

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
January, 2009



January Program -- Kumihimo by Rebecca Winter

The word Kumihimo means "the gathering of threads." It is a general term applied to different kinds of braids. Rebecca will bring her Marudai and demonstrate braiding on the Japanese tool. You will also have an opportunity to try your hand at it if you wish.

Also, each person present at the meeting will receive one of the little cardboard discs you may have seen Rebecca using to make braid. Bring a few supplies and join the fun. See the list below.

Calendar of Events:

January 3, 2009 - Guild Meeting - Boise Historical Museum - Prospector Room

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12 noon - Social time

1:00 p.m. Program - Kumihimo

January 8, 2009 - Spinning Study Group
Maralyn's clubhouse in Meridian
6:30-8:30 p.m.

January 17, 18 & 19, 2009 - Weaving Intensive
Treadling Variations in Overshot

March 20, 21 & 22, 2009 - Weaving Workshop
Magic in the Water II, with Laura Fry

Deciphering the Color Code



It seems the equilateral triangle harmony is an easy one for us all to see. At the December meeting there were many examples presented by members. A rousing discussion of the harmony was enjoyed by the members.

For January, we will explore the **Split Complementary Harmony**. Again we are looking at a "triadic chord." This means looking at 3 colors that make up an isosceles triangle on the color wheel.



Kumihimo Supplies

Items to bring to the meeting:

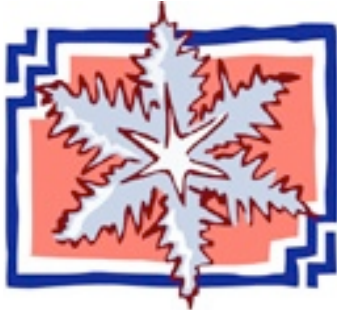
1. A counter weight, equal to about 2 ounces, to which you can attach a length of ribbon or yarn. You can use lead weights, film cans with washers or coins, etc.
1. A 1/2 yard length of heavy and strong wool yarn, for attaching your weight to your braid. Grosgrain ribbon (not shiny ribbon) works pretty well, too.
2. Yarn for your braid. Equivalent to 3/2 or 5/2 cotton is good. You will need 7 warp lengths of about 2-3 yards each, or longer if you want to have a longer braid. You can use perle and mix it with novelties, or mix and match colors. It may be good to have several smooth yarns and accent with novelties or metallics, or accent with another color.
3. Bobbins on which to wind your yarn. Cardboard embroidery floss bobbins work great. Or you could just cut cardboard squares about 1 by 1 1/2 inches. Or you could use the EZ Bob Bobbins available commercially. It would save time and be helpful if you wind your warp yarns onto 7 bobbins prior to the meeting.
4. Scissors, or other basic sewing tools.



Guild Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2008

The December meeting was held at the new home of Penny Schraufnagel. President Al Hayden called the meeting to order. Members present included Maralyn Larsen, CeCe Stricklin, Mary Berent, Cynthia Newman, Rebecca Winter, Jean Zaske, Mitzi Meyer, Julie Gerrard, Pat Ann, Ruth Gildersleeve, Lynn Ruggles, Marlene Bean, Vila Cox, Penny Schraufnagel and Mary Ireland.



Al said that the regular meeting items would be dispensed with this meeting because of the potluck and pin exchange and then asked the vice presidents about the status of the upcoming Laura Fry workshop – Magic in the Water II. CeCe reported that there are only seven people signed up so far and they need fifteen to hold the class. She then wondered if maybe it was the subject and asked if the members would be more interested in Laura’s Gamp workshop instead. The membership seemed to think that the “Water” workshop was fine. Lynn Ruggles then asked about the Guild possibly subsidizing the workshop if there were not fifteen members to take the class. Much discussion was had, including the fact that there is a \$60.00 supply fee that is included in the class fee of \$195.00 which really makes the class reasonable. There was also discussion about opening the workshop up to outside guilds and it was decided that the vice presidents would send out another e-mail to our own membership and then contact other guilds about interest in taking Laura’s workshop. The deadline for signing up will be at the January meeting.

Al said that he needed volunteers to chair two committees. The first committee is the Challenge committee for next year’s Museum Comes To Life. Julie, Rebecca, Mitzi, Vila, and Penny graciously volunteered to take care of that. Any one else who wants to join is more than welcome.

