yourself is cleaning out the corners of your crafting area! Don't forget that the member yarn and equipment sale will be happening at the guild meeting on May 2nd. Price your items, bring some spare change, and let's help each other make room in our lives. Or find new treasures to make your own life fun! And 10% of the sales goes to help the guild!

I look forward to seeing what you have been working on this month! I hope you are able to be at the meeting in May. Maybe we will be inspired together.

◆ Katzy



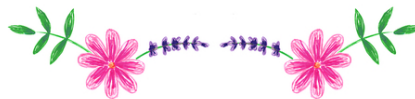
## Association of Weavers Guilds Conference Name Tag Project

The weaving for our four name tag designs is well under way, and the designs are stunning. We plan to weave enough cloth for 550 handwoven pockets attached to hand-plied lanyards and plastic sleeves.

There will be a lot of opportunities for you to become involved. We will need sewists, spinners, assemblers, and perhaps moral supporters for the weavers who will each need to weave 46 name tag pockets. During the regular meetings look for the sign-up sheet to add your name to the list of volunteers. Our deadline for the weaving to be complete is November this year. Assembly will take place between then and March of 2027.

Thank you for supporting this project. I believe it follows the momentum created by our President when we made napkins for each other. There is opportunity for coming together as a fiber community.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Name Tag Project Co-Chair



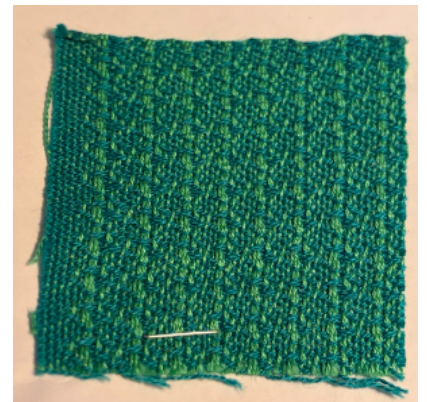
## Sample Exchange

I hope all these April showers bring you May flowers!

This month's sample was woven for us by Rebecca Winter. It's a beautiful mix of turquoise and medium green 20/2 cotton. Woven in twill for prior Newsletter samples from the "circles challenge". I love how she has not only created little circles but dots of texture with this pattern. Thank you Rebecca for sharing your ideas with us!

Please consider sharing your next project with the guild by adding an extra few inches to your warp. It's a wonderful way to share ideas with each other.

◆ Christie Farrin, Sample Box Chair



## Upcoming 2026 Programs & Workshops - Plan Ahead

~ **May 2026 Yarn and Equipment Sale.**

~ **June 2026 Summer Potluck and Kick off to the Summer with Weaving Travel Tips and Summer Weaving Project Ideas.**

~ **Workshop ~ Understanding Profile Drafts**, by Deb Essen **June 19 - 21, 2026**

Just two short months until the workshop with Deb Essen! There are still slots available but **registration will close on April 30th**. See the flyer for more information about the workshop.

If you want to get even more out of the workshop, **we need a guild member to host Deb Essen**. This is a great way to get to know another weaving enthusiast and to learn more about Profile Drafts. Deb has also published a book about Supplementary Warps, so you could get a head start on next year's Intensive!

If you have any questions about hosting or are interested, contact Robin or Lisa.

~ **Workshop ~ Color-And-Weave: A Design Technique**, by Rebecca Winter October 16 - 18, 2026, at the Fairview Terrace Community Center in Meridian, ID. Slots are still available for this workshop. Cost: \$150.00, and a Materials Fee of \$40 to be paid to Rebecca on the first day of the workshop.

◆ Lisa Baker, Vice President

## Demonstration Events

Here are the dates for the upcoming events that I announced. A couple of dates have changed. Demonstrators of any fiber art are encouraged to participate and demonstrate their skills. This is how we promote our Guild to the public.

Sign ups will be at the meeting. Watch the newsletter and Groups email for locations and directions.

### **Old Farm Days Opening**

May 2nd from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

### **Sheep in the Foothills**

May 9th from 10am to 3pm.

