



# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

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October, 2011

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## Program -- Local Resources

In October we will be joined by some of our fabulous Local Resources. The Fiber Addict, Fuzz, Knit Wits, Mitzi Meyers and Puffy Mondaes are the vendors coming to share with us, with a few additional vendors possible. Each one will give a short presentation about their shop and about what products are of particular interest. They may also talk about classes offered or other services they have. Some or all of these Local Resources will bring products for sale as a sampling of what their shops offer. Join us and find out more about these local shops, and about their services you might want to take advantage of in the future.

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### Calendar of Events:

### Christmas Exchange

- October 1, 2011 - COE Study Group  
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise  
9:30 to 11:00 am
- October 1, 2011 - Guild Meeting  
Boise Historical Museum at the Adelman House  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
12 noon - Social time  
1:00 p.m. Program , **Local Resources**
- October 3 & 17, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- October 13, 2011 - Spinning Study Group  
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse  
6:30 - 8:30pm
- October 17, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group  
The Home of Mary Berent  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm ~~ Please note time change.
- November 5, 2011 - Next Regular Guild Meeting
- January 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Weaving Intensive
- March 23, 24 & 25, 2012 - Spinning Workshop

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! Registration forms will be available at the October meeting. Cost of the workshop is \$130 plus \$45 for materials.



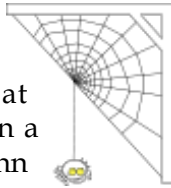
## Challenge

What a great year for challenge! We had over 20 entries this year. The talent of our members is just awesome; there is something for every taste and style in the entries. As you know, the Challenge display will be at Museum Comes to Life, September 24th at the Adelmann House. If you entered the Challenge this year, please bring your entries to show and tell at the October 1st guild meeting so everyone can see who made what. It will also be when the winners will be announced.

## Learn How to Spin, with Lynn

I will be teaching a beginning spinning class (on a wheel), date and time to be determined. If you are interested, please call me at 375-9172. I would like to do this on a non-guild Saturday at the Adelmann House, sometime in October (dates available are Oct 15, 22, or 29). So let me know which one fits your schedule. Class is 3 hours. First class is free, but I will ask for a contribution for the rent (which I think is about \$15). Guild members only.

◆ Lynn Ruggles



## Ramblings of the President

Fall is approaching even though it doesn't feel that way outside. Hopefully this newsletter finds you all finishing up those last minute challenge projects. My obsession with getting some things done to enter the competition has propelled me into 4 entries, and maybe even a 5th. I am usually thinking of the next warp (or 2) while weaving off the current one on the loom. Guess that's my favorite thing to daydream about while weaving. Looking forward to the Stars workshop - the fellowship is always great and I am sure we'll learn some things too! So little time, so many things to create. See you at the meeting.

:) Mitzi



## Study Group News

### ♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will be held on **October 1** at 9:30 a.m. at the Moxie Java on Vista in Boise. As usual, everyone is invited. For information call Mary Berent 939-8906.

### ♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We have decided to meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. In **October** it will be on the **3rd** and the **17th**, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **October 17** at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Berent. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



### ♥ Spinning Study Group

Spinning Study Group will meet on **October 13** from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse (350 N. Carmel Dr, Meridian). Bring your spinning or any other project to work on and join in the fiber debates. Color for October is Orange.



### ♥ Sock Study Group

Now that there is a hint of fall in the air, it's time to think about staying warm. Why not learn to knit or crochet your own socks? Guild members are welcome to join a new study group on Socks. We will start on Thursday, **September 29th** at 6:30 PM at Melanie Smith's home (523 S. Pond St., Boise) If you do not know how to knit or crochet and would like to learn, please let me know ASAP so I can get you going before the first class. If you have any questions please let me know. Melanie Smith 385-0085 or [yarnsthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsthreads@aol.com).



## Dues are Due

Guild dues are due in June of each year. So they are due now. Individual membership is \$25.00 per year. Bring them to the October meeting or contact Irene Chandler, Membership Officer, for more information, at 318-8182.

## Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Melanie Smith. It is a wonderful spinning sample, using fiber from her bunny, named Hoss. Abe is duly impressed.



