

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

August 2007

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Calendar of Events

August 25, 2007 10:00 am

Board Meeting - Moxie Java 1122 S Vista Boise
(Corner of Vista and Kootenia) **all members welcome!**

August 25, 2007 11:30 am

Guild Meeting - Adelman House

September 22, 2007

Challenge Items are due as well as items for the show

September 28, 2007 12:00 pm

Set up for Museum Comes to Life

September 29, 2007 10:00 am?

Museum Comes to Life

Volunteers are needed to help set up the 28th and be at the event the 29th. Sign up at the August meeting or call Vila.

October 5, 2007 11:30 am

Guild Meeting - Adelman House
Program - to be announced

October 20-21, 2007 9:00 am

Workshop - Linda Kubic

How are you coming on your fabric???

November 3, 2007 11:30 am

Guild Meeting - Adelman House
Program - Louise Douglas - Pygora Goats

December 1, 2007 11:30 am

Guild Meeting - to be announced
Program - Potluck and Exchange

There will be study group meetings too , but I do not have those dates at this time...

Wanted: Newsletter Editor.

Duties: Compile information from the officers and group leaders and put in a newsletter format of your choice.

Print or have printed the paper ones that need to be mailed. Mail them.

Send electronic version to the webmaster to be uploaded on the website.

Contact Marlene Bean to volunteer

August Program:

The program for August will be a social time for catching up on what has been happening to each of us during the summer. We will have special reports from Penny Schraufnagel about her conference experiences and Jean Zaske will tell us a bit about her incredible trip across America on her bicycle!!! Bring your lunch and a spinning wheel if you want (or something to work on if you don't spin). Let's have a great afternoon getting back in touch with our fellow Guild Members and find out what exciting - or not so exciting - things they have been up to.

Also In August:

Planning for Museum Comes to Life will be done. Be sure to bring your entry form and any completed projects you have. The Final deadline for turning things in is September 22nd, but the entry forms need to be turned in at the August 25th meeting so we have an idea of what we need for display pieces.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on September 28th at 12pm. With plenty of volunteers it takes no time at all to get the displays ready.

We also need plenty of people to help during Museum Comes to Life. I will have a sign-up sheet so we can organize ourselves. Volunteers are needed to give demonstrations, pass out ballots for the Challenge, and to be available to talk to the public about our Guild, weaving, and spinning. So mark your calendars to join us at Museum Comes to Life. The more volunteers we have the easier it is on each of us.

Vila Cox

From our President:

Round To It.

By chance, I watched the T.V. show, "How Clean Is Your House?". Intrigued that anyone would live in such an environment, I watched other episodes. Two maids attired in heels and jewels and with the help of a white coated crew, tackle the impossible task of cleaning out a house that is hopelessly mired in months or years of accumulated, built up dirt and piles of debris. It made me feel smug about my own housekeeping skills, as I don't have all those layers of dirt!

I confess I do however, have my own clutter of "Round to It" stuff. There are piles of valuable weaving & knitting magazines that I plan to reread - someday; and stacks of valuable yarn that I'm going to use - someday; boxes of fiber to spin - someday; and boxes of unfinished projects that I'm going to finish - someday. All are wonderful possessions that I have spent a lifetime accumulating to use later- when I get "round to it". You get the picture! The 5 year rule, (If you haven't used it in 5 years - throw it or give it way!) does not apply here! Before I retired I always said I was saving them for when I retired, but a year into my retirement - the piles have only grown!

Speaking of Round to it - I hope you all have been working on a project for the Round Challenge exhibit at Museum Comes to Life. (I have lots of ideas, one of which I hope to start - someday soon!)

This year promises to be an exciting year. The word is out that our Vice Presidents, Mary Berent and Vila Cox are planning hard for our programs and will be filling us in soon on what they have lined up for the year.

We'll also be welcoming back Jean Zaske from her cross country bicycle trip. It has been such fun to follow her on her blog as she pedaled her way from coast to coast. No time for weaving for her, except on the road!

Let's make this upcoming year a fun year of sharing, learning and caring - for that's what our guild is all about.

