Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley November, 2026

November Program: 2027 ANWG Conference Name Tags Revealed

For the November meeting you will have the opportunity to see the work that has been completed so far behind the scenes for our Guild's offerings for the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds Name Tag Project. Three of the four Designers will present their ideas and thoughts about their design. Come to the meeting to see the fabulous rolls of fabric our teams have woven.

Also, look forward to receiving information about how you can follow through on your commitment to become involved. Work day schedules for lanyard spinning and for name tag construction will be announced. Lists of needed tools, equipment, and materials will also be available. We are grateful for all those who have signed the volunteer lists and we invite you to take the next steps.

➽ Rebecca Winter, Chair for the ANWG Name Tag Project



Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

November 7, 2026 ~ 11:30 a.m.
At the Boise First Congregational Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
Next meeting - December 5, 2026

Program ~ ANWG Name Tag Project

Study Groups:

November 10, 2026 ~ Lace Study Group
10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

November 11, 2026 ~ Spinning Study Group
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.~ (Wednesday) At Rubaiyat Bookstore, 314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

November 12, 2026 ~Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m..~ To be determined

November 15, 2026 ~ Rigid Heddle Study Group
2:00-4:00 pm. ~ Lunatic Fringe Yarn, Fruitland

November 15, 2026 ~ Paper Study Group
1:30 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Winter

November 17, 2026 ~ Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Hutchinson

November 19, 2026 ~ Tapestry Study Group
10:30 a.m. at the home of Julie Gerrard

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom
2:00 p.m. ~ Meets on Zoom

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To find Member Contact Information, log in to your groups.io account and look in "Files" for the Membership Directory.
The link to the BoiseGuildGroup is HERE.

Sherry Bittner

We are very sad to inform you that Sherry Bittner passed away after a long, courageous battle with several health issues. Sherry was a beautiful person, inside and out, and she will be greatly missed. Please keep her husband, Dave, and their friends and family in your hearts as they mourn this loss.

Sherry was a knitter, weaver and clothing designer through her business, Chara Designs. Everyone who attended the Beginning Weaving Study Group would agree that her studio was filled with a variety of beautiful things that she made or collected. She was always welcoming and positive, and shared her love for all things fiber as the leader of that group for several years.

The guild would like to remember her in a meaningful way, and plans for what that entails will be coming soon. The study group will announce plans for the November 12 meeting at a later date.
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President's Letter

Ahh, November is almost upon us! Once again, it is my favorite time of year! Fall. I love the sunshine filtering through the yellow leaves. The ability to clearly see the mountains again as the rain comes and clears out the air. And more time in the longer evenings to spend dreaming up ideas for weaving!

And speaking of designing textiles, I hope you are having fun crafting your vessel for the President's Challenge. I have been hearing from your fellow guild members that they are starting their projects. And one member even told me that she is already done! I am so excited to see them all in December! I hope this project is challenging you to think about your guild mate and use your imagination to create an interesting vessel for them!

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting on the 7th. The meeting will be at the usual time. Doors open at 11:00 and the meeting begins at 11:30. After we discuss business, see everyone's show and tell and have a short break for visiting the library, Rebecca Winter will lead a discussion about the ANWG Nametag project. The woven fabric will be revealed, and the designers of the fabric will be talking about their designs. I hope you will come and be inspired! And don't forget to sign up to help turn the fabric into the actual nametags!

Craft well!

➽ Katzy Luhring, President

Workshops

We had a great Color-and-Weave workshop in mid October. Fifteen weavers attended with looms from rigid heddle to multi-shaft floor. Rebecca Winter prepared drafts for all the different looms that reflected the huge variety of drafts produced with color-and-weave. Thank you to Rebecca for the workshop and to the Fairview Terrace Community Center for hosting us at their great facility!

We have booked Janney Simpson for next October (2027) to present her Deflected Doubleweave workshop. More details about the workshop to follow. You can find information about Janney and her workshops at janneysimpson.com.

