

# Connecting Threads



## Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley September, 2011



### Calendar of Events

Remember -- the September meeting will be held on the last Saturday of August, due to the Labor Day Holiday

August 27, 2011 - Board Meeting  
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise  
9:30 to 11:00 am

August 27, 2011 - Guild Meeting  
Boise Historical Museum at the **Adelmann House**  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
12 noon - Social time  
1:00 p.m. Program , Crochet a Bag, by Mary Sheets

September 6 & 20, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

September 15, 2011 - Spinning Study Group  
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse  
6:30 - 8:30pm

September 19, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group  
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E 3rd St, Meridian  
1:00 pm

September 24, 2011 - Museum Comes to Life

September 29, 2011 - Sock Study Group  
See information on page 2.

October, 1, 2011 - COE Study Group  
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise  
9:30 to 11:00 am

### September Program:

### Crochet a Bag with Handspun (or Commercial) Yarn, with Mary Sheets

Bring a size H or I crochet hook, and a collection of handspun or worsted weight yarns, in a variety of colors to swap and share. We will be making an Envelope Bag. Basic single crochet is all we need to get started on a home spun bag, we will learn together! Mary Sheets will lead the way!

### Programs and Workshops - 2011-2012

- August 27, 2011 - Crochet Bags, Hands On - Mary Sheets
  - ✦ September 24, 2011 - Museum Comes to Life
- October 1, 2011 - Our Local Resources - Fuzz, Puffy Mondaes, Knit Wits, The Sheep Shed, Annie's Enterprises, White House Yarn and Fiber Shop
  - ★ October 8, 9 & 10, 2011 - Color-and-Weave: Getting to the Stars Workshop - Rebecca Winter
- November 5, 2011 - Color Wheel - Cynthia Newman
- December 3, 2011 - Pot Luck and Mug Rug/Coaster Exchange
- January 3, 2012 - Wrapping/Folding - Lynn Ruggles
  - ★ January 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Weaving Intensive
- February 4, 2012 - Plain Weave - Julie Gerrard
- March 3, 2012 - Using and Spinning Silk Caps and Silk Hankies - Merri Williams
  - ★ March 23, 24 & 25, 2012 - Comprehensive Spinning - Celia Quinn
- April 7, 2012 - Weaving With Chenille - Mitzi Meyers
- May 5, 2012 - Yarn and Equipment Sale
- June 2, 2012 - Picnic Pot Luck

### Dues are Due

It is that time again. They are due in June, so check your records. Anyone who paid in April or after has paid for this up-coming year.

**Enjoy the Guild Benefits.**

**Please pay your dues to Irene Chandler,  
Membership Officer.**

## UFO Program



The UFO (Un-Finished Object) program will be in full force again this year!! Same "rules" as last year. Bring the unfinished object to a regular meeting and give a SHORT explanation and fill out a short form registering your intentions, then bring the finished thing-of-beauty to a regular meeting and collect your prize for finishing it. An easy and fun way to clean out those old projects. ♦ Mary Berent

## Challenge 2011

Now that summer is over, the kids are back in school. Its time to get serious about Challenge. We have just about a month left to finish up those projects made from natural fibers. I have to tell you its been really fun to think of ways to bring texture in my items. If you have items that you would like to enter please fill out the form on page 5 and bring them to the next meeting or email me and we can set up a time to get them picked up. ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE TO ME by September 20th. Now get busy there isn't much time left!



I will also have a sign up sheet for help at Museum Comes to Life on Sept. 24th. If you cannot make the next meeting, but would like to help please let me know.

♦ Melanie Smith, 385-0085  
or [yarnsthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsthreads@aol.com)

## SOCK



Now that summer is winding down and fall is around the corner its time to think about staying warm. So why not learn to knit or crochet your own socks? Guild members are welcome to join a new study group on Socks. We will meet once a month on the last Thursday of the month at Melanie Smith's home (523 S. Pond St. Boise) starting on Sept. 29th at 6:30 pm. 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.

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## Ramblings of the President

Hope everyone has had a great, productive summer! I am looking forward to the new guild year and all the great programs, UFO sightings, seeing the existing members again and meeting new members. Who knows what all you creative people will come up with to keep our minds moving in different directions. Also have been thinking about all the challenge projects I would like to have completed, but my artistic brain moves soooo much faster than my body can keep up with (probably am not alone in this fact). Hopefully I will have 1 or 2 items ready for Museum Comes to Life and that all of our members will have entries. Maybe you have been inspired by the many natural colors available to work with. We recently drove through Monument Valley in Utah and I was amazed at the beauty of the desert and the red rocks! Maybe some of that can be applied to my projects this year. See you soon!



The June meeting and picnic 2011 was fun as usual with good food and friends. We had a special awards ceremony for UFO's, and the winners are:

The most completed items prizes went to Melanie Smith - 6 items, and Irene Chandler - 5 items. A special prize was awarded to Janet Stanger for the most dazzling of all the UFO's (crocheted table cloth). These ladies wore tiara's for the day and won cheerleader pens because they rock and roll on finishing projects! (See photos on page 4.)

Because of the UFO program 24 items from peoples closets are no longer unfinished! I would also like to mention Cindy Schafer completed 3 items and Maralyn Larson, Rebecca Winter, and Janet Stanger all completed 2 items, and many others finished 1 item. Thanks a million to all who participated! You all inspire me!

