

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

November, 2011

November Program -- Color

by Cynthia Newman and Mary Berent

“It would, of course, be a waste of time to attempt the naming of every kind and degree of color, but there is a clue to this labyrinth if one will approach the problem with ‘a clear mind, a good eye, and a fair supply of patience.’” A.H. Munsell

Join us for a conversation about color, referencing A. H. Munsell and Johannes Itten. Begin to explore color relationships for the January, 2012, Intensive on Color Harmonies. We will briefly discuss color terms, color harmonies, visual balance, and applying color to weave structures, with the hope that you will be inspired to see color with a fresh new perspective.

“When I choose a color it is not because of any scientific theory. It comes from observation, from feeling, from the innermost nature of the experience in question.”
Henri Matisse

Calendar of Events:

- November 5, 2011 - Guild Meeting
Boise Historical Museum at the Adelman House
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12 noon - Social time
1:00 p.m. Program , **Color**
- November 1 & 15, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group
Rebecca’s Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- November 10, 2011 - Spinning Study Group
Maralyn Larson’s Clubhouse
6:30 - 8:30pm
- November 21, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group
The Home of
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- December 3, 2011 - Next Regular Guild Meeting
- December 3, 2011 - COE Study Group
Before the Regular Meeting at Penny’s home
10:00 am
- January 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Weaving Intensive
March 23, 24 & 25, 2012 - Spinning Workshop

Christmas Exchange

This year’s exchange will be coasters or “mug rugs.” Each person participating in the exchange will go home with a ‘set’ of coasters—one from every other participant! Sign up for this exchange will determine how many coasters you will need to make. You should probably plan on about 12 for the exchange, but plan on making extras as these make great gifts. Coasters should have no dimension less than 3.5 inches using the technique of your choice.

Spring Workshop - Spinning

“**Comprehensive Spinning**”—A three day workshop with Celia Quinn will be held March 23, 24, 25, 2012. This will be a fabulous workshop given by one of the premiere spinning teachers in the country. You don’t want to miss this one! Cost of the workshop is \$130 plus \$45 for materials. Contact the Vice Presidents for further information.



Color Harmony 2012 Intensive Update

There is **one change** to the information published about the next Intensive - it will be held at Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd Street, Meridian Idaho. The workshop worked well there so we are going to give it another go.

I hope you are working on your ideas for the intensive. It will be here before you know it. I'm looking forward to all the color combinations and the accompanying weave structures.

Remember each sample needs to be a minimum of three colors, shades, or, hues. White and black can be included but do not count toward the three colors.

Sign up now to insure your place in this colorful intensive. There is a limit of 16 participants. Contact Vila if you need to borrow a loom.

◆ Vila Cox

Challenge

Thank you to all who helped, entered or voted at this years Challenge. I was a great success and lots of fun to see the public looking over our wonderful items. We had a total of 44 entries and 12 members entering. And the winners are:

Handwoven

1st Vila Cox for her bobbin lace and huck runner
2nd Rebecca Winter for her wallhanging
3rd Vila Cox for her white baby blanket

Handspun - Skein

1st Chris Farrin - brown 3 ply
2nd Melanie Smith - gray
3rd Mary Berent- cream

Made from Handspun

1st Chris Farrin- brown sweater
2nd Melanie Smith- gray sweater
3rd Mitzi Meyer - doorstep

Fiber Arts

1st Mitzi Meyer- turtle rug
2nd Rebecca Winter- cape
3rd-Janet Stanger- table cloth

I can't wait to see what you all come up with next year! ◆ Melanie, Challenge Chair



Ramblings of the President

Hello! Museum Comes to Life is my favorite event that we - The Guild - participate in. I believe it was my 15th, and this year was really outstanding! We had 12 members who crafted 43 items in the challenge. It is also very interesting the way the votes pan out...if we awarded a 4th place prize there would have been 3 tied items in the fiber arts category, and they were very close to the third place item. Also, there were two runaways. Because the public votes you never know who will win. Even if you are a beginner please enter something in next year's challenge. This is OUR day in the community spotlight and we were **SHINING BRIGHT!**

The study group displays were great and show off what we are learning. It is awe inspiring, as are all my fiber artist friends. Thanks for letting me be a part of our group! Camaraderie is a wonderful thing! There is so much sharing of information in our guild. The stars workshop was awesome. I can hardly wait to see all the coasters at the Christmas exchange. Just keep on sharing! >'!<

◆ Respectfully submitted, Your President, Mitzi Meyers



Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will be studying the color Mahogany in November. Bring your wheel, a couple of good jokes (Mitzi will be judging them, so anything with a Southern theme gets bonus points), and come and enjoy the company.



