

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

August 2006

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

<http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>

## Calendar of Events

<b>August 16, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	
<b>August 19, 2006</b>	10:00am
<b>Summer Spinning Day</b>	4:00pm
Jennifer Oak 2735 S. Bayou Bar Way, Meridian	
<b>August 26, 2006</b>	11:00 am
Guild Meeting Adleman House	
<b>September 9, 2006</b>	9:00 am
<b>Delightful Dyers Group</b>	
<b>September 14, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30pm
350 Carmel, Meridian	
<b>September 16, 2006</b>	10:00am
<b>Summer Spinning Day</b>	4:00pm
Vila Cox 2668 N Westminster Pl Boise	
<b>September 20, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	
<b>September 30, 2006</b>	10:00 am -
<b>Museum Comes to Life</b>	4:00pm
<b>October 7, 2006</b>	11:00 am
Guild Meeting Adleman House	

## NEW WEB SITE & CALENDAR

In case you haven't heard, the Guild has a new website. I will be working with the Board and members 'in the know' about the study groups to keep the information as up to date as I can. Soon you will be able to find all the information you need about upcoming guild activities. Check it out - it is located at:

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

Another exciting information tool can be found at: <http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/> Here a web-based calendar has been set up for Guild and fiber related activities around the area.

The calendar has been set up so we can all add information. This will be great for the weaving study group. Since their meetings fall at a time it is impossible to get the new location in the newsletter, they can post the current meeting schedule on the calendar so everyone can see.

I have been talking to the ladies in Garden Valley and hope they will be adding their activities soon. I hope you will help me spread the word to other groups in the area. It would really be nice to see what is going on around the valley and share this resource with other organizations.

Let's utilize this great new way to keep each other informed!

### Under the Covers--

With over 300 distinct book titles, complete collections of magazines, numerous videos, workshop notebooks, and COE notebook submissions, the Guild Library represents a wealth of weaving, spinning, dyeing, knitting, basketry, sewing, and fiber knowledge. It also represents the generosity of guild members as many books are donated by present and past members. Some books are rare and out-of-print.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The most exciting part of the new website is the ability to easily distribute the guild newsletter electronically. I have a page on the website for newsletters so:

1. Each month the new newsletter will be added to the web site in PDF format.
2. An e-mail will be sent to all members who have opted for electronic newsletters.
3. Click on the link in your e-mail notification or go to the website to retrieve the current newsletter. *It's just that easy.*

To join the growing list of members receiving their newsletter electronically instead of by postal service, send an e-mail to [vila@velocitus.net](mailto:vila@velocitus.net). I will put you on the electronic mailing list and take you off the paper mailing list. The printing and mailing of the newsletter is the guild's largest single expense every year. This new development will save the guild money and help reduce the work it takes to get the newsletters in the mail.

- \* You will not be surprised by a large e-mail clogging up your computer e-mail at the wrong time.
- \* You will be in complete control of when the file is downloaded to your computer.
- \* You can print it out if you like or just read it on the screen.
- \* It will be easy to find back issues of newsletters or the current one, because it is a bit difficult to bury your monitor in the pile of mail or accidentally throw it out!!
- \* Any website link at our own website or other web sites, like HGA, future workshop teachers, etc. listed in the newsletter can be clicked on from your computer to take you right to the site, instead of having to type it in your browser.

## **AUGUST SPINNING DAY**

Please join us for a day of spinning on Saturday, August 19th. Hours are 10 – 4 pm. Lunch will be potluck so please bring a dish to share. This month's host is Jennifer Oak. Her home address is 2735 South Bayou Bar Way, Meridian, and her phone is 412-2345.

### **Directions:**

From intersection of Eagle and Overland  
Go West on Overland  
Turn South on Locust Grove  
Turn East on Time Zone  
Turn South on South Bayou Bar Way

(The next scheduled spinning day is  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at Vila Cox's.)

## **Delightful Dyers**

Delightful Dyers, a dyeing study group is meeting the second Saturday of the month. In June due to a lack of skeins for dyeing we rehearsed the process and had a more in-depth discussion of the formulas.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> we will be doing our first full sample dye run using MX dyes.

A big 'Thank You' goes to Mary and Dick Ireland for allowing us to meet at his automotive classroom facility in Homedale. We couldn't do it without them.

We will be reporting soon on the colorful experience.

## **Weaving Study Group**

The Weaving Study Group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The meeting place varies from meeting to meeting. The Weaving Study Group had been exploring diversified plain weave.

This month's meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> at Cindy Shafer's and the planned activity is warp painting.

Contacts for the August meeting are: Bev Blank and Kathy Kostka

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

The next meeting of our study group will be at the home of Vila Cox on Monday, August 14, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Certificates of Excellence are awarded by the Handweaver's Guild of America. Those members of our guild working toward this achievement meet generally every other month for support and encouragement. You may find further information about the COE program at [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org).