A Nominating Committee is also needed for the gathering of people to hold office next year. Mitzi, Mary Berent, and CeCe volunteered to work on that committee for finding people to fill the 2009 Slate of Officers.

Rebecca then talked about the ongoing progress of the policies committee. She thanked everyone who had helped with that process and gave an overview of everything done to this date. The finished policies will be put on the Guild website so that members can get any questions they have answered. Policies are the basic guidelines, those things that aren’t as strict as the By-laws. She did have one question as to Library fines for late books or equipment. After member discussion it was decided against assigning late fines. Instead the Librarian will just remind a member of an overdue book by way of an e-mail, the newsletter, etc.

Al passed out the proposed budget for member approval. With only one correction under Expenses, it was moved and seconded that it be passed, once the correction is made.

Jean then presented the color study for the month. This month is was the first of the Triadic Cords. She used her color wheel and showed equilateral triangles of color. She brought a “color wheel” of yarn which made the study very clear and interesting. Next month will be Split Complimentary.

After several interesting show and tells, the meeting was adjourned and the pin exchange was begun. There were great examples of member creativity in the pins that were exchanged.



Creative Pins Made by Members ---- Photo by Penny Schraufnagel --

The membership then enjoyed a wonderful potluck with great fellowship among all members.

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Mary Ireland

Ramblings from the President

Al sends us his recipe for the delicacy he brought to the December luncheon this month. We thank him. And Enjoy!

Mincemeat Bars

2 cup Flour
1 tsp Baking Soda
1 tsp Salt
1 cup Brown Sugar
Stir above ingredients and cut in
¾ cup Butter
Add and stir
2 cup uncooked oatmeal
¼ Cup Water
Lightly press half of this mixture in a greased 9x13 cake pan.
Spread 20 ounce jar of mincemeat over bottom layer
Spread rest of crust mixture over mincemeat.
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.
-- Al

Study Group News

Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will meet on January 8, 6:30-8:30 pm at Maralyn's clubhouse in Meridian. Please join us! Questions or need directions? Call Lynn Ruggles, 375-9172.

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group will meet next on Saturday, February 7, at Moxie Java on Vista. All are welcome to participate. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Call Mary Berent for more info. at 939-8906.

Weaving Intensive 2009

Treadling Variations in Overshot

The dates of the Intensive are Jan 17 thru 19, 2009. This is Saturday to Monday. See the guild website for more information.

Directory Corrections

◆ Shirley Sterling - new cell phone - 284-1902.

◆ Please Add: Julie Gerrard
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Websites

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



*Are you are planning to participate in the **Laura Fry Workshop?** Please notify the Vice Presidents immediately to hold your spot. The openings are being filled as we speak.*

See flyer in this newsletter.