We meet at Maralyn Larson's club house (350 Carmel Drive, Meridian, ID) from 6:30-8:30pm on **November 10.**

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group II meet before the regular meeting at Penny Schraufnagel's house on **December 3** at 10:00. Note that this is ½ hour later than usual, since we are already where we will need to be!! All are welcome to join us, call Mary 939-8906 for more info.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **November 21** at the home of Melanie Smith, 523 S. Pond St., Boise, at 1:30 p.m. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We have decided to meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. In **November** it will be on the **1st** and the **10th**, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



♥ Sock Study Group

Its not too late to join us as we knit socks for the first time or to replace some old ones. If you would like to learn please let Melanie know. Our next meeting is on October 27th at 6:30 PM and then again on November 17th at the same time. We are meeting at Melanie Smith's home, at 523 S. Pond St., Boise. If you have any questions please email Melanie yarnsnthreads@aol.com



Monthly Sample Exchange

There is no sample for this month. However, 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 me. Also, remember, there are samples from last year that are available to anyone toward the back of the box.

◆ Rebecca Winter

Guild Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting 10/1/2011
Adelmann House

Meeting was called to order by President Mitzi Meyers.

Present: Janet Stanger, Al Hayden, Rebecca Winter, Mitzi Meyers, Mary Berent, Kathy McGowan, Keren Brown, Sheryl Lococo, Diane Rinaldo, Chris Farrin, Penny Schraufnagel, Kimberly Brandel, Judy Tallent, Lynn Ruggles, Suzanne Holl, Mary Humme, Rena Lute, Melanie Smith, Donna Welch, Vila Cox and Merri Williams.

We had 2 new members present: Suzanne Holl and Kimberly Brandel.

Vice President Mary Berent reported that today's program was Local Resources. November's program is the color wheel with the intension of learning color harmony. December's meeting will be the annual Christmas Party. It will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's house. There will be a mug rug exchange. The mug rugs are not to be something purchased from the store. January's program will be on Furoshiki, the Japanese art of wrapping boxes with material. We are to bring a small box such as a small jewelry box and a square or rectangle of material to wrap it with. We also have the Intensive Workshop in January. February's program is plain weave. March is using and spinning silk and The Celia Quinn spinning workshop.

Treasurer Melanie Smith reported that we Have \$4,258.53. We had income of \$407.00 and expenses of \$410.00.

Lynn Ruggles is getting ready to put the Guild Membership Directory together she will be e-mailing out everyone's information. We are to check our information for corrections and changes and e-mail her back the information.

Rebecca Winter explained the sample box to the new members. This month's sample is a handspun sample from Melanie Smith. Rebecca also reminded the treasurer that the ANWG dues need to be paid. She had nothing to report for the newsletter.

Chairman of the Annual Challenge, Melanie Smith, had everyone show what they had entered. Entries included a hand crotched table cloth by Janet Stanger; Optical illusion cloth, a bag and a cape by Rebecca Winter. Vila Cox had entered a baby blanket, a bobbin lace and huck lace runner, and a white towel. Irene Chandler entered crotched bags

and a scarf. Melanie Smith entered a knitted sweater, a knitted cowl, woven hand towels, woven bags, a shawl, and a sheep tapestry. Penny Schraufnagel had entered a bag and three skeins of yarn. Rena Lute had entered a shawl. Chris Ferrin entered a knitted Jacket and yarn. Mary Berent entered yarn. Mitzi Meyers entered yarn, a felted turtle, a cream woven piece, and a yarn cat sculpture. Lynn Ruggles entered a shawl, a double weave piece, and yarn. Julie Gerrard entered a grey scarf.

Winners were Vila Cox, Chris Farrin, Rebecca Winter, Mitzi Meyers, Janet Stanger, Mary Berent and Melanie Smith.

Vila Cox is the Chairman for the upcoming intensive workshop. She has set the theme for the workshop as color harmony. And next months program on the color wheel will help with that.

The study groups reported:

The weaving study group meets the 3rd Monday of the month. They meet on the 17 this month at the home of Mary Berent. They meet from 1:30 to 3:30.

Spinning group meets the 2nd Thursday at Maralyn Larson's club house in Meridian. They meet from 6:30 to 8:30.

The Lace Bobbin group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Rebecca's studio house, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The socks study group will be meeting at the home of Melanie Smith. They will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

COE met this morning. They meet every other month. Next meeting will be at Penny Schraufnagels house prior to the Christmas Party.

UFO's Lynn Ruggles has a slipper sock to finish and Mary Berent has some granny squares to finish a afghan.

Mitzi Meyer's won the gold bag. She won a variety of thread.