The November program is a presentation about the Guild's ANWG Name Tag Project. There are more details about the presentation on page 1 of this newsletter.

➽ Lisa Baker and Pat Dayton, Vice Presidents

Sample Exchange

There's no sample for this month and I'd like to encourage people to sign up and share their skills, possibly new ones, with the members.

➽ Jeannie Phillips, Sample Box Chair



Study Groups:

Lace Study Group

The lace study group will be meeting on November 10th at 10:00, at my home.

➽ Raelene Viste, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

Spinning Study Group is meeting at our favorite bookstore, The Rubaiyat, from 11-2 on November 11, 2026.

➽ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The scheduled date for this study group is November 12th at 6:00 p.m., however, that could change and specific details will be sent out by the group. The topic for November is record keeping (recap) • December is Structures with a purpose • January is putting on the loom • February is taking off the loom.

Rigid Heddle Study Group

Important things to keep in mind about our November meeting:

- Date: Sunday Nov 15 (Note: this is the **3rd Sunday** since the guild meeting falls on the Saturday before our usual date of the 2nd Sunday.)
- Location: Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland
- Time: 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:45 for loom set up if you're bringing one)

Our topic is Yarn! Different types of yarn used in weaving, qualities of different types of yarn, what yarns go together well in a project and what combinations might not give the best results. Katzy will be joining us to share her knowledge on this topic.

Please bring your projects to show your use of yarn, yarn combos, as well as any questions you have about weaving yarns.

All are welcome. A reminder will be sent a week before meeting with zoom info.

Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving Study Group will be meeting November 17th at Kathy Hutchinson's home in Nampa. We meet at 10:30 -1:30ish. All Guild members are welcome.

Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group will meet on Thursday morning, November 19, at Julie Gerrard's house. The exact time will be announced later.

Mary Donato, Study Group Chair

Paper Study Group



For November, we have a great project planned, and we invite others in the Guild to join us. All are welcome. I will be teaching the Coptic stitch binding method for making books. We will do the stitching during study group time, and you will need to bring your signatures and cover material, which you have prepared ahead of time.

Take a look at this photo. Resting inside the box you can see several books ready to be stitched. These are all covered with handwoven cloth, however, yours does not need to be that elaborate. Heavy cardboard, such as that found as backing on art papers, is a good option for covers. And nice printer paper works well for the signatures. Or gather your materials from the recycle bin.

If you would like to join us, I can help you prepare by giving you a quick lesson over the phone or whatever is needed. Plus, there are lots of videos out there about preparing signatures and book covers.

This project is for the November meeting, which will be on the 15th, and we will meet at my house at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to me, so I can create space for you to work/play with us. And holler if you have questions.

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

Members' Classified Advertisements

Vintage Loom for Sale

Sears Roebuck and Co. "Fairloom" built by Newcomb Loom Company and sold by them as a "studio" model. Serial number 4T2147. Asking $1,150.00.



It is a 48", four harness, six treadle jack loom with pulley assisted heddle lifts. It comes with 8- and 12-dent reeds and a homemade 1" raddle. Reinforced to use as a rug loom, it has three removable iron bars of different weights that bolt across the back of the beater.

This loom is sturdy and in very good condition. You would need to load and transport it. Located in Boise, Idaho. Call or text Sheila (208) 520-9161.



Wool and Hand-spun Yarn

I am selling hand-dyed wool for spinning or other crafts, as well as my own hand spun yarn. Call or text Morgaine at (208) 992-6491 for information.





2027 Weaving Intensive Study Group

Supplementary Warp



A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - **January 16, 17 & 18, 2027**
9 AM to 5 PM - Location: Fairview Terrace Community Center
700 E Fairview Ave, Meridian, ID Meridian, ID 83642
Fee - $35.00 - A Great Value!

