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November 2006

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Calendar of Events

- December 2, 2006** 10:30 am
Board Meeting
at Ivy DeHart's before the Guild Meeting
- December 2, 2006** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting
December Luncheon & Ornament Exchange
at Ivy DeHart's 209 Ashbourne, Eagle
- December 14, 2006** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30 pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
Pot-luck dessert feast & small fiber exchange
- January 6, 2006** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting - Adelman House
- January 11, 2006** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
- January 17, 2006** 7:00 pm
Weaver's Study Group
- February 3, 2006** 11:30 am
Guild Meeting
High Tea and Towel Exchange
Adelman House
- February 8, 2006** 6:30 pm -
Spinning Study Group 8:30pm
350 Carmel, Meridian
- February 10, 2006** 9:00 am
Delightful Dyers Group

Delightful Dyers:

Delightful Dyers had an exciting, fun dye day on Saturday November 18th. We were able to hear the squeals of delight as Mary Berent and Vila Cox learned that they received their Certificates of Excellence. It was fun to see their joy in achieving such a huge accomplishment. Our Next and Last Dye day as the group is now organized will be Saturday February 10th. We will be dyeing a printer's color wheel with Yellow, Cyan, and Magenta. We are taking the holiday months off.

There will be a short board meeting before the Christmas luncheon. The board meeting will begin at 10:30 am at Ivy DeHart's house at 209 Ashbourne, Eagle. Everyone is welcomed to attend board meetings.

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

Spinning Study Group:

The Spinning Study Group on December 14 will feature a pot-luck dessert feast, a small fiber exchange and show and tell. Bring a dessert to share, a small baggie of fiber to exchange and come show us what you have been working on lately. If anyone has her warp-weighted wrap to show off, this would be the perfect time to collect a few more ooh's and ahh's for it. All are welcome to attend! If you don't spin, bring your own project and join us for a fiber gabfest. For more info, contact Lynn Ruggles, 375-9172.

Bylaws:

We will begin the discussion on the bylaws at the December meeting. The general plan is to talk about one or two topics at a time to keep the discussion focused and directed. In the Christmas spirit, we will try to keep it brief. If you would like to participate on the bylaw and policy committee you are welcomed to join us. Call Mary Berent 939-8906 or Rebecca Winter 895-0975.

President's Corner

I hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hopefully, you will all get some time to weave. When in doubt about a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person, remember that a handwoven scarf is the perfect gift!

Mary

Christmas Luncheon

We will be having our Christmas Luncheon at Ivy DeHart's home on the 2nd of December at 11:30 A.M. This is a Pot Luck luncheon so bring your favorite goodie to share.

We will also be exchanging Christmas ornaments. In the past we have had some very beautiful and unusual ornaments. These can be handwoven or handmade items such as, tree ornaments, wall hangings or table top ornaments. Please share something that you are proud to have made with your fellow guild members.

December Program

Penny will be sharing some "Tips and Techniques" that she has learned from taking seminars at Convergence. I am sure she will have some time for us to share some things that we have found useful in the pursuit if our craft.

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

Under the Covers –

Try your hand at cardweaving with over 200 cards to borrow.

Checkout extra fibers from a spinning workshop.

Read a Mary Atwater Meigs mystery or about the Spider Woman.

Guild Meeting 11-4-06

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Berent.

Mary discussed, then sent around a sign up sheet for, the January workshop with Patsy Zawistoski. Ivy is still searching for a site to hold the workshop, but it may be in Middleton. Cost will be \$125. www.spinningguru.com

Mary then discussed the March workshop with Linda Kubik as being a one day lecture on fabric design followed by a 2 day fall construction workshop. A sheet was sent around to fill out whether there is interest in the one day lecture, two day workshop or both.

Al's program today will be on how to determine how much yarn is needed for a project.

December will be the Christmas lunch at Ivy's at 11:30 with an exchange of handmade ornaments. The program will be given by Penny on tips and techniques learned from a Robyn Spady seminar at Convergence. February's program will be a tea at the Adleman House with hand towel exchange, including drafts and weave structures.

Museum Comes to Life for September 2007. Julie, Al and Vila are on the committee and thinking of out of the box. This would entail doing things in circles with round or visually round structures. Several options for alternatives to weaving circles were given such as fabric painting, stenciling, stitching or sequins. Full details will be available at the December meeting.