### **Idaho Renaissance Faire (Beltrane)**

June 6th from 10am to 7pm.

June 7th from 10am to 6pm.

### **Western Idaho Fair**

August 21st to 30th. From 12 to 4 pm.

### **Old Farm Days**

September 27th from 12 to 5pm.

### **Idaho Renaissance Faire Part 2**

To be announced.

## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study group will be meeting May 13th at our favorite bookstore, the Rubaiyat. Join us from 11-2 and bring your wheel, electric wheel or drop spindle and come be surrounded by like minded individuals who also love to spin.

◆ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 21 at 11 am. The location is yet to be determined.

◆ Mary Donato, Study Group Chair

### Lace Study Group

The lace study group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at my house, 10:00 to 12:00.

◆ Raelene Viste, Study Group Chair

## Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving study group meeting will be Thursday May 14 at 6pm at my studio. The address is 2756 S Cloverdale Rd, Boise, ID 83709. My number is 858-752-7209, call or text with any questions. The study topic will be ergonomics. Bring your questions, ideas and projects for show and tell. All are welcome. The more the merrier.

◆ Sherry Bittner, the Very Happy Beginning Study Group Chair

## Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weavers will be meeting May 19 at 10:30. The location to be announced. All Guild members are welcome to join this group. We share projects and questions about weaving.

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

## Rigid Heddle Study Group

May 10, 2026 at the U of I classroom in Caldwell. Meeting starts at 2pm. **Doors open at 1:45 for loom setup.** Topic: Decide on topics for next meetings – be thinking about what Rigid Heddle topics you're wanting to know more about and bring those ideas to the meeting.

Dates for your calendar: June 14, July 12, July 26, Aug 9

We have decided to continue meeting through the summer on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We will also hold a Weave-Together-Meet-Up on Sunday, July 26. This will be a potluck and gab while we spend time together weaving on our projects. Come when you want 11am – 5pm.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

## Paper Study Group

Our next meeting is on May 17, 2026, at 1:30 pm but the location is yet to be determined. The art being produced by this group is quite something. If you are interested in exploring collage, paper weaving, book binding, or other papery goodness, this group is for you. Bring your Show and Tell to share, and plan to share any new study information you have found. And always remember - paper is fiber, too!

◆ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

## Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet at 2 pm every Thursday via Zoom. We work on our projects, help each other with project questions and chat about whatever comes up. Feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff. We're very flexible - please feel welcome to join us.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

### Officers & Guild Board

- President - Katzy Luhring
- Vice President - Robin Conrads
- Vice President - Lisa Baker
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Treasurer - Kelly Sandusky
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Mary Berent

### Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
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- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- 2027 Weaving Intensive Study Group
  - \* Robin Conrads
  - \* Hana Meinikheim
  - \* Nancy Alzola
  - \* Connie Griffin
- Day Weaving Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Sherry Bittner
- Rigid Heddle Study Group - Jinks Hunter
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- Lace Study Group - Raelene Viste
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Mary Donato
- Paper Study Group - Rebecca Winter
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Fairview Terrace Community Center Contact People - Rebecca Winter & Cindy Griewe
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

### Website

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

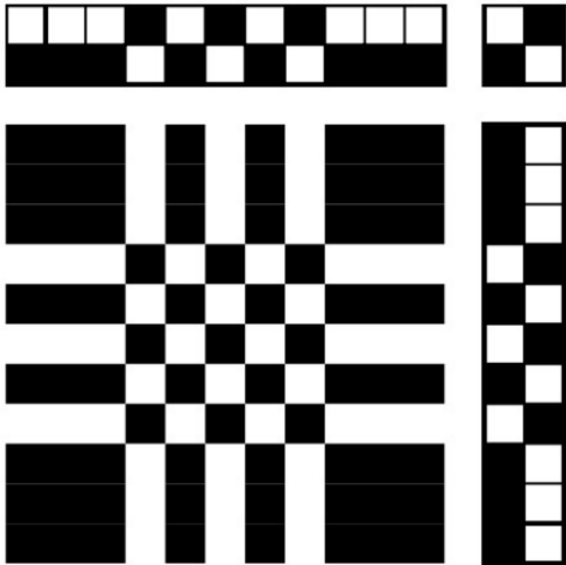
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### Mailing Address

PO Box 6258, Boise, ID 83707



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## UNDERSTANDING PROFILE DRAFTS

with Deb Essen

June 19, 20, 21 - 2026

Fairview Terrace Community Center – Meridian, ID

Have you seen drafts like this and wondered how to use them to create fabric?