Marlene Bean

For Sale:

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contact Mary Ireland at 337-4833 or mlmeeireland@netzero.com

Guild meeting 6-2-07

After a wonderful potluck luncheon held at the home of Vila Cox, the meeting was called to order by President Mary Berent. Members in attendance were:

Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Cindy Shafer, Marlene Bean, Mary Ireland, Marita Turner, Rebecca Winter, Al Hayden, Lynn Ruggles, Julie Gerrard, Carolyn Dade, Pat Ann, Ivy DeHart, Mitzi Meyers, Anne Oglevie and Jean Zaske.

The new slate of officers for next year was introduced: Marlene Bean, President, Mary Berent & Vila Cox – Vice Presidents, Cindy Shafer – Treasurer and Mary Ireland – Secretary.

Ivy and Vila reported on the upcoming workshop with Karen Selk – SILKEN KALEIDOSCOPE. It is a three day workshop to be held on March 14 - 16, 2008. Karen is also giving another workshop while she is here called “Silk Fusion: Anyone interested please contact Mary Berent or Vila Cox.

Al announced the topic for next year’s Intensive. We will be studying “Color and Weave”. It will be held over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, January 19 - 21, 2008.

Lynn Ruggles announced the first summer Spin group get together will be at her house on June 9, 2008 and they will be dyeing with kool-aid and food colorings.

Mitzi Meyers invited everyone to the open house of her new yarn shop location on June 16th, and also her summer spin in on July 14th.

Jean talked about this month’s color study – Color Gamps and showed her Horoscope shawl and the twelve colors from that study group. Vila also had her Horoscope shawl, and her color wheel from her COE. Rebecca brought her COE color wheel and Al also brought a sample from the Horoscope shawl he did for his mother, and Carolyn had a twill gamp. Mitzi had a top that she had made from a workshop that was twill gamp and Jean had a piece of fabric from that same workshop.

Pat Ann brought a basket of Lincoln singles she had dyed and spun that were representative of the color wheel as well.

Show and Tell:

Pat Ann showed the woven bead necklace she had bought and Carolyn Dade brought her two tapestries she had completed from photos her husband had taken.

At the end of the meeting Al presented Mary Berent with a gift from the board and membership for her wonderful service during the past year as president.

Coming in October: Well we are not positive yet. It is the only month we don’t have a solid commitment for a program. There is a tentative “Yes” and we will know in a week or so if it will happen. So stay tuned to the newsletter to see what the October program will be.

Vila & Mary Berent

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Challenge 2007 - Circles

Are you a well-rounded weaver? I hope so, because this year we are getting out of the box and thinking ROUND!!! All entries must have a visual circular effect. Now if you are thinking you need a multi-harness loom for this challenge, you are WRONG!!! There are many ways to get a visual (or actual) circle with a four harness loom or even no "loom" at all. So start thinking in circles and see what you can come up with.

All entries must be entirely your own work since last September.

Registration is due by Saturday August 25th . Finished items should be turned in by September 22th.

There will be 4 categories for prizes:

1. Flat handwoven items - includes yardage and hemmed or fringed pieces (scarves, towels and rugs)
2. Handspun skeins - must include at least 80 % handspun yarn. Must be entered as a ball of yarn!
3. Finished items from handspun
4. Fiber Arts - non-flat handwoven fabrics (including clothing) or 3-dimensional items, such as baskets. Must include 75% handspun or handwoven.

Prizes will be awarded for each category: \$50 First Place - \$35 Second Place - \$15 Third Place

Entry Fees are \$5.00 for the first entry, \$2.00 each for the second and third entry (a maximum of \$9.00). Any additional entries from the same person are free. So please enter as many pieces as you wish.

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Entry Form:

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Category	Description of Piece	Fee

Submit form and entries to: Vila Cox 2668 N Westminster Pl Boise ID 83704 323-7736

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Don't Forget:

Challenge 2007 - Circles:

We have time to create some great things for the Challenge and the Show for Museum Comes to Life. If you don't have items with circles, you can still show your work in the "Show" area of our display.