

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

September 2006

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### *Delightful Dyers Group:*

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

<http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>

## Calendar of Events

<b>September 20, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	
<b>September 30, 2006</b>	10:00 am -
<b>Museum Comes to Life</b>	5:00pm
<b>October 7, 2006</b>	9:30 am
<b>Board Meeting - Starbucks at 1797 W State</b>	
<b>October 7, 2006</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Guild Meeting - Finger Weaving</b>	
<b>Adelmann House</b>	
<b>October 12, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30pm
<b>350 Carmel, Meridian</b>	
<b>October 14, 2006</b>	9:00 am
<b>Delightful Dyers Group</b>	
<b>October 18, 2006</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Weaver's Study Group</b>	
<b>November 4, 2006</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Guild Meeting</b>	
<b>Adelmann House</b>	
<b>November 9, 2006</b>	6:30 pm -
<b>Spinning Study Group</b>	8:30pm
<b>350 Carmel, Meridian</b>	
<b>November 11, 2006</b>	9:00 am
<b>Delightful Dyers Group</b>	

## Note the NEW Meeting Time - **11:30am!!!**

Starting in October the Museum opens at 11:00am so we will not be able to get the key to the Adelman House till then. Our meetings will officially start at 11:30 to give the officers time to set up. Please feel free to come at 11:00 to help and to socialize. It's a great way to start the meeting day.

Parking for Oct 7<sup>th</sup> will be tricky. "See Spot Walk" is the same day as our Guild Meeting so the park will be full. I suggest you try parking at the office building on Myrtle just East of the Flicks. If you park on the East side of the building there is an opening into the park behind the Black History Museum. This is also the best place to park for Museum Comes to Life.

## Meeting Minutes

### Guild Meeting 082606

The meeting was held inside the State Historical Museum due to repairs to the Adelman House.

Present: Mary, Julie, Irene, Vila, Ivy, Rebecca, Kathy McGowan, Janet Adolphsen, Dorothy, Cindy and Penny.

Mary discussed the goals for the next guild year that would include lots of activities for attracting and keeping members. These would include mini workshops of one day/one topic with guild members doing the teaching, intensive study of one topic over two days, all day activities for the guild Saturday (spinning, continuation of program, short projects) and Museum Comes to Life.

Ivy discussed the upcoming workshop with Patsy Zawistoski that is now scheduled for January 19-20 on New Fibers (soy, bamboo and others). She wants input from the spinners requesting that they review Patsy's website workshop listings at ([www.spinningguru.com](http://www.spinningguru.com)) and comment to Ivy on topics if there are others that interest the spinners.

Vila will put a blurb on the website under workshops for members.

Ivy is also trying to set up a March workshop on surface design with a couple of different teachers as possible.

Al discussed programs for the year including Indian finger braiding using 5 techniques for October and weaving TNT tips from Convergence in Grand Rapids for December along with the Christmas potluck.

Penny discussed seeing a private collection of South American and Central American textiles in Lewiston recently and the variety involved. Clothing ranged from children's to adult's with a wide variety of styles and weaving techniques.

Cindy did an evaluation of the current library using EBay and other values and came up with \$15,000 to \$17,000 in resources owned by the group. We briefly discussed selling the extra copies to guild members first then on EBay.

Vila set the newsletter deadline as the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Please let her know if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically. You would receive an email letting you know it was available and then be able to pull down a PDF file to print out. You will receive the email copy prior to the printed copies being mailed. Any samples normally included in the newsletter would be available at the meeting or on request.

Vila also requested help with content for the newsletter. At this time anyone can add to the calendar and each study group leader should post future meetings.

Museum Comes to Life will be September 30<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 5PM with volunteers needed to man the exhibit, spin, hand out ballots for the Challenge and set up/take down the actual Challenge exhibit on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Janet Adolphsen, Julie Gerrard and Dorothy Cooper volunteered. We will need to have ballots printed along with information flyers on the guild for distribution to the public. The show that will also be held can include clothing, textiles, dye samples, basketry or other items handspun or handwoven.

Vila, Rebecca, Al and Julie volunteered to be the committee for the September 2007 Challenge.

Janet reported that she had been at Bev Blank's for a new weavers meeting last Thursday night. It will be held the second Monday at 7PM at Bev's house.

Spinning Study group is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse. Lynn Ruggles is the contact, but she was at the Sheep to shawl Demo at the fair today.

Night Study group in on painted warp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and Julie Gerrard is the contact person.

The Basket study group is still on hold and may start up again in October. Ivy Dehart will be contact person.

COE study group is meeting and you may contact Mary, Vila or Rebecca for info.

Dye study group is meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in Homedale. Observers are welcome and if you are interested, sign up with Mary Berent to fill any vacancies that arise. A 2008 workshop is planned on Color and Weave according to Ivy.

Mary noted that we still need bylaws and policies finished during this next guild year with more information coming later.

Julie read a letter from Janet Strong at BSU thanking the guild for exhibiting in the BSU Library during June and July.

## Show and Tell:

Penny-jewelry and metals from her workshop in Grand Rapids at Convergence

Rebecca-historical sampler in checks and stars with 2/20 wool  
Cindy-name draft runner in silk and cotton

Gold bag went to Cindy with hand-spun/hand-dyed yarn

Al then discussed the programs for the next year, requesting member input.

He talked about the possibility of weaving exchanges to include a possible towel for February Tea and handmade ornaments for Christmas potluck exchange.

Ivy offered to host the Christmas potluck and Vila will have the June picnic.

Al also discussed the possibility of a software mini workshop involving a leader and 5 to 6 laptop volunteers.