- This is our usual "teacherless" workshop-style event. We each have the opportunity to be the expert in our chosen area of study related to Supplementary Warp.
- Choose a favorite type of Supplementary Warp to share with the group.
- Study your topic and create a sample warp, which demonstrates what you have learned.
- Choose any yarn that is appropriate for the draft and design.
- Provide all the materials needed to weave all the samples on your loom. Calculate your warp length by the number of possible samples needed, which is the number of participants in the Intensive. Generally, if you are planning about 6-inch long samples, 4 to 5 yards will suffice. Warp width is best at about 6 inches, or a width needed to show your design.
- Mentors are available prior to the workshop to guide you in your study or help you prepare!
- This is a round robin workshop. Each person moves from loom to loom weaving samples on the looms of other participants. Weave as many as you wish.
- At the beginning of the Intensive each participant will present their Supplementary Warp study to the group, and give instructions for weaving. Plan for the presentations to be about 8 to 10 minutes. If you need help with presenting, the mentors are available to assist and reassure.
- You may wish to weave your own sample ahead of time so you can teach from experience how the sample works. An additional possibility is to cut your sample from the loom and retie. This gives you the opportunity to show finishing methods applicable to the sample. These steps are optional.
- We recognize, and also value, the camaraderie and social aspect of the Intensive. We envision this opportunity to have great potential for experimentation and learning. Just think of the benefit of three days of discussion and exploration with others of like mind.
- We ask you to submit printable project plans and draft sheets (electronic or hard copy). Each participant will receive a binder containing all of the plan sheets and drafts.
  - **Please include all information required for reproducing this cloth.** This includes 6 things - threading, tie-up, treadling, yarn, sett, and colorway.
  - We need more than just a .wif file.
  - Additional notes about what you learned are also wonderful to have. There are Weaving Record Sheets available in the Library and on the Guild website **HERE**.
  - Send all your weaving record information in printable form to Hanna Meinikheim by January 2, 2027.
- Bring your loom warped and ready to go. Bring yarn & equipment, such as shuttles & bobbins, to weave samples on your loom. Bring waste yarn to frame the samples you weave & labels to identify them. Bring scissors or other necessary tools. Bring basic loom tools & anything needed for possible repairs.

The Fine Print:

- The workshop is open to guild members. If non-members wish to attend the Intensive, we invite them to join the guild.
- There are Guild Looms available. No rent is assessed for Guild Workshops or Intensives.
- Keep this information available, as it is the only pre-Intensive information you will receive.
- Your payment of the fee is your confirmation for participation in this event.
- The Guild will accept cancellations with a refund through January 2, 2027. After this date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.
- Bring sack lunches, drinks, snacks to share as you wish.

Return the following information with your fee to Connie Griffin or Nancy Alzola. Or you may wish to pay online. Find the online registration page on the Guild Public Website **HERE.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Fee amount included $_____

Regular Meeting Minutes ~ October 3, 2026

Call To Order at 11:30AM

- Present were 36 attendees: Katzy Luhring, Dyan Lay, Cindy Griewe, Lisa Baker, Pat Dayton, Connie Griffin, Robin Conrads, Mary Berent, Hanna Meinikheim, Molly Ince, Gloria Huntsinger, Katé Holestine, Mary Donato, Zena Zaleski, Sheila Anderson, Wendy Young, Tracy Stringer, Jinks Hunter, Tom Thompson, Kathy Hutchinson, Jane Hoover, Raelene Viste, Ethan Holden, Venus Kadre, Alyssa Bangs, Tessa Stone, Nancy Fine, Irma Atkinson, Mitzi Meyers, Sheila Miller, Nancy Swenson, Janet Stanger, Cornelia Shotwell, Dorothy Cooper, Pat Dayton, Susan Inouye, and Brenda.

Business

President – Katzy Luhring

- Katzy welcomed everyone, and asked members to introduce themselves by name and their go-to stitch or weave pattern.
- President's Challenge
  - Make a vessel of any fiber and bring completed vessel to the December regular meeting.
  - Participation form on website; sign up before or at the October regular meeting.
- Meeting venue costs are increasing, so Katzy asked for volunteers for an exploratory committee to determine meeting location options.