All are welcome to join the study. For more information about the study group call Rebecca Winter.

(The next scheduled meeting of the COE Study Group is September 4<sup>th</sup> at Mary Berent's)

## Guild Meeting June 3, 2006

The BSU show was set up yesterday and pickup date will be August 4<sup>th</sup>. Julie will pick up for those that cannot go on that date.

Lynn Ruggles gave dates for the summer spinning meetings at:

Louise Douglas's home in Nampa on June 17<sup>th</sup>

Lynn Ruggles home for indigo dyeing, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Oak's home on August 19<sup>th</sup>

Vila Cox's home on September 16<sup>th</sup>

Lynn also reported on the Carol Rhodes workshops in Boise over Memorial Day weekend.

Vila is updating the website and will email to members to review as she goes through the process. Provide your comments to help make this a great website.

Bev provided thank you's to the board members for their service during the past year. A gift basket from the members was then given to Bev in appreciation of her leadership.

Show and Tell:

Pat Ann: wool from Ralph Groefsema and yarn spun from it. Vila: Samples for old manuscript group and 24 harness looms.

Jen: Stowe basket festival baskets and info

Ann: Alpaca scarf

Julie discussed Museum Comes to Life which will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) from 10AM to 5PM. Please participate in this year's Challenge with the theme "inspiration" bringing both your woven, spun or art pieces with the items that inspired them.

Jennifer then provided an interesting short program letting us make small folded books from a mini-workshop at Stowe.

## Summer's Over, Bring on the Fall!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and productive summer. You will all need your laid-back summer vacation, because the upcoming year will be packed with more events like spin-ins, one day workshops, another 'Intensive' at least two workshops and a few more social events tossed in for fun. We are not forgetting the study groups and the regular programs either! I look forward to a great year of fun, learning, sharing and new friends.

Mary Berent

### New Weaving Shop in Boise!!

Yes, you heard that right. At least it will be opening soon... There is a sign hanging from the balcony at the new building going in between Caledonia and Michael's Furniture on Americana Blvd., at the River Street exit off the Connector.

THE FUZZ  
Weaving, Spinning, and  
Needlework with a Twist.

Mary Humme and Diane Rinaldo hope the store will be opening September 1st. Of course they had hoped it would be open July 1st, but there is still a bit of work to be done before they can move in.

So keep your eyes peeled for the store to be opening soon. I will be driving by regularly myself.

They will also be having a *fabric only sale* August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, and maybe Aug 20<sup>th</sup> if there is stock left. This is quilting fabric from the store they had in Arizona. Location: 722 Spyglass Way Eagle, ID  
Phone: 938-1624

## **Workshop News for 2007**

### **Attention Spinners !!!**

We will be having PatsyZ the Hand Spinnin' Guru in from Chicago for a workshop in January. So mark your calendars for the weekend of January 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

I haven't made the final decision as to the topic. So I would appreciate some feedback as to what you are eager to learn. The following website is the list of her many offerings. Give me a quick e-mail or call to let me know what you want.

<http://www.spinninguru.com/lectures.html>

Patsy says that the following is currently her most popular one and one that she enjoys sharing. It is my top pick unless I hear differently from all of you spinners.

#### 2 Day Workshop - HIGH TECH FIBERS

We have a wide variety of manufactured fibers available for spinning or blending with our natural fibers. Come and learn the fascinating history of man's quest to create fiber like the silk worm. Work with the rayons, nylons, polyesters and shiny mylar fibers.

Included in this class are the newest fibers; Rayon from Bamboo, Tencel™, Soysilk™, and Ingeo™-a PLA fiber. This class will help you decide why and when you might want to use these exciting fibers. Fiber fees include the "High Tech Fibers" booklet.

More news coming soon on other workshops in the planning stages. We are hoping to have a weaving and an intensive workshop as well.

## Programs and Doings:

Come join us for informative and fun after meetings programs through out the coming year. There will be something for all interests, spinning, weaving (color and structure), hardware (loom demos) and software (computer programs).

Some of these will be more than after meeting programs to be scheduled on an off Saturday, stay tuned to your newsletter for advanced notice of what is happening next.

Al Hayden.

For Sale: 40" Four harness folding jack loom. Alder. \$400.00

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## **New Member:**

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## **Link of the month:**

I was wondering how many spinners in the group have found this web site....

[www.joyofhandspinning.com](http://www.joyofhandspinning.com)

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*The monthly newsletter  
from the  
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*Don't Forget:*

*Dues were due in June, Be sure to send your's to Jennifer, if you haven't already done so, to insure the continued delivery of your newsletter.*

*Museum Comes to Life is approaching fast. We need volunteers and Challenge entries to once again make it a success.*

*You can now sign up to receive your newsletter electronically. See the article inside this issue to find out more.*

*The Guild's website has moved and is being updated. Check it out at  
<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org>*

*You can quickly see what events are coming up at <http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>*