Learn how to use profile drafts as a powerful weaving design tool! We will learn how to translate a profile draft into thread by thread drafts for several weave structures.

We will also discuss what kind of weave structures can use profile drafts and what structures can't. Samples in round robin format, so everyone will go

home with a sample of at least 5 weave structures discussed in class and have a chance to play with them.

The workshop is open to members of the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley and will be held June 19 – 21, 2026, at the Fairview Terrace Community Center in Meridian. If you would like to attend the workshop but are not a member of the Guild; membership is \$35.00 <https://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/>.

The cost of the workshop is \$150.00 (\$155.00 if you pay with a credit card). For comparison, workshops like this that are offered at conferences such as ANWG usually charge ~ \$400.00.

Students will bring their table or floor loom un-warped, because students will be warping looms in class (students must be comfortable warping their looms independently). Pre-class instructions will be sent to attendees in May. The class is geared toward advanced beginners through intermediate weavers.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Lisa Baker or Robin Conrads: email addresses are available through the Guild's groups.io site.



**Deb Essen** lives, weaves, and runs her business *dje handwovens* in the Bitterroot Valley, nestled in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana. In 2004, Deb achieved the Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving-Level 1 through the Handweaver's Guild of America. In 2011 she was inducted to the Montana Circle of American Masters in Folk and Traditional Art. Her book, *Easy Weaving With Supplemental Warps*, was published originally by Interweave Press in 2016. In 2022, the book was re-released as an expanded revised edition, with more projects and weave structures, by Schiffer Publishing. She has recorded five weaving videos, available through Long Thread Media, ranging from supplemental warps to profile drafting and has written multiple feature articles for *Handwoven* and *Little Looms* magazines. Deb is passionate about teaching about the wonders of weaving and teaches at shops, guilds, regional and national conferences and festivals.

# Color-and-Weave: A Design Technique

by Rebecca Winter

a Workshop offered by the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Rebecca describes the workshop as follows:

“Color-and-weave ... occurs when there is a combining of two elements of weaving. These two elements are the weave structure and the use of two contrasting yarns as stripes in both the warp and the weft. A visual patterning is created that is seemingly unrelated to the weave structure or the use of color.”

Winter, Rebecca. *The Enigma of Shadow Weave Illuminated*.  
Atglen, PA., Schiffer Publishing Co., Inc., 2022.

Does this definition intrigue and excite you? I have to admit, it always has for me.

Is it possible to weave Color-and-Weave on any loom? Absolutely!!

This workshop is a round robin style exploration. Participants will receive drafts before the workshop, and will arrive with their loom warped and ready to weave. Each participant will weave on the looms of others, for a full learning opportunity, involving many color-and-weave drafts. Each loom will have a different draft. In round robin workshops, participants provide the yarn for their warp and enough yarn for each of the other participants to weave on their loom.

This 3-day workshop is primarily for rigid heddle or shaft looms. The Weaving Drafts will be for 2, 4, 6, or 8 “shafts” and participants will need looms with these configurations to match their assigned draft. Participants will be given all the drafts in a multiple page binder filled with colorful handouts.

Through this process, as described, participants will leave the workshop with an understanding of how to weave color-and-weave drafts, how it creates the third thing, and how to create their own unique color-and-weave drafts.”



