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Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

February 2007

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Calendar of Events

- March 3, 2007** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting - Adelman House
Program - "Old Draft Resources" - Vila Cox
- March 8, 2007** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30 pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
- March 17, 2007**
Designing Fabric for Garments - Linda Kubik
- April 7, 2007** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting - Adelman House
Old Drafts & "More" - Vila Cox
- April 12, 2007** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30 pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
- April 20 - 22, 2007** 9:00 am
Rug Intensive 4:00pm
- May 5, 2007** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting - Adelman House
- May 10, 2007** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30 pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
- June 2, 2007** 11:00 am
Guild Meeting - Vila Cox's
Pot Luck

Deciphering the Color Code

Well, it turns out there are some pretty pinks in the world of fiber! We had quite a selection of tints of red (white added to red) brought in. Some were tints of red orange and some were tints of a red with more blue in it. When we put all of the different pinks together, it made quite an interesting palette.

For March, we are looking for a triad of secondary colors - purple, orange and green. See what you can find in blended colors of roving, spun fiber, and items woven using these colors. Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled on the fashion world too. Are home décor catalogs showing fabrics in those colors? How about clothing?

Bring some of your "finds" to the March guild meeting and let's continue to explore the jewels of color!

March Program - Old Drafts & "More"

The March program will be a continuation of the discussion of old drafts. The resources we have available to obtain them and the tools we, as modern weavers, have to assist us in using them. So yes, there will be a discussion of weaving programs. (Vila is presenting this program so what else would you expect!)

The "More" part of the program is tips and tricks we have found to help make the computer work for us and make our lives as weavers easier. Please be thinking of things you have learned that you can share with the group. How do you organize your files? How do you move data from one computer to another? What is your favorite tech "toy"?

FOR SALE:

Nilus Leclerc 45" floor loom with 4 harness/6 treadles. Folds to depth of 25". Includes a friction brake and removeable front and back beam.

Includes an open end storage bench, 57" warping board, 45" raddle, 2 boat shuttles and 12 bobbins, bobbin winder, doubling stand, comb and various weaving books. The entire package is valued at \$3215 but I am asking \$1500.

Contact: Kathy Lauer at 208 467-3237 or lauerk@heritagewifi.com.

The loom is available in Nampa, Idaho.

Delightful Dyers ended with a Big Splash of Turquoise, Fuchsia and Yellow.

Delightful Dyers had a wonderful culminating dye day. Ivy, Mary, and Resa would like to thank everyone who participated for their enthusiastic support. We enjoyed every minute of the dyeing. A special thank you goes to the Irelands, Mary and Dick for hosting us and making it possible for 16 Delightful Dyers to make a huge mess all day Saturday, with no worries. They were fantastic and the shop was a great place to learn to dye reproducible colors. We are all excited to see where each of us goes with this new MX dye and skills. We had a great run for a study group, from April 2006 when the organization began, to February 2007. What a great Guild we all belong to.

Handwoven Garments with Linda Kubik is just 4 weeks away !!!

There is one spot left in the full workshop and plenty of room for anyone who wants to attend just March 17th. It is \$65.00 for March and \$145 for the full workshop. The October Dates are Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st.

I just got off the phone with Linda and we are both very excited about this workshop. She has a request for everyone attending in March. Start thinking of POSSIBLE Patterns and the accompanying POSSIBLE fabrics you would weave to sew them with. If you have fabrics you have already woven but don't know what to do with, bring them. Also any wadders, a new word for me, this is what Linda calls any garment that just doesn't quite work.

She said, "Having an idea of what they want to do will make it easier for everyone." As we share under her guidance it will help us refine our own design ideas. I am going to call this design step one, Brainstorm. Step two will be our March 17th workshop day. Where we get an opportunity to learn from an expert who has lots of experience and we get to test out our ideas, refining or changing them before we are truly committed. Just thinking of scissors helps me remember how important this request is. I really want to have an eye candy kind of garment to wear at the end of this. Something that is even better than Cold Water Creek. That's my personal goal for this workshop. Lots of people know that I weave but have no idea what I make or can do.

March 17th we will be meeting at 9:00 am, at my husband's business. They have an empty meeting room

at the back of the business we can use for free. You will need to bring a comfortable chair. They are leasing the building at the southeast corner of Emerald and Benjamin in Boise. It is the white brick building on the corner, across the street south from the Golden Corral and behind Target. There is no sign on the building. You enter the building from the back, south side, where the parking lot is. I don't have a street number. My husband doesn't know it, he had a sheepish smile, they just moved in a couple of weeks ago. Call me if you need better directions: 939-2335.