Weaving Study Group
Crackle weave in January as was featured in the last Handwoven.

Spinning Group
Needs spinner to show up or let Maralyn know if you are coming or not. Attendance has been spotty and we need to respect her efforts to reserve and be at the clubhouse.

A comment was made that study groups are the heart of the guild and all members are encouraged to attend and participate.

COE support group said the entries were in and Judging would be November 15-16. They meet every other month on the first Monday. Call Rebecca, Vila or Mary for information.

Dyeing study group
The meeting will be on November 18th (third Saturday) this month due to conflicts. Colors used will be

turquoise, Magenta and yellow. The next meeting will then be in February. Comment was made that the Twisted Sisters book notes use of a yellow at 2 times the strength of blues and reds due to its inherent weakness.

Bylaws and Policies Committee will meet on Monday November 6th at Rebecca's. If you have any comments or concerns, please discuss them with one of the members prior to that meeting. Since the members that voted against the bylaws last April obviously had concerns, please do not keep them to yourself, but share with any committee member. Members are Rebecca, Mary Berent, Al, Vila, Penny and Cindy.

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Show and Tell

Color challenge for November-fall colors
Anne: fall colors in dyed roving, yarn, scarf, leaves and seeds
Maralyn: yarn, fabric, knitted squares, silk ribbon.

December's color challenge will be red, green, white (silver) or gold. Search your stash for samples of these combos.

Marita brought a handspun, knitted scarf.

Al then presented his program on determining yarn needed for a project and provided worksheets. Vila will post the worksheet on the website.

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

Upcoming Workshops

Spinners and Weavers Treat yourself to a mid winter vacation. Is your significant other asking you for Christmas Gift Ideas? Tell him that a spinning or weaving vacation (workshop) would be just the thing. We have wonderful teachers lined up and the company will be friends who love doing just what you do. Here are the details on the two upcoming workshops. If you have any questions contact: Ivy DeHart, 208-939-2335 or weaver_id2000@yahoo.com. You may also contact Mary Berent, Guild President for Information at 208-939-8906.

SPINNING WORKSHOP with Patsy Zawistoski, January 20th and 21st, Saturday and Sunday at the Middleton City Meeting Rooms. The work shop is Two days, Saturday 20th, **Color Options for Spinners**, Sunday 21st, **Five Quick Novelty Yarns**. Cost for the two days will be \$125.00 plus a materials fee, yet to be determined. **(Note the change of Topics for the Workshop).**

Here is how Patsy describes the two Topics. **Color Options for Spinners:** Spinning painted rovings can give unexpected results. This class will explore the wide variety of pleasing and coordinating yarns that can be spun from a single painted roving.

Five Quick Novelty Yarns: Spend a day learning how to create basic novelty yarns. Learn to do a worsted slub spiral, a core spun bouclé, a knotted yarn, a cable yarn and a lopi style singles yarn. This class works mainly in wool and mohair, teaching a few designer basics to spark your creativity. Fiber fees include the "Quick Novelty Yarns" booklet.

Our goal as a Guild Board is to bring you Workshops that interest you, as reasonably priced as possible. We hope that the change of Topic from, High Tech Fibers, to ones that are Natural Fibers will meet the interest of the area spinners better. The workshop is open to anyone interested. We need 12 people by Saturday December 2 to make it a go. If you are not currently a member of the Boise Valley Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild there is an additional charge of \$25.00. You may choose to use it to join for a year or consider it as a donation to help defray workshop costs that the Guild Picks up.

Send your check to Ivy DeHart before December 3rd to hold your spot. You may also contact Guild President Mary Berent for information.

FASHION FABRIC WORKSHOP with Linda Kubic. Saturday March 17th, 2006.

This is Part one of a two part Workshop. It will be one whole day on Saturday March 17th, 2006. Part one is the Design phase of the workshop and will be all about designing hand-woven fabric for garments. More information on this will be included in the next newsletter.

Part Two of the workshop will be held for two days in October and will be the actual construction of your fabric into a garment of your choice, under her watchful direction. Have you always wanted to wear a garment of your own but didn't have the skills or courage to cut into your fabric? There has never been such a wonderful opportunity, to create something uniquely your own under the guidance of a master seamstress. Join us in this adventure into the realm of Fashion and Design.