♦ Mitzi Meyers, President



## Workshop - Mark Your Calendars

Celia Quinn will be here March 23-25, 2012 to teach a Comprehensive Spinning Class.



## 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 September it will be on the 6th and 20th, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **June 20** at 1 p.m. at the studio home of Rebecca Winter, 1012 E. Third St., Meridian, at 1:00 pm. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



### ♥ Spinning Study Group

September 15, 2011

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse

6:30 - 8:30pm

Call Lynn for information, 375-9172



## Monthly Sample Exchange

The sample program harkens to a custom from years past. To each newsletter sent to members was added an actual sample of handwoven fabric or handspun yarn. Now that the newsletter is primarily electronic, we have devised a way to continue this practice. Members provide enough samples to share with the other members. A photo of the sample is published in the newsletter and the samples are available at the following meeting. So look for your samples in the Sample Box at the next meeting. Plus, we are needing volunteers to provide samples for this year. Check out the sign up sheet at the September meeting.

◆ Rebecca Winter

## Guild Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2011

Home of VP Mitzi Meyers

Meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Newman.

Members Present: Cynthia Newman, Mitzi Meyers, Judy Tallent, Kathy McGowan, Irene Chandler, Julie Gerrard, Joan Sheehan, Carol Freeman, Caroline

Dade, Melanie Smith, Vila Cox, Mary Berent, Janet Stanger.

VP Kathy McGowan reported she had nothing new to report on the spinning workshop. She was turning it over to the new VP's to make the final details.

VP Mitzi Meyers reports that she spent \$70.00 on UFO prizes. The \$20.00 over spending was out of her pocket. Mitzi requested to be reimbursed. Irene Chandler motioned to reimburse Mitzi. Motion was seconded and passed.

No report on the newsletter or weaving samples as Rebecca is attending the ANWG general meeting and her son's wedding.

Vila Cox wants the Officers to check the Guild Website. To check their job descriptions to make sure they are correct and functioning properly.

Vila reports that the Intensive Workshop is Complementary Colors and that the upcoming color program this fall will help with that.

Melanie Smith reminds everyone that the Challenge is natural fibers, no dyes.

Study Groups:

Vila reported that she put the known dates of the various study groups on the Guilds Website.

The Day Weaving Group will meet June 20<sup>th</sup> at Rebecca's studio and July 18<sup>th</sup> at Rena's.

Spinning Group has changed to their summer schedule. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be at Cheri Jensen's; July's meeting will be hosted by Mitzi Meyers and the August meeting hosted by Joan Sheehan.

Bobbin Lace Group is meeting June 16 and 30<sup>th</sup> at Rebecca's studio and plan on meeting every 2 weeks during the summer.

COE next meeting will be August.

Cynthia Newman brought in a flyer advertising a display at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in Portland. The display is weavings from the 70's by the Artist Laura Herrick.



Gold Bag was brought by Janet Stanger and won by Caroline Dade. Caroline won some thread and yarn.

UFO's finished this month:

Janet Stanger finished the Baby sweater; Melanie Smith finished a pair of socks. Mitzi Meyers finished a wall hanging. Mary Berent finished a sweater and a sock.

Mitzi presented the awards for the UFO's. For the most Spectacular finished UFO went to Janet Stanger for her hand crocheted table cloth. For the most finished was a tie between Irene Chandler and Melanie Smith. They were presented with a crown and a cheer leading pen.

Show and Tell:

Janet showed her bobbin lace bookmarks that she had finished from lesson 1. Mary Berent show material

she had woven for a dress and jacket. Also some muslin material.

Melanie Smith shared a sample of her family tartan. Joan Sheehan talked about using rhubarb leaves to dye with. It makes a very pale yellowish ecru color.

Julie Gerrard showed a scarf that she had purchased in Sisters, Oregon. It was woven with Alpaca and silk. Kathy McGowen shared her souvenirs from her trip in Peru. She brought a coco leaf bag and a Cuzco shawl that were woven on a back strap loom. She will put the pictures up on e-mail so everyone can see them. Mitzi Meyers modeled a shirt that she wove and showed her recently acquired spinning wheel.

Meeting adjourned for annual picnic luncheon.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

## Guild Officers and Chairs

President: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775

Vice-presidents: Mary Berent 939-8906

Rena Lute 891-2111.

Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746

Treasurer: Melanie Smith home 385-0085 cell 608-0101

Membership Officer: Irene Chandler 467-4997

Librarian: Judy Tallent 208-615-1857

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Sample Exchange: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Weaving Intensive Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

Spinning Study Group: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

Past President: Cynthia Newman (541) 523-2451

## Website

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

☞ All are Welcome to all events. ☞

## Photo Inspiration



From the Meeting in June , 2011

- ◆ Upper left - Mitzi Meyers shows her finished UFO, with Mary Berent in the background
- ◆ Upper right - Irene Chandler, Janet Stanger and Melanie Smith receive their UFO Awards
- ◆ Left Julie Gerrard, Mitzi Meyers and Cynthia Newman enjoy a bit of conversation



# 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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## September Newsletter Highlights:

- \* September Program: Crochet a Bag, by Mary Sheets
- \* Museum Comes to Life: Sign up to help promote the Guild
- \* Year Long Program: UFO's Continue to be seen over the Adelman House
- \* Dues are Due: Contact Irene Chandler

