

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

December 2006

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## Calendar of Events

<b>January 6, 2006</b>	11:30 am
<b>Guild Meeting</b> - Adelman House	
Silk Reeling - Lynn Ruggles	
<b>January 11, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30pm
350 Carmel, Meridian	
<b>January 17, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	
<b>February 3, 2006</b>	11:30 am
<b>Guild Meeting</b>	
High Tea and Towel Exchange	
Adelman House	
<b>February 8, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30pm
350 Carmel, Meridian	
<b>February 10, 2006</b>	9:00 am
<b>Delightful Dyers Group</b>	
<b>March 3, 2006</b>	11:30 am
<b>Guild Meeting</b>	
Adelman House	
<b>March 8, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30 pm
350 Carmel, Meridian	
<b>March 21, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	

## Weaving Study Group

We will resume meeting in January and we meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.. The topic will be crackle weave. If you are interested in study crackle weave please come and join us. The location has not been determined at this time but will be posted on the website calendar.

Julie

## February Exchange

“High Tea” in Boise. Do you have your hand towel planned for February? Remember we will be having a tea party, and what would be more appropriate to exchange than a handwoven ‘tea’ towel from your own loom? To have this be a nice usable towel, please plan for a finished piece that is 16” x 24”. Along with the towel please bring your draft to share.

## Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will be meeting at Maralyn's clubhouse on January 11 from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your spinning or any other project you'd like to work on and join us! Contact Lynn Ruggles for more info: 375-9172.

## Deciphering the Color Code

Expand your awareness of all the color combinations that abound in our world by hunting for specific color combinations found in fiber each month! For the November guild meeting, the color combination was yellow, orange and brown (sort of analogous colors...) and in December the color combination was red and green (complementary colors).

In January, the color combination will be orange and blue (another set of complementary colors). Look for combinations of orange and blue in anything you have woven or made from fiber, orange and blue handspun or commercial yarn, any clothing or fabric that combines orange and blue or even photos of fabric or fiber (think catalogs...).

Bring a few of the items you have scavenged to the January guild meeting and we will take a look at the variation that can be achieved using the complements of blue and orange with fiber.

Hopefully this activity will start to bring a more conscious awareness of the rich colors that can be inspirations for our fiber creations.

## January Program -- Reeling Silk by Lynn Ruggles

Most of us know that silk comes from cocoons, but how does it become yarn? This program will be a short lecture followed by a hands-on demo on what you can do with silk cocoons. The process will involve hot water and soap and might be a little bit messy, so if you'd like to do some reeling, wear appropriate clothes.

We will also make silk hankies and silk caps, which can be used for spinning. I will provide cocoons, pots, hot plates, gloves, aprons and tools for unwinding.

You need to bring a bobbin or flat shuttle for taking home some yarn samples. It would be helpful if someone could bring an extra bobbin winder (or two).

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## **Guild Meeting 12-06-06**

Ivy DeHart's Home - Mary Berent called the meeting to order. We started with discussion on upcoming workshops:

January 20-21 will be Patsy Zawistoski at the Middleton City Meeting Rooms. The first day will be spinning from painted roving and the second day spinning 5 novelty yarns. Registration fee is \$125.

March 17 will be a one day lecture on designing hand-woven fabric to be followed by a 2 day workshop in October with the actual construction of a garment. March class will be \$65 with a total of \$145 for the 3 days.

Vila mentioned the possibility of meeting space on Federal Way including a 20x35' room and additional break room with the ability to leave the library there. Rent would be about \$100 per month as an option if we should have to leave the Adleman House.

Today's program will be Tips and Techniques from a Grand Rapids seminar. The list of programs for the rest of the year was handed out.

Vila said she still needed interviews for the newsletter. After group discussion she will probably continue to use columns rather than full sheet layout on the newsletter.

Museum Comes to Life theme for September 2007 will be Circles. Start now to think in the round and plan how you will produce those wonderful fabrics or objects with circles.

Rebecca handed out flyers on the Rug Weaves Intensive scheduled for April 20-22. Location is still to come.

Ivy wants ideas for next year's programs and workshops as soon as possible. Let her know what you want to see and learn.

Guest introductions were made for Tiana, Kathy McGowan's sister in law and Maria, a new resident of Kuna who has just moved here with a fine arts degree from Tennessee.

Spinners study group will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at Maralyn's clubhouse for a dessert potluck.

Weaving study group will meet January 17<sup>th</sup> and start a Crackle Weave study.

COE study group is celebrating the new COE awards to Vila Cox and Mary Berent. They will continue meeting to support the COE level 2 work currently being done

by Vila.

Ivy discussed the Delightful Dyers study group next meeting on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>. We will again be attempting the printer's primary palette and have demonstrations of a painted warp, scarf and skein.

Mary discussed the proposed bylaw update on officers and asked for input from the membership via written ballot choices. The members requested that the officers be President, 2 Vice presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership officer and past President. The choice from the various options was necessary due to the way the number of positions affects the remainder of the bylaws. The bylaw committee will now take this request and come back to the guild with the next options.