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



## Guild Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2011, Moxie Java

Present: Melanie Smith, Rebecca Winter, Janet Stanger, Irene Chandler, Mary Berent, Rena Lute, Cynthia Newman, Mitzi Meyers.

Vice President: Mary Berent reported on the programs planned for meetings and upcoming workshops. Price for the spinning workshop with Celia Quinn was discussed. The price will be \$175.00. \$130.00 plus a \$45.00 material fee. The UFO program is going to continue. There will be a mug rug exchange at the Annual Christmas Party.

Membership: Irene Chandler reports that we have 5 new members.

Secretary, Janet Stanger, reported that there has been a lot of mail in our post office box, some is the fault of the Post Office sticking it in the wrong box, but some is from people actually using our post office box number, including a lawyer. She will get ahold of these people and notify them of their error.

Rebecca Winter reported: She apologized for getting the spinning day wrong in the newsletter. A correction was sent out on the Yahoo Group. She also reported that she is mailing out 13 newsletters monthly, which is a lot. Irene will re-invite the non yahoo members and make sure everyone is signed on

that wants to be. Possibly this is why so many newsletters are being mailed.

Rebecca also reported on the sample exchange; she will get going again after she gets the box back. The box has been at Mitzi's all summer. She has nothing to report on ANWG.

Melanie Smith reported on the Challenge. You can get entries to her up to the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. She discussed how she plans the challenge to run. She wants each study group to have signage. Someone had asked about a felting study group. There was a discussion about adding it.

The Day Weaving Study Group will meet September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at Rebecca's studio house. Future meetings will be at 1:30 pm.

Bobbin Lace Study Group is now meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Rebecca's studio house.

COE study group will meet again the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in Oct. at the Moxie Java.

The Spinning Group meets the second Thursday of each month.

Joan Sheehan hosted the August spinning group at Rebecca's studio house and is requesting the Guild pay Rebecca \$25.00 for the use of her house. Board voted against.

There was discussion on the Guild Directory. It was discussed putting the Directory on Yahoo, as well as print hard copies. Someone is to get more information on this. Irene is going to print up instructions on how to connect to the Yahoo site. It was discussed on what to do about the people complaining they were not going to join again because they did not get what they paid their dues for, as a result of not getting signed up for the Yahoo Group. It was motioned by Mary Berent and seconded by Melanie Smith to give the Membership Chairman the authority to waive dues, if needed, for somebody who did not get signed up correctly on Yahoo and was missing everything.

It was also decided to print the yearly programs and workshops in the directory.

Meeting adjourned to attend the regular Guild Meeting.

❖ Respectfully submitted,

Janet Stanger, Secretary

## Guild Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2011, Alderman House

Meeting called to order by President Mitzi Meyers. Introductions were done by all.

Present were: Janet Stanger, Irene Chandler, Rena Lute, Mary Berent, Melanie Smith, Emma Smith, Christine Bagwell, Penny Schraufnagel, Joan Sheehan, Mary Sheets, Chris Farrin, Mitzi Meyers, Rebecca Winter, Merri Williams Vila Cox, Jean Zaske, Julie

Gerrard, Natalie Rundquest, Renee Crnogorac, Nancy Swenson, Cynthia Newman, Maritia Turner, Al Hayden.

Treasurer, Melanie Smith reported: We have a balance of \$4,262.18

Vice Presidents, Mary Berent and Rena Lute, presented the year's line up for workshops and programs. The UFO program will continue for the year. The Celia Quinn spinning workshop is March 23-25 2012. Cost is \$130.00 plus \$45.00 material fee. It will be held in the Caldwell Library. Mary will bring a sign-up sheet to the October meeting. Today's program is Crocheted Handbags, October - Local Resources, November - Color Wheel. December is the Annual Christmas party with a mug rug exchange. January is the Intensive Workshop and the theme is Color Harmony. The January program is wrapping/folding. February is plain weave, March-using and spinning silk caps and hankies, April- weaving with Chenille. May is the annual yarn and equipment sale; leaving June for our annual picnic.

There was a suggestion for a book to be added to our library. Finishes not offered before in other publications cost is \$42.00. The author is Marla Mallett.

Rebecca asked for stories for the newsletter -- anything new, such as, pictures, stories, clip art, etc. She explained the sample box and will get it going for the next meeting.