## Workshop details:

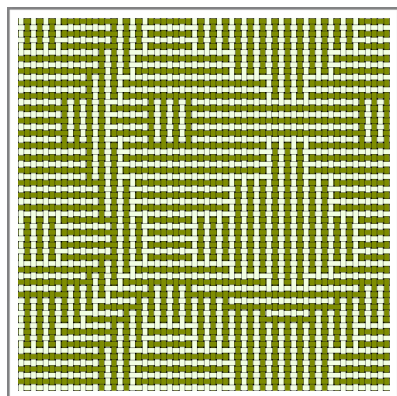
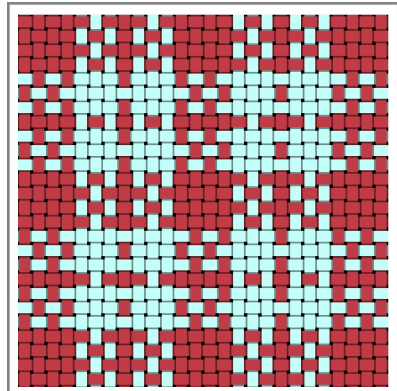
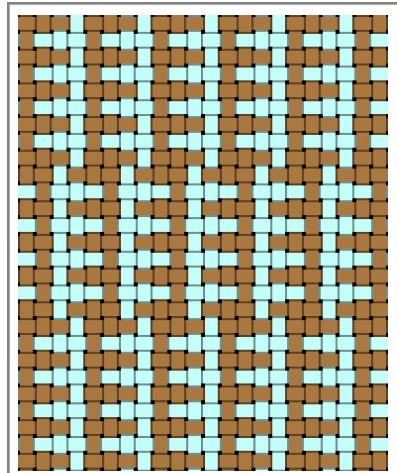
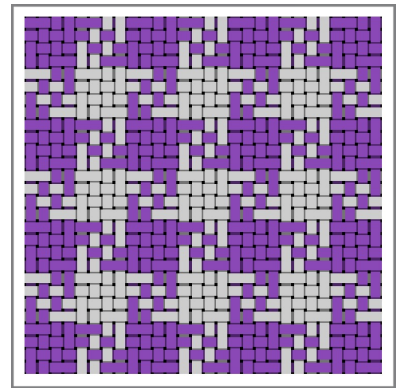
When: October 16, 17, 18, 2026 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Where: Fairview Terrace Community Center

700 E Fairview Ave, Meridian, ID

Price: \$150.00, with a materials fee of \$40.00 to be paid directly to Rebecca at the workshop.

Workshops are a great way to treat yourself to three full days of weaving and to get to know your fellow guild members. You can also pick up tips and tricks for weaving, loom use, and material (yarn) considerations. All this information and great camaraderie is a steal at any price and the Guild works to keep the cost as low as possible.



## Regular Meeting Minutes ~ April 4, 2026

Call To Order at 11:34AM

- Present were 32 attendees: Lisa Baker, Dyan Lay, Mary Berent, Cindy Griewe, Kelly Sandusky, Robin Conrads, Vila Cox, Esther Kleinkauf, Amy Roche, Tracey Stringer, Susan Inouye, Venus Kadre, Pat Dayton, Mary Donato, Alyssa Bangs, Nancy Alzola, Jean Zaske, Cornelia Shotwell, Jane Hoover, Julie Gerrard, Greta Ankeny, Marianne Poling, Sally Johnston, Irma Atkinson, Zena Zaleski, Nancy Swenson, Raelene Viste, Sheila Anderson, Connie Griffin, Mitzi Meyers, Chelsea Grigsby, and Sheila Miller.