Mary and Vila both discussed the prior year's comments on officers and reiterated that if the board is voting on an issue and it is tied, then the board needs to further investigate and discuss the issue until a consensus is reached. An odd number of officers should be necessary.

Further discussion defined the bylaws as being the rules the guild functions under in order to legally comply as a non-profit organization. Any changes to these bylaws need to be voted on by the membership.

Policies are defined as written customs and once these are decided they will be published for membership review.

Membership officer duties were given as:

1. Track membership demographics, i.e. address, phones, emails
2. Meet and greet new and old members and visitors
3. Publicity
4. Collect dues and interests information from members.

The program for The Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds (ANWG) is now out and available online at [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org) This meeting will be in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada June 14-27, 2007.

The gold bag went to Marita and contained cones of red yarn.

We then adjourned for a wonderful potluck lunch, followed by show and tell, examples of the monthly color exploration and the program of tips and techniques from Convergence 2006. Members contributed additional ideas as we went through the program.

## **Guild Member Interview**

*Tell me a little about yourself...*

After 36 years in one an OB-GYN clinic, retirement is heavenly. I am enjoying the time to do what I want and when I want. I look forward to working with a local architect on medical office designs, but it is not my plan to ever work full time again.

*What got you started weaving/spinning?*

I was with my daughter for a Community Education pottery class at Maple Grove School and saw a group come into the cafeteria with baskets, yarns and had to investigate. I ended up in an off loom weaving class using cardboard as a loom then a frame loom with nails. I then took a table loom class in simple weaving and followed with a drop spindle class.

*What do you enjoy most about weaving/spinning?*

The rhythm and peacefulness. My hands and feet take over and I relax.

*What do you find to be the most challenging for you?*

Pattern weaves. I am definitely a color texture person and even prefer to pet my silky, black, long-haired cat over the short-haired calico.

*What are you looking forward to learning next?*

Jewelry making due to the Convergence 2006 workshop I took and mixing that with small basketry inspired by a book and sample purchased there.

*What other hobbies do you enjoy?*

Reading, listening to CD books as I weave or spin, walking every day.

*What would your fellow guild members be surprised to learn about you?*

What, you want me to tell my deepest secrets???

Did you guess that was Penny Schraufnagel?

I am still looking for more interviews. If you have not already done so, make it one of your New Years Resolutions to send in your interview. I'm sure the rest of the guild will enjoy finding out more about you.

Here are a couple of interesting web sites you might like to check out:

[http://classics.rutgers.edu/text\\_textile/textile1.htm](http://classics.rutgers.edu/text_textile/textile1.htm)  
<http://www.mythinglinks.org/ct~weaving.html>

## **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!!!

Have you been thinking of all the ways you can put circles in your textiles? There are quite a few weave structures and techniques that you can explore with this Challenge. Just remember, all entries must have a visual circular effect.

Due to the Holiday season, I did not call a meeting of the Committee to finalize our categories. This will be done in plenty of time and we will always figure out the best place to put your creations. So don't let that slow you down. We will definitely have a category for Flat-Woven Items, Fiber Arts, and Handspun Yarns. If you have any other ideas and suggestions, the Committee would love to hear from you.

Along with the Annual Challenge at Museum Comes to Life, we will also be having the show as well. This has been very popular with the visitors at Museum Comes to Life the last couple of years. So if you have something that doesn't have the necessary circles for the Challenge, it will fill in nicely for the Show. We really do need some new things to display every year, so not only weave in the round - just weave!

## **Guild Member Interview**

I learned to weave in 1975 in Colorado. Barbara Liebler was teaching a night class at CSU, it sounded the most interesting of all the classes offered. I needed to get out of the house. I had one child and was going stir crazy from being a full time at home mom. The class was very good and I really enjoyed it. It took me several years to save enough money to buy my first loom, a 4 harness Leclere. During this time I joined the Northern Colorado Weavers Guild and made a lot of great friends.

I really enjoy structure and complex weaves. I also like playing with color and dyeing. Right now I am trying to design something funky with a tied weave that I have on the loom so that I will have an interesting sample to send to the Complex Weavers study group, 24+, which of course is due this month. If it wasn't for last minutes I wouldn't get nearly as much done.

The most challenging thing for me is finding the time to weave. I have lots of interests and commitments and I get spread too thin. I enjoy fabric and love to quilt and sew. My other big interest is gardening.

Did you figure out that was Ivy DeHart?

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*The monthly newsletter  
from the  
Handweavers Guild  
of Boise Valley*

*Don't Forget:*

**Color Assignment:** Have you been dreaming in 'color'? Hope so, don't forget the color assignment for this meeting.

**Workshops:**

It's time to sign up for the two great workshops Ivy has been working on bringing to us this year.

**Study Groups:**

They are a great way to get to know your fellow guild members as well as learning new things. Make the most of your Guild experience by participating. The more you get involved, the more you make the Guild your own.

**Challenge 2007 - Circles:**

We have plenty of time to create some great things for the Challenge and the Show for Museum Comes to Life.