Melanie Smith reported on the Challenge. Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be the Friday before at 1:30 pm. There will be signs for the study groups. Sign-up sheet was passed around. Everyone was reminded to wear period clothing.

Irene Chandler - Membership: She explained the Yahoo group and sign in to the new members present.

The Day Weaving Study Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Sept 19<sup>th</sup>'s meeting will be 1 pm at Rebecca's studio house. Future meetings will be at 1:30 pm.

The Spinning Study Group meets the second Thursday of the month.

Bobbin lace study group is the first and third Tuesdays. 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

The COE Study Group will meet in October at the Moxie Java on Vista.

Joan Sheehan announced that Catherine Best had passed away and the family had been having an estate sale. Today from 1-3 pm will be the last.

Penny Schraufnagel announced that Mike Lews had bags of raw alpaca fleece to give away. If you are interested you can call him at, 891-1071.

Melanie Smith has started a Sock Study Group. For more information get in touch with her.

UFO Program: Irene Chandler and Joan Sheehan signed up their unfinished projects.

There was no gold bag at our meeting.

Show and tell: Rebecca showed us a stars scarf. Vila showed a bobbin lace sample. Melanie showed her spun yarn and scarf and shawl she had made. Julie showed a Robin Spady workshop sample she had finished. Nancy showed her bags. Mitzi showed her blouse that she had woven the material for.

Meeting adjourned for the Crocheted Handbag program by Mary Sheets.

◆ Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Stanger, Secretary

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### Website

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

Note: This Newsletter is located online at this address.

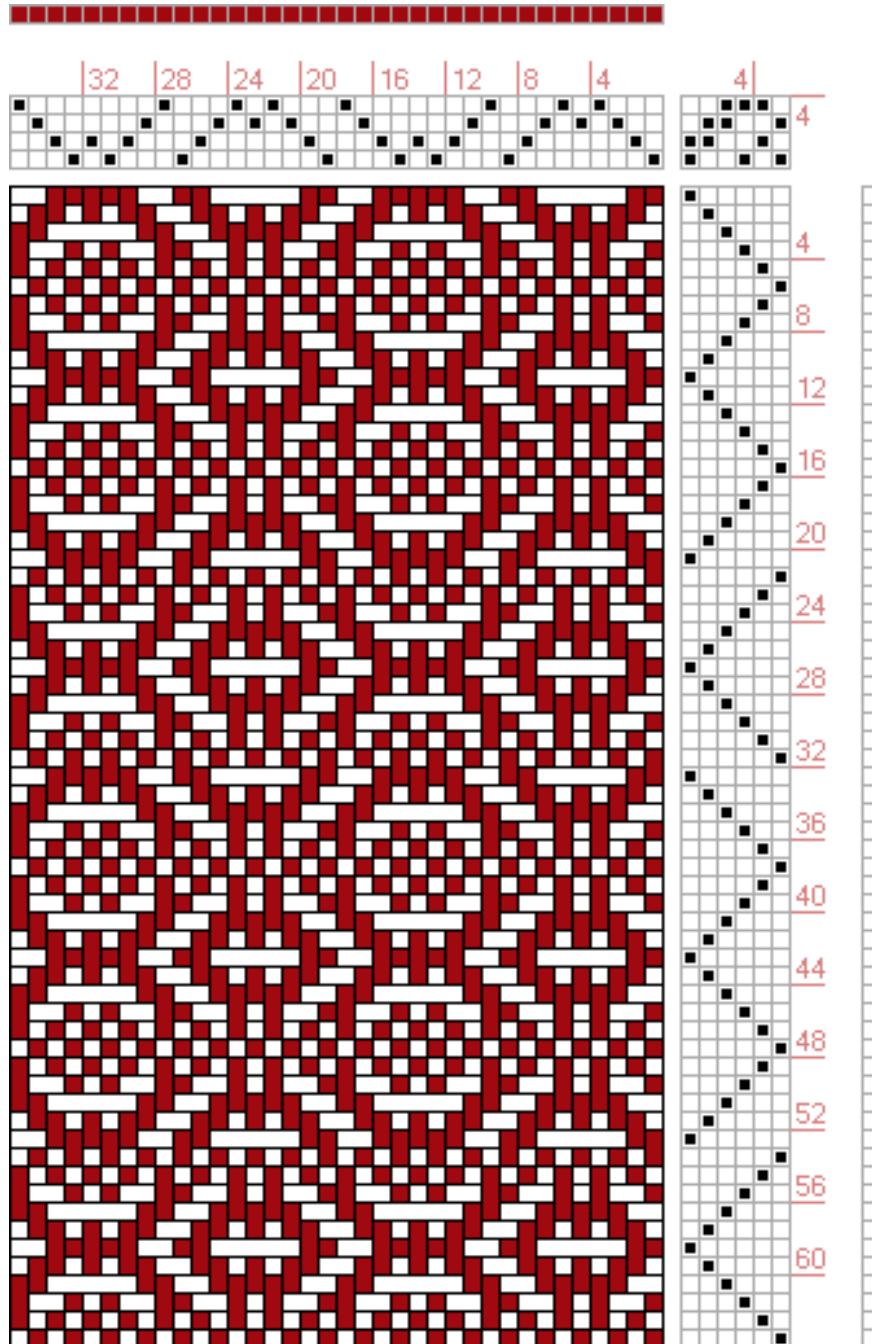
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### Draft Inspiration:

