

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

October 2006

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Calendar of Events

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| November 4, 2006 | 11:30 am |
| Guild Meeting Adelmann House | |
| November 9, 2006 | 6:30 pm - 8:30pm |
| Spinning Study Group 350 Carmel, Meridian | |
| November 11, 2006 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Grand Opening - Fuzz! 605 Americana Blvd. Suite B | |
| November 11, 2006 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Fiber and Fabric Faire Crouch Community Center - Garden Valley | |
| November 18, 2006 | 9:00 am |
| Delightful Dyers Group (Note this is the 3 rd Saturday!!) | |
| November 15, 2006 | 7:00 pm |
| Weaver's Study Group | |
| December 2, 2006 | 11:30 am |
| Guild Meeting December Luncheon & Ornament Exchange | |
| December 14, 2006 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm |
| Spinning Study Group 350 Carmel, Meridian | |
| December 20, 2006 | 7:00 pm |
| Weaver's Study Group | |

Weaving Exchanges:

We will be having two exchanges of handwoven/handmade items this year.

December – We will be exchanging Christmas ornaments at the December luncheon. In the past we have had some very beautiful and unusual ornaments. These can be handwoven items or handmade. Please share something that you are proud to have made with your fellow guild members.

February – “High Tea” in Boise. In February 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.

I wanted to make you aware of an event coming up in November:

The Garden Valley Quilting Society is presenting it's third annual **"Fiber and Fabric Faire"** on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10-4 at the Crouch Community Hall, in Garden Valley.

I participated last year, and will again this year... it's a fun event for any fiber junkie!

Includes Quilts, Quilting Fabrics, Quilted Items, Hand Spun Yarn and Spinning Fibers, Weaving, Knitting, and Spinning, Demos, Supplies, FUN! Live Music... Raffle of a fabulous quilt. Please see how and where you can get the word out! Thanks much,

Barbara Knupper (Idaho City)

November Program:

I do not have a program/presenter currently lined up for this month. Keep an eye out on the guild's website and calendar for updates.

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Open House at Fuzz on Nov 11th

Just a bit more detail about the open house at Fuzz on November 11th. There will be a fashion show featuring local creations in conjunction with Caledonia. If you are interested in displaying your work, be sure to contact Mary or Diane at 343-3899 for more details regarding what will be happening that day.

President's Message

This time of year is so beautiful and inspiring. I love to collect leaves, rake leaves, walk through leaves and marvel at the range of gorgeous colors just hanging on those same trees that have been solid green all summer. I truly find inspiration in that final exuberant show before the hibernation of winter.

Remember that we have some exchanges coming up, so I hope you will be inspired to spend some time with your loom, spinning wheel or other fiber endeavors at this beautiful time of year.

Mary

We will be working on the bylaws and policies again and if you wish to be on either or both committees, please contact:

Mary Berent 939-8906 or
Rebecca Winter 895-0975.

The Guild address books will be ready at the November meeting. If you will not be attending the meeting but someone could pick yours up for you, that would be great and would save the postage of mailing it to you. Every penny counts!

Under the Covers --

Available at the guild website is a partial listing of books reviews. If you would like to contribute a book review, contact the guild librarian.

Mastering Weave Structures, Transforming Ideas Into Great Cloth *by Sharon Alderman*

The author shares her years of experience in a study course for weaving the best, most interesting, most successful fabrics you can imagine. She also shares her understanding fibers, setts, and color interactions and in finding the most accurate and efficient ways to manage the weaving process. You will find both inspiration and useful information in the scores of color photographs of her fabric samples, the product of more than thirty years of serious exploration.

In my opinion this is the second book a weavers needs to buy. It takes up right where "Learning to Weave" by Debbie Chandler leaves off. Vila Cox

The Extension Service facility that the guild used for workshops in the past is no longer available. If you know of a conference room or other gathering room that may be available for us to use inexpensively for workshops please contact:

Mary Berent 939-8906 or
Ivy DeHart 939-2335.

To be really perfect, the facility would need to be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday from about 8:30 to about 5:00 where we can safely leave our stuff. The Extension Service used to give us a key, which was really perfect, but not required.

Guild Meeting 10-7-06

Reports: Ivy's given by Mary
Unable to get response from Kris Abshire for surface design workshop.