Business

- Vice President – Lisa Baker
  - Lisa welcomed everyone and explained that she was substituting for Katzy in her absence. She asked members to introduce themselves by name and tell what their favorite lunch is.
  - She spoke of today's Board and budget voting processes, as well as Mitzi's triangular weaving program being presented in two sections.
- Vice President – Robin Conrads
  - Robin discussed upcoming workshops:
  - Payment is now accepted for Deb Essen's workshop, Understanding Profile Drafts. The event will be at the Fairview Terrace Community Center on June 19-21. See the latest newsletter for details.
  - Members can sign up now for Color-And-Weave: A Design Technique, by Rebecca Winter scheduled for October 16-18 at the Fairview Terrace Community Center. Payment will be accepted in May.
- Sample Box – Kelly Sandusky
  - In Christie's absence, Kelly spoke of today's sample: a spinning sample by Jeannie Phillips.
  - Kelly explained samples are free and include instructions, and urged members to sign up to contribute to the Sample Box.
- Membership – Cindy Griewe
  - Cindy announced membership sign up for the upcoming year is open, and payment can be made in person, online or by mail.
  - The annual membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.
  - Lisa mentioned that membership comes with access to study groups, workshops, library and equipment and much more.
- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
  - The 2026-2027 budget vote was taken.
  - Dyan Lay moved to accept the Budget as published in the April 2026 newsletter; Robin Conrads seconded the motion; the membership passed the motion unanimously.
  - Financial details are not included in the newsletter. Questions may be directed to Kelly, who can provide additional information about the Guild's finances.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
  - Dyan reminded members to sign in.
- Nominating Committee – Greta Ankeny
  - Greta explained today's Board election process and distributed paper ballots.
  - Greta and Esther counted the votes, and the following slate of officers was unanimously approved for the 2026-2027 Guild year:
    - President – Katzy Luhring
    - Vice President – Lisa Baker
    - Vice President – Pat Dayton
    - Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
    - Secretary – Dyan Lay
    - Past President – Mary Berent
- Equipment Chair – Vila Cox

- Vila announce the Guild was selling a spinning wheel, J-made loom and warping mill. If not sold today, they will be up for sale at the annual Yarn and Equipment Sale at the May Regular meeting.
- ANWG Nametags - Vila Cox
  - The project needs volunteers for sewing, assembling and more.
- Study Groups
  - Beginning Weaving - Mary Donato: This group meets the second Thursday of every month at 6PM.
  - Learn to Weave Weekend - Cindy Griewe: Cindy gave the details about this weekend, scheduled for April 18-19 at the Fairview Terrace Community Center. Participants should bring a naked loom and will leave with about five woven dish clothes. Mentors will be available, but this is group setting learning not one-to-one. Members can register online or email Cindy to be on the waiting list. Lunch will be provided Saturday.
  - Paper - Mary Donato: This group meets the third Sunday at 1:30PM.
  - Rigid Heddle - Robin Conrads: This group meets monthly the second Sunday. There will be no April meeting for this group.
  - Day Weaving - Greta Ankeny: This group meets the third Tuesday of each month.
  - Fiber Friends - Jinks Hunter: This group meets via Zoom every Thursday at 2PM and is a great opportunity to sit with friends, work on a project and chat.
  - Tapestry - Mary Donato: The group meets the third Thursday of every month.
  - Lace - Raelene Viste: This group meets the second Tuesday at Raelene's home.
  - Spinning - Rebecca Winter: This group meets the second Wednesday at the Rubaiyat in Caldwell.
  - Garment - Mary Berent: This group meets the fifth Tuesday.
  - Always check the latest newsletter for all the latest Study Group activities and meeting details.
- Show and Tell
  - Robin Conrads showed her summer and winter pattern "Meta weave" towels.
  - Marianne Poling modelled her variegated garter knitted scarf.
  - Mary Donato wore a fabulous coat "shaket" made from a Merchant & Mills pattern and an Ottoman pattern.
  - Susan Inouye passed around several Zoom Loom with Sachiko patterns pieces as well as tablet woven band, shoelaces, decorated jeans and a necklace.
  - Sheila Anderson demonstrated a knitted butterfly shawl made of alpaca and Merino.
  - Raelene Viste wove some "skinny stuff" on her box loom as well as on an inkle loom with many colored wefts.
  - Nancy Alzola made tea towels by reverse-engineering her favorite tea towel using 8/2 unmercerized Broussard.
  - Chelsea Grigsby recommended reading "Weaving a Life: The Story of Mary Meigs Atwater".
  - Cindy Griewe created a basket with loom waste, 8/2 unmercerized cotton and teabag string.
  - Zena Zaleski spun one ounce 100% Targhee 385 two-ply yards on her electric spinning wheel.
  - Irma Atkinson is taking a Zoom Loom break.
- Today's program is Triangular Weaving by Mitzi Meyers.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:16PM.

❖ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

## Affiliate Programs

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