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.  
Just a fun twill that popped off the page.

Draft #62997





## 2012 Weaving Intensive Study Group Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

# COLOR HARMONY

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 14, 15 and 16, 2012  
9 AM to 5 PM ~ Caldwell Library  
Fee - \$30.00



Come join us and explore the wonderful world of Color  
in a workshop setting. It will be a great three days  
of learning, weaving, and friends!

### ***What is the Intensive Study Group?***

The Intensive is a “teacherless” workshop. We will each share in leading the group for our chosen bit of Color Theory. Each participant will pick a Color Harmony and warp the loom they are bringing to the study group. At the beginning of the three-day session, each person will describe what they have put on their loom and explain a bit about it. Then everyone will have an opportunity to weave a sample from each loom. This is a great way for new weavers to get a feel for what goes on in a Guild workshop without any pressure. Everyone is there to learn and help others by sharing what they have learned.

### ***Before the Intensive***

- Pick a color combination that illustrates the Color Theory concept you chose.
- Do some research on the topic you have chosen so you can explain the theory and the draft you have prepared and be able to tell others what they need to know to weave their sample.
- Make notes of what you learned during your research.

### ***What is needed ~~***

- Loom warped and ready to go. The weaver may choose any yarn that would be appropriate to the weave draft.
- Draft and information about the Color Theory selected.
- Shuttles and weft yarn to be left at the loom for others to use when weaving their samples.
- A short handout would be nice for everyone to include in their notebook.

### ***You will also want to bring ~~***

- Your favorite way of marking your samples: masking tape or tags.
- A thick yarn or paper strips to weave in between samples to separate them.
- Scissors, notepaper, pen, needles for hem stitching, weights, post-it notes.
- Well, everything you usually have near your loom “just in case” you need it.
- Feel free to bring extra yarn for weft if you would like to experiment with something different as you weave some samples.

### ***Drafts are due ahead of time ~~***

Printable draft sheets need to be turned in by January 4, 2012, so that copies can be made and notebooks prepared. If you have made handouts, please send one ahead of time with the draft or bring copies for everyone.

Each participant will receive a notebook containing all the drafts, handouts, and sheet protectors to put their completed samples in.



Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
Color Harmony Intensive



January 14, 15 and 16, 2012



Some necessary workshop information:

Each participant will bring a previously warped loom to the workshop. Each loom will be warped using a Color Harmony and draft of the weaver's choice.

Participants will provide shuttles and weft materials to be used at their loom.

Mentors are available. Please ask, if you would like to discuss your ideas or need assistance.

Send your draft in printable form or email a WIF file to Vila by January 4, 2012.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants.

The workshop is open to members of the guild. If a non-member wishes to take the workshop, we invite them to first join the guild.

The Study Group Leader will accept cancellations with a full refund through January 4, 2012. After that date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.



Return the following form with your fee to:

Vila Cox  
2668 N Westminster Pl  
Boise ID 83704

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



Loom you are planning to use - please list brand and number of harnesses:

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Do you have other looms available? Please list, if you are willing to loan them:

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Fee amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BoiseGuild/files/>

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