Options:

Linda Kubik on sewing handwoven garments.
Could be as one day seminar on designing fabric for garments and then a return 6 to 9 months later for actual construction workshop.

Robyn Spadie on stitched doubleweave

Patsy Z is already scheduled for spinning workshop on new fibers for January 19-20.
Approximate cost will be \$125 for 2 day workshop and a sign up sheet was passed around for interested people to sign up.

Website calendar is in place and members can post to dates of interest. Leaders for study groups also need to post information.
Vila will have instructions on how to post on website under calendar.

Newsletter-Vila

Appeal to sign up for emailed newsletter.
Members will have it at least 3 days before printed ones are mailed.
Link will be sent by email and you have the option of reading on line or printing from PDF file.

Library-Cindy

Extra books will be sold to guild members first and then on EBay.

Challenge results:

Thanks to Janet Adolphsen and volunteers that worked on Challenge.
There were entries in two categories, 4 in Flat Handwoven and 2 in Fiber Art.
Winner of First and second in Flat Handwoven:
Julie Gerrard
Winner of First and second in Fiber Art:
Rebecca Winter
Thanks to the entrants and to those that provided items for the weaving/spinning display.

Jean Zaske wants to get more color in her life and fiber art and proposed that the guild have a color scavenger hunt for specific colors each month. Members can bring in items using those colors, pictures containing those colors or other inspirations. More details elsewhere in the next newsletter. Discussion was to use fall colors of yellow/orange/brown for November.

Julie mentioned the current exhibit of Blanket Stories by Marie Watts at the Boise Art Museum. An artist talk will be December 7th at 5:30PM

Seattle Weavers Guild will be having a show and sale on October 26th to 28th.

Intermountain Weavers Conference will be July 19-22 in Durango, CO. website is www.intermountainweavers.org

Bylaws and policies will need to be completed this year and members wanting to give input on either need to speak up and participate. Notify any board member if you are interested.

Fuzz will open next weekend on the corner of River and Americana with supplies for weaving, spinning and needlepoint.

Ewephoria is a relatively new yarn shop in downtown Nampa. Worth a detour if you are in the area.

Ontario guild is having a show the 1st weekend in November. Contact Gail White for further information.

Show and Tell:

Ann-comparison between wool and tencel dye samples
Penny-horsehair bridle/reins/quirt/hatband made in the 1890's at Wyoming State Prison by horse thief.
Vila & Mary are both through with COE entries.
Cindy-Red Yak scarf
Marita- Boundweave Book
Ruth-told of upcoming trip around the Atlantic
Julie-Brought her winning Challenge entries.

Program on Fingerweaving was then presented by Al

Calendar Instructions:

From the lack of postings to the Guild Calendar I am wondering if members are afraid to try it out for fear of it being too hard. Posting an event is not difficult. From the website click on the 'Calendar' link at the bottom of any (and every) page. That will bring up the Calendar I have set up on the internet - found also at this link: <http://www.my.calendars.net/handweavers/>

Now just follow these easy steps:

1. Use the "Navigate" bar at the top of the calendar to get to the month you wish to post to.
2. Click on the date you are looking for.
3. Fill out the information in the form that appears. It has a place for description, time, and will even create a pop up window if you have lots of information to put on that day.
4. Click "Submit" (lower left)
5. From the page that now appears you can edit or delete events. Click the yellow "View Calendar" button on the upper left to see the results.

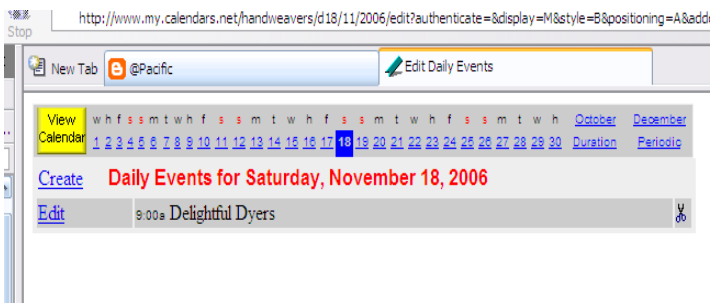
Just a couple of notes:

If you want to add an event to a date that already has something scheduled, it will take you to the page I list in step 5 (also shown below). Just click on the "Create" link on the left to get to a form. To delete an event, click on the scissors on the right after the name of the event.