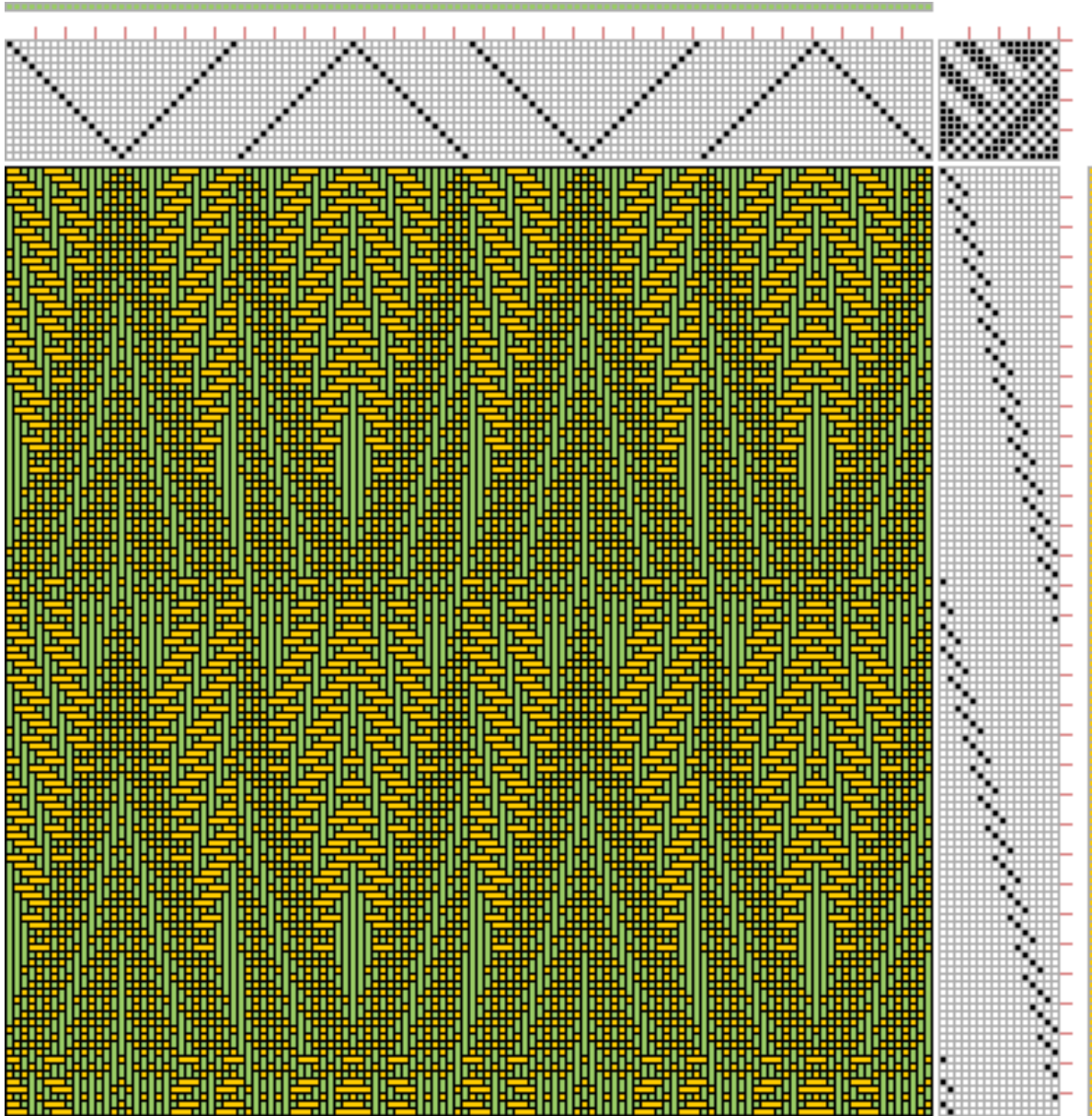
Teacher's Corner

More to come in the future: We took a Christmas Holiday Break. Happy Holidays to you!!!!

Draft Inspiration

The following draft is from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics.

Draft #61268



Editor's Note: Isn't this a fabulous draft? It reminds me of Vila's crinkle scarves. Rebecca



Magic in the Water II with Laura fry

The Boise Handweaver's Guild is having a workshop March 20-21-22, Magic in the Water, taught by Laura Fry of Canada. Registration is open to members only of the Boise Handweaver's Guild. In addition to some great weaving drafts you will learn how to expertly finish your woven cloth! Due to the high cost of air travel to get Laura to Boise, we MUST have a minimum of 15 signed up for the workshop NO LATER than January 1, 2009. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. The workshop will be held at the Caldwell Public Library. More details will follow when you sign up for the workshop.

Workshop Cost: \$195.00 which includes a \$60.00 materials and handout fee. The drafts & warps will be provided by Laura.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Table/or Floor Loom (circle one) _____ # shafts _____

Please either return this form to Cece or Marlene at either the November or December Guild meeting or mail to: Cece Stricklin 2108 Norcrest Drive, Boise, ID 83705. Include your check made out to the Boise Handweavers Guild in the amount of \$195.00. Should you need to cancel attending the workshop you will need to find someone to take your spot as workshops fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

This should be a wonderful workshop.

If able to either host Laura or provide a lunch for Laura and the Guild host please check here _____ and we will contact you. Thanks!

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The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

January Newsletter Highlights and Please Remembers:

Program: Kumihimo

Color Code: Split Complementary Harmony

Linen Towel Exchange: Look for Information at the Meeting

Look for Fantastic Learning Opportunities!!!!