Vice Presidents – Lisa Baker and Pat Dayton

- Lisa and Pat are taking suggestion for early 2027 workshops.
- Color and Weave workshop by Rebecca Winter is scheduled for October 16-18.

Membership – Cindy Griewe

- Cindy announced that 94 members have paid for the 2026-2027 Guild year.
- Members can pay in person or online.
- Members can check with Cindy for paid status.
- End of October will see unpaid members removed from groups.io and the membership list, but Cindy will send a final email reminder.

Treasurer – Katzy Luhring in Kelly Sandusky's absence

- Katzy had nothing to report, but reminded members that the Guild does not publish financials in the newsletter; members are free at any time to ask questions of Kelly.

Secretary – Dyan Lay

- Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee – Jeannie Phillips and Janet Stanger

- No more events for 2026.

Officers & Guild Board

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

Chairs

- Librarian - Hanna Meinikheim
- Web Master - Robin Conrads
- Equipment - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Robin Conrads
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Anne Oglevie
- Sample Exchange - Jeannie Phillips
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- 2027 Weaving Intensive Study Group
  - Robin Conrads
  - Hanna Meinikheim
  - Nancy Alzola
  - Connie Griffin
- Day Weaving Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - TBD
- 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
- 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

Facebook

Click Here for Link

Mailing Address

PO Box 6258, Boise, ID 83707

Sample Box – Jeannie Phillips

- No sample this month, and Jeannie called for volunteers.

Study Groups

- Beginning Weaving – Hanna Meinikheim: This group meets the second Thursday of every month at 6PM.
- Paper – Hanna Meinikheim: This group meets the third Sunday at 1:30PM.
- Rigid Heddle – Jinks Hunter: This group meets monthly the second Sunday.
- 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 – Jeannie Phillips: This group meets the second Wednesday at the Rubaiyat in Caldwell.
- Garment – Mary Berent: This group meets the fifth Tuesday.
- Intensive Workshop – Robin Conrads: January MLK weekend for the results of a year of study.

Always check the latest newsletter for all Study Group activities and meeting details.

Show and Tell

- Cornelia Shotwell brought NICU octopi.
- Hanna Meinikheim also made octopi and showed a shadow weave chenille scarf she's making for Jamie Landry.
- Sheila Anderson has a 4' loom for sale as well as a Navajo loom.
- Tracy Stringer passed around her Tour de Fleece spinning results.
- Raelene Viste presented woven Tencel bands, a new pick-up technique on her inkle loom, and she put tips on her shoelaces.
- Zena Zaleski created a 5-ounce, fractal spun skein.
- Morgaine O'Herne showed a baby blanket prototype of a pattern she is developing.
- Robin Conrads completed a summer/winter meta weave towel of 10/2 and 5/2 cotton, and a fabulous waffle weave piece she did on the rigid heddle loom.
- Irma Atkinson wore her Zoom Loom shawl with crocheted joining.
- Jinks Hunter spoke of her time at a West Virginia museum exhibit of the secret language of weavers.
- Connie Griffin is now retired and brought a sock snake she made on a knitting machine retreat.
- Sheila Miller brought some qiviut.
- Cindy Griewe made a stunning double width wool and alpaca blanket.
- Tom Thompson showed some fabric he picked up on the Oregon Coast at Latimer Textiles.
- Khara Oxier-Mori brought her fiber sculpture entry – Peculiar Plumage – for a witchcraft art show in New York, made of 8/2 linen, handwoven Navajo Churro wool and lace.
- Dyan Lay's tell was that the Guild Library has wonderful resources that are being added to all the time.

Today's program is by Mary Berent on Supplementary Warps. The meeting adjourned at 12:41PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

Affiliate Programs

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This is a great way to earn money and support the Guild by doing things you would already be doing: buying yarn, supplies, books, etc.!

Buying link: https://woolery.com?aff=440

Happy Thanksgiving!