Go ahead and explore - the worse thing that can happen is we will need to re-add an event if happens to get deleted. Not a problem!

Let me know if you have questions about the process.

Vila



Member Interview

Here is another interview, can you guess who it is before the end?

Tell me a little about yourself.... I am a retired ob/gyn. I live in Eagle on 5 acres, and have many critters and a garden. I love travel, scuba diving, hiking and camping.

What got you started weaving/spinning? I was visiting my neighbor while she was having her alpacas sheared. She told me she was going to learn to spin, and asked if I would like to come to the lesson. By the end of a couple of hours with Cleo Gallagher (who taught us), I was hooked. I had my own wheel within a couple of weeks. The weaving came later as a means of using the yarn I was spinning.

What do you enjoy most about weaving/spinning? I most enjoy the satisfaction of creating something with my own hands. I also love the feel of being part of the continuity of something that has been done for thousands of years.

What do you find to be the most challenging for you? Finding enough TIME!

What are you looking forward to learning next? I am looking forward to leaning more complex weaving techniques, and having enough experience that drafts stop looking totally foreign to me.

What other hobbies do you enjoy? I have been quilting for about 12 years. I also like gardening, and dyeing with natural dyes.

What would your fellow guild members be surprised to learn about you? Perhaps that I have done a fair amount of car maintenance, including taking an engine out of a VW and putting it back. Also that I have lived and worked in the Caribbean for a year recently.

For those of you that haven't met her yet it is Kathy McGowan

High Tech Fibers Workshop

with Patsy Zawistoski

The workshop will be held Saturday and Sunday January 20 and 21, 2006 at the Middleton City Meeting Room. Registration is now open for sign up. The Cost will be \$125.00 plus a fiber fee that is not yet know. To hold your place please plan on paying Ivy DeHart by December Guild Meeting. Payment can be given to Jennifer Oak or Mary Berent at the November Meeting or mailed to Ivy. After the December Meeting we will open up registration to non-guild members in the region. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new from a Master Spinner. Patsy received her COE in spinning while I was a member with her in the Northern Colorado Handweavers Guild.

Patsy Zawistoski enjoys all the possibilities of creating with handspun yarns. She has enjoyed every facet of textiles since learning sewing as a 4th grader and weaving as a new bride. Twenty-some years ago, she taught herself to spin and has been spinning ever since. Patsy earned her COE Certificate of Excellence in Handspinning from the Handweavers Guild of America (1985), plus a Master's Certificate (1987) for her study "Spinning Novelty Yarns for Use as Warp." She is constantly exploring and refining her spinning techniques. She was recently named "most excellent spinnin' guru.calm" by her students.

In 2002, Patsy, her husband Rich, Mother-in-law Edith, and the cats moved to Elk Grove Village, just west of O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. The new area provides easy access to the airport, new guilds and the opportunity to appreciate? the wind at times.

A widely-traveled lecturer and teacher, Patsy accepts up to two [workshops](#) a month. She has taught classes for various guilds, shops, community arts programs, conferences, SOAR '88, '95, and '97 and Convergence '90, '92, '96, '00, '02 and '06. In 2004 she taught in [New Zealand](#), and in 2005 returned to Canada where she taught in '92 and '02.

Victorian Video Productions produced three spinning workshops as [video or DVD](#) featuring Patsy as the teacher. These have received excellent reviews and are a terrific way to learn to spin or review your spinning techniques. The

DVDs were released in 2006.

Description of the workshop from her Web Page:

We have a wide variety of manufactured fibers available for spinning or blending with our natural fibers. Come and learn the fascinating history of man's quest to create fiber like the silk worm. Work with the rayons, nylons, polyesters and shiny mylar fibers. Included in this class are the newest fibers; Rayon from Bamboo, Tencel™, Soysilk™, and Ingeo™-a PLA fiber. This class will help you decide why and when you might want to use these exciting fibers. Fiber fees include the "High Tech Fibers" booklet.

“Weaving” Workshop Update

We have found the perfect workshop for March. It will have Design Elements covering many fiber areas, for everyone, and this from a Multi-talented Weaver, Dyer, and Fashion Fabric Designer-pattern maker. Come ready to sign up for a two part Workshop with Linda Kubik.