Show and Tell:

Penny Schraufnagel showed 3 crotched bags that she had made after our crocheted bag program. I she had made from hand painted yarns. Mitzi showed a woven table cloth she had found at a yard sale and a woven belt she had found at a thrift store.

Meeting adjourned for our program of local resources.

◆ Respectfully submitted,

Janet Stanger, Secretary



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Challenge 2011 Photos



More Challenge 2011 Photos

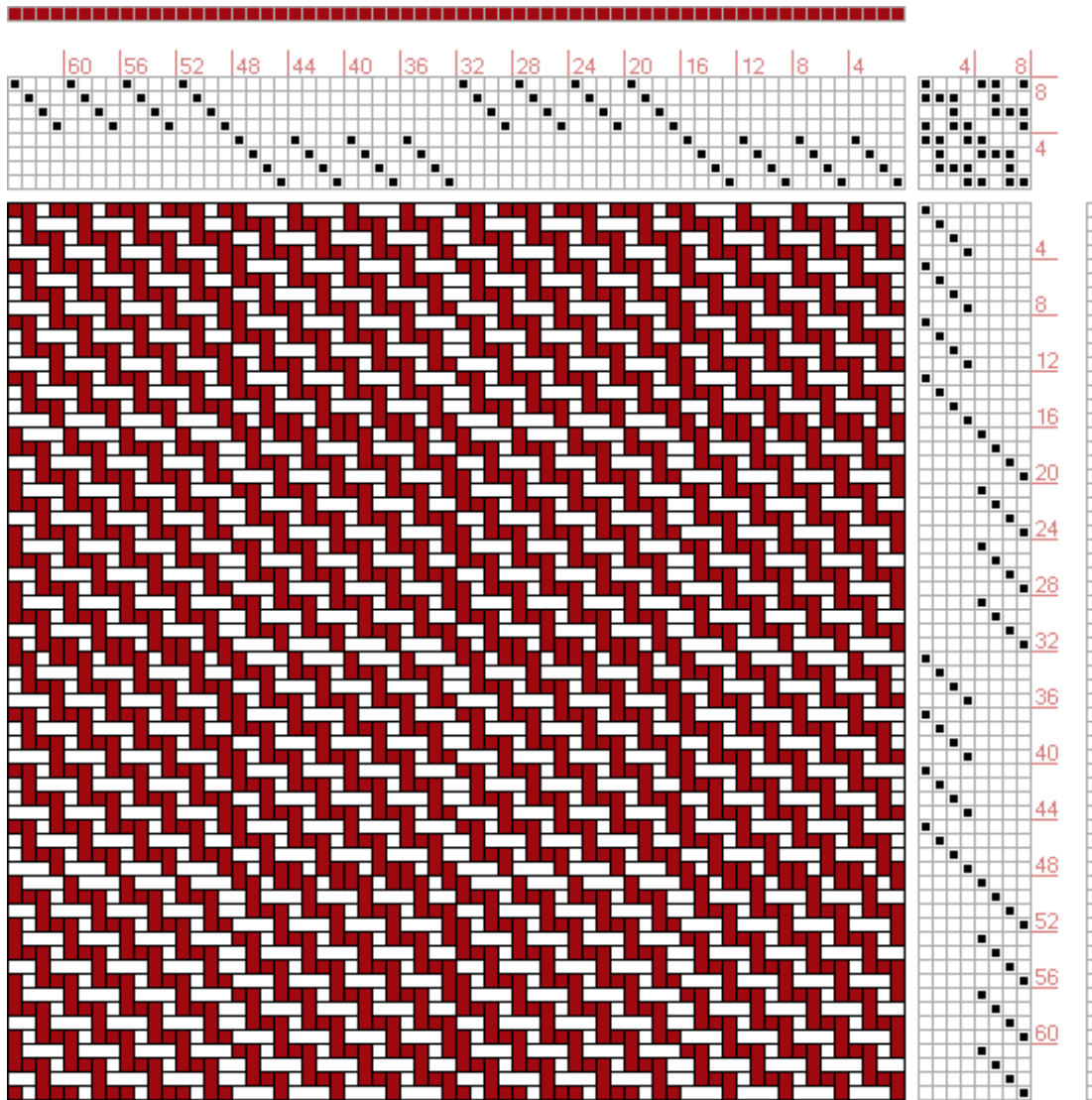


Draft Inspiration:

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.

Here is an interesting twill that looks dimensional. Squint your eyes to see it.

Figure 1638: A Handbook of Weaves by G. H. Oelsner, Germany, ca 1915 Draft #33701



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Newsletter Highlights and Please Remembers:

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Sign Up for Celia Quinn