Now for some back ground on Linda.

Linda Kubik has been weaving for the past 23` years and sewing forever. She holds a degree in clothing, textiles and art from the University of Washington. Textiles and fiber have always been her passion and she enjoys sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge in her workshops and seminars.

She owns and operates a one-woman manufacturing plant, otherwise known as a weaving studio, formerly known as Twill & Tuck. Linda markets her handwoven yardage to home sewers. Her fabric, garments and patterns have been featured in sewing and weaving magazines, videos and on public television sewing programs. She has taught at several Convergence conferences, travels and teaches throughout the US.

Linda's book, *Sew Something Special*, Sewing with handwoven fabrics, details innovative techniques for handling handwoven fabric. Now she has developed a line of multisized patterns that are fabulous in handwoven fabrics. There are currently eight *Elements* patterns available.

Her fascination with color and texture has taken her even further into the realms of surface design and artwear creation using handmade fabric and innovative techniques. Linda is currently working on new patterns and writing a new book.

Guild members who have taken workshops from her at Convergence and Regional Conferences have all enjoyed her classes, and skills she freely shares.

The first people to pay for the March 17th day of the workshop will get first priority for the second Phase of the workshop in October. There is no limit to those who may attend the Design day in March, there is a limit of 15 places for the second phase of the workshop in October. Cost of the workshop is \$65.00 for One day, \$145.00 if you take all three days. Registration for Non-Guild members will be open after the January 6th meeting.

Challenge 2007 - Circles

When you think of the Challenge, go you usually say "I hope to get around to it"...?.

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 years 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.

As Committee Chair I have been sidetracked and will get back with the rest of the Committee to finalize the categories and all of the fine print. There won't be any major changes so most of you should be able to start planning the circles you will be weaving around everyone this year....

We will also have a "Show" at the same time as the Challenge. So if you have done something that does not have the circular look required for the Challenge, we would love to be able to display it in the Show! This has been a great hit with the public at Museum Comes to Life. It let's everyone know that weaving is not a "lost art", there people practicing it all the time and doing some amazing things.

Vila

November Interview

Tell me a little about yourself...

What got you started weaving/spinning? Spinning was always something "out there" that I wanted to do, but never figured that I would get a chance to try. I didn't realize that there were so many people in this area doing it. Weaving was just a fantasy. When I retired three years ago a knitter visited our needlepoint guild one evening and told us about "Museum Comes to Life" and invited us to come. My friend and I both came over and I talked with one of the spinners demonstrating (Ruth Gildersleeve) and then I picked up one of Cleo's cards. The rest is history.

What do you enjoy most about weaving/spinning?

With spinning and weaving both it is the soothing repetition of the work itself. In spinning I love the feel of the fibers in my fingers and with weaving it is the excitement of watching the pattern develop and the colors interplay with each other.

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

The weaving has been the most challenging. But with

the help of the guild members, I have met each challenge so far.

What are you looking forward to learning next? Everything. It is all so exciting. I want to try it all.

What other hobbies do you enjoy? I have been a "stitcher" for many years, starting with cross stitch, then advancing to needlepoint and the many varieties of stitch techniques that it requires. I love the fibers involved and see many ways to incorporate it into my newfound passions of spinning and weaving. I also read a lot. I love mysteries mostly but will read almost anything of interest.

What would your fellow guild members be surprised to learn about you? I lived in Germany for three years while my husband was stationed over there in the Army and my oldest son was born there. And I have two other sons – twins.

Did you guess that was Mary Ireland?

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Don't Forget:

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

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.

Newsletter Format:

Someone mentioned it might be easier to read the newsletter on-line without the columns. I was wondering about that and so there is a page in this issue without columns. I would appreciate hearing which way you prefer it. The columns do make it much easier to put together for me, but I want to be sure it is easy to read too. Vila

Announcement!!!!

Two of our members received passing marks for the COE (Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving) work they submitted this year. Vila Cox passed Level 1 and Mary Berent passed Level 2. Rebecca Winter started the whole thing off when she passed Level 1 in 2002. In 2004 Rebecca passed Level 2 and Mary passed Level 1. The COE program is a great study program even if you do not plan on going through the judging process. *Be sure to ask one of these ladies about their experiences working toward their Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving.*