Part one will March 17th 2007, when we meet to see, feel, and learn about designing fabric for garments. This will include the structure, drape, fibers, colors, you name it. From here we will take our design and create a fabric.

Part two will be in the Fall when we gather to turn it into an actual garment. Now don't panic you don't have to be a professional seamstress to participate. You just have to want to wear something that you have created.

BIOGRAPHY: Linda Kubik - Ritzville, WA

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's developed a line of multisized patterns that are fabulous in handwoven fabrics. There are currently eight *Elements* patterns available.

Plan now to be part of this once in a Guild Experience. More details in the next Newsletter. We are considering offering it in two parts. Call Ivy DeHart with any questions you might have.

Linda Kubik

Check out these links:
Patterns Page

<http://www.thesewingplace.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWCATS&Category=202>

ANWG Workshop Leader Page

<http://www.northwestweavers.org/WorkshopLeads/Kubik.htm>

A nice picture and review of Linda's booth at Sewing and Stitching Expo last March

<http://www.sewhow.com/SewExpo/ExpoReview.htm>

Member Interview

I have a bit more space so here is another interview....

Tell me a little about yourself....I've been weaving for over 30 years, off and on. My husband is a jeweler here in Boise. I have a degree in Spanish, with a major in Portuguese. I've lived in Boise for 30 years, and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. I grew up in Kansas and went to college in New Mexico, Massachusetts and Kansas (I found wonderful exchange programs!). I've traveled a lot in South America and lived in Brazil for 1 ½ years. I am fluent in Portuguese and can read and understand most Spanish.

What got you started weaving/spinning? During my first year at college in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I happened onto the tourist area in Old Town. As I was ambling down the street, I heard a loud, rhythmic thumping that seemed to come from one of the upstairs galleries. Turns out it was a weaving studio and it held a room-size rug loom. It fascinated me, and I kept that in mind until I moved to Boise while my

husband was overseas in the Marine Corps. I found Christine Blake, who taught me and sold me my first LeClerc 4 harness loom. We moved to California, where I found another wonderful teacher, Marian Brockman (I think that was her name). She gave lessons in her home on her own looms twice a week, and whatever I learned about profile drafting I learned from her.

What do you enjoy most about weaving/spinning?

I'm a rhythm person, so I enjoy the rhythm of weaving, but I've found that I also really enjoy the color interaction in weaving. I like pattern, but I'm more interested in how it relates to the colors I've chosen.

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

Design in general is still very difficult for me, particularly in using multiple colors. I find it hard to design a pleasing stripe that isn't hard-looking. Being able to combine different colors masterfully is my current goal.

What are you looking forward to learning next?

That's the nice thing about weaving – there's always something more to learn. I guess I'd have to repeat that learning to handle multiple colors would be my current goal.

What other hobbies do you enjoy? I own 2 horses and take lessons in a style called "dressage". It's the very formal riding you see in the Olympics. It's like ballroom dancing, only I get to lead! I also am helping a friend of mine establish a series of small horse shows here in the valley. I'm the show secretary – which means that I take in the money and assign the classes and ride times

I truly enjoy custom dyeing colors, and am finding it easier to reproduce the colors I want these days. Also, along with Mary Berent and Ivy DeHart, I am helping the Dye Workshop come together.

I just took up the (frustrating) game of golf recently and am having a great deal of fun.

My husband and I are duck hunters and spend quite a few mornings in a duck blind during the season.

What would your fellow guild members be surprised to learn about you? I'm a pretty good cook, and have hosted parties of up to 70 people in my home.

Who did you guess? It is Resa Jones

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*The monthly newsletter
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Don't Forget:

You can now sign up to receive your newsletter electronically. Contact Vila at vila@handweavers-guild-boise.org to request an electronic notification when the newsletter has been posted to the website instead of receiving a paper copy days later.

The Guild's website has moved and is being updated. Check it out at <http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org> Volunteers are needed for helping with content and general ideas of what we want the website to contain.

You can quickly see what events are coming up at <http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>

So Study Group Leaders, be sure to update the calendar with current information about when your study group is meeting or not!

Send me your interview, they are such fun to see!!

This issue of the newsletter was put on the website about 11:30 pm on October 23rd. I didn't start printing it till Tuesday the 24th....