For March you will just need to bring a comfortable chair and your patterns and fabric design ideas. The following is the list of things needed for the full workshop. I thought you would like some time to plan and gather up stuff. Plus it got me in the mood for the experience. If you have any of the stuff the steering committee, me, needs to bring I would love to know. I need a free standing clothes rack for March.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE FURNISHED BY STEERING COMMITTEE

- 6 irons and ironing boards, one should be a Rowenta professional
- presser, if available
- free standing clothes rack
- large cutting mat
- mirror free standing

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY PARTICIPANTS

- sewing machine
 - serger (optional but recommended)
 - handwoven fabric
 - old towels or muslin (these will be cut up to test the pattern.) OPTIONAL
 - notions - lining, buttons, thread, etc.
 - sewing equipment - shears, scissors, pins, etc.
 - sense of humor
- **For sale:** patterns, shoulder pads, interfacing

Weaving Study Group Julie Gerrard

As I stated at the February meeting, the weaving study group is not currently meeting. If anyone is interested in organizing a weaving study group or would like to study a particular weave structure, please let me or Mary Berent know. Thanks!

The Peak Weavers Guild in Colorado Springs is sponsoring a juried exhibit of handwoven textiles for the home and we think your members will have an interest in entering. Would you please consider (1) informing the members of your guild, of the following Call for Entries, and/or (2) adding a link to our webpage on your guild's webpage for this event. We can also mail copies of the prospectus to your guild if requested.

We are trying to reach as many weavers as we can to inform them of this event. Please feel free to respond with any questions or concerns which you may have or to call me at 719.636-1017 (my work number, where I can be reached most days). To find out more information, please also feel free to visit our webpage: www.pikespeakweavers.org.

Thank you. Deborah Lane

Guild minutes 2-3-07

Meeting was called together by President Mary Berent.

Mary asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Cindy and Vila volunteered and Vila had previously volunteered Mitzi to chair the committee.

ANWEG meeting will be held in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada from June 14 to 17 and if anyone is going they will be appointed as the guild representative to attend the ANWEG general meeting.

Jennifer brought a copy of the current budget to pass around. Marlene had previously proposed a \$500 budget to the board and this was voted on and approved.

The library now has a donated first copy of Handwoven to replace the previously lost copy. We also have a donation from Patsy Zawistoski of her shawl pattern.

Vila discussed Museum Comes to Life and the Challenge and had ballots to get general membership input on the proposed prize amounts and categories. Money from the guild savings from Fiber 89 was originally earmarked for challenge prizes and was to be used as an incentive for guild members to produce items for display. Final results of the ballot were for 3 prize winners in each category of \$50, \$35 and \$20. There will be 4 categories of flat weaving, handspun, fiber arts and items from handspun.

Al, as program vice president, stated that today's program would be a towel exchange, show and tell, followed by high tea.

March will be Vila on old draft resources and "more"
April will be Jean on Inkle weaving.

May will be the equipment and yarn sale with 10% of the proceeds going to the guild.

There was a reminder of the two part Linda Kubik workshop with the first day on March 17th on designing fabric to sew, followed by the 2 days of the third weekend in October on actual construction of garments. Attendees for the October part are limited to 18 and 16 spots are currently taken.

Needed for this workshop are standing floor length mirrors, tables and chairs.

Penny then modeled her Linda Kubik designed vest from Convergence 2004 as an example of Linda's designs.

Spinning will be next Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 with the Garden Valley spin-in on February 18 from 10 to 4.

Night weaving study group is not currently meeting due to conflicts and time constraints. Is there any volunteer to take over? Call Julie if interested.

COE meeting will be Saturday February 17th at Mary's with display of all COE work done by the guild's members.

Delightful Dyers have their last scheduled meeting on February 10th at 9AM.

Rug intensive is April 20-22. See info on the website.

Bylaws and policies committee will have more info at the March meeting.

Vila noted that the next weave cast from weavecast.com would feature an interview with her regarding her recent COE process and award. There will be a link posted on the website to reach this site.

Show and Tell:

Vila: a tell that she has long warps on both her looms (100 yard on one and 25 on the other) now and is prepared to create.

Julie: a vow to weave every month, tea towels

Penny: Patsy Z notebook and scarves from her pattern

Kathy: "Handwoven" mug rugs

Maria: purple weaving sampler and yarn sampler, first spinning

Mary B: sampler from new loom using 5/2 cotton at 20 epi which she felt was too tight.

We then had the tea towel exchange with 11 beautiful and varied weaves.

Blue Bird catering (Al Hayden) then provided High Tea created by his own hands and much appreciated by the entire guild.

Al did bring in his new AVL doobby workshop loom for members to try out and several were enjoying the ease of weaving.

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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 15th.

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.

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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Boise ID 83707

*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.

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. If you can't come up with circles, you can still show your work in the "Show" area of our display.

Workshops-

March 17, 2007 Designing Fabric for Garments - Linda Kubik

April 20 - 22, 2007 Rug Intensive (Drafts are due April 7th)

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