Studio tours were another possibility with 3 studios on one day to allow more members

### For Sale:

Ashford Traveler Spinning Wheel – double treadle. Comes with the regular flyer and four bobbins. In addition, it has the jumbo flyer, four large bobbins, and a custom made carrying bag with numerous pockets. Asking 475.00.

Ashford Traditional Spinning wheel – single treadle. Comes with the regular flyer and four bobbins and a lazy kate. Asking \$175.00.

If interested in either of these wheels, contact Mary Ireland at 337-4833 or [mlmeireland@netzero.com](mailto:mlmeireland@netzero.com)

## Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will be meeting at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse on Oct12, from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome.

Maralyn will be back from her China trip so we're hoping she will have lots of show and tell. One of her tours will be of a silk factory where they reel silk and weave silk fabrics.

For more information, call Lynn Ruggles, 375-9172.

## October Board Meeting

There will be a Guild Board meeting on October 7th at 9:30a.m. before the regular guild meeting. The Board meeting will be held at Starbucks at 1797 W State. All members are welcomed to come. The regular guild meeting will be held at the museum, which isn't open at 9:30 to accommodate the Board!

## October Program

Come, see, and learn some of the techniques that the Native Americans used to make belt, straps and sashes.

This will be a demonstration of some Indian Finger Weaving. Then we will have some hands-on time to learn a couple of the beginning weaves. Sample warps will be ready for you to learn on.

Come and have fun. Your instructor is me, Al

### Spinning Opportunity:

Suzanne Waddell in Eagle has clean llama wool that she would like spun into yarn. If anyone is interested, you can contact her at:

Suzanne Waddell  
Clover Meadow Llamas  
1030 Beverly Drive  
Eagle, Id. 83616  
Home phone: 938-1907  
Cell: 571-3407

## Link of the Month

I couple of weeks ago, I saw another reference to *podcasts* on the 'Weaving List'. I don't know about all of you, but I have been trying to avoid \*some\* of the technology advances that keep popping up faster than you can absorb the last one. For one reason or another (I must have been bored that day) I decided to check this one out. On the website I found that you do NOT need to have an iPod or other MP3 player to listen to these. You can click on the link and listen to the programs she has on your computer. I was a bit disappointed to find I could not download the older programs to take with my on my little iPod, but I can listen to them in the studio from the computer. So when you have some time, go to <http://www.weavecast.com>. The August program has an interview with Russell Groff.

### Lost and Found

After the summer spinning day at my house, I found an extra large size spoon (straight handle with pattern at the end) and a flat, light blue, refillable ice-container for putting in a cooler. If either of these is yours, contact me! Lynn 375-9172.

## Weaving Study Group

The weaving study group meets the third Wednesday of the month. We are ready to select another topic so if you are interested, please join us.

Check the web site for the location as we meet at a different place each month.

Julie Gerrard

### For Sale - 3 Male Alpacas

Cleo Gallinger has 3 male alpacas she would like to sell. All three are intact for breeding stock and are registered. They are well trained, healthy, and have had their shots. Two are 'fawn' colored and the other is 'white'. It would be preferred to sell them all together because they are buddies and have bonded with each other. \$600 Each  
Call Cleo Gallinger 466-4365

## President's Message ~~

Now that school has started, schedules are full, but predictable – now is the time for weavers to get back to their looms. As you are scheduling all your other activities, make sure that you actually write on your calendar a morning or afternoon at least a couple of times a month devoted to the weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketry or felting that you love. We all have busy schedules, so put your own interests higher on the list of things to do and schedule yourself some quality time!

Mary

### 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.

## Correction!!!

The first version of the Challenge entry form stated the first prize would be \$39. That was an error I sent to Janet and the right figure is \$30. Sorry to get your hopes up!!!

Vila

## Interview with a Guild Member

Here is the first interview. I've left the name off the top but I'm sure you'll figure out who this is very soon.

### ***Tell me a little about yourself....***

Originally from WI. Lived in ID since 96. Married to Jerry since 93. We got engaged 2 months after we met and were married 2 months later. Two daughters, ages 6 and 3. Work at HP as manufacturing programmer for the MFPs.

### ***What got you started weaving/spinning?***

After college I figured now I had some money I'd better get some hobbies to spend it and my time on. I started taking some community ed classes in basketry. Someone at HP was selling a rigid heddle loom. It sounded interesting so I bought it. I don't know how but then I found out about beginning weaving classes, taught by Mary, at Haneke's. I somewhat attribute my interest in fiber arts to a friend's mother who weaves, spins and knits.

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

I like creating something beautiful. For spinning I enjoy the color and feel of luxury fibers as well as the meditative aspect of the wheel's rhythm.

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

Finding the time to do any of them and actually using my handspun.

### ***What are you looking forward to learning next?***

I'd like to learn how to use my drum carder. I'm enjoying learning how to dye with the delightful dyers. I'd like to learn how to knit lace (I'm signed up for a class on 4 Nov) and how to knit a patterned sweater from the top down. I'd also like to learn how to do fused glass. (Signed up for a class in Jan). My next weaving project is a jean rag rug for my brother. I've never woven a rug before so I'm guessing they'll be some learning in there too.

### ***What other hobbies do you enjoy?***

In the guild, I'm known for my basket weaving. I also like to knit because it's easy to put down and pick up as well as portable. I also do a lot of gardening and enjoy cooking. I like doing outdoor activities like biking, snowboarding, hiking, etc. I've dabbled in jewelry making, beading, quilting, soap making, paper making, stained glass, lampworking, etc...You name it, I've tried it.

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

I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I enjoy shopping for antiques. I make a mean chocolate truffle (and my husband says a mean French silk pie). My dream would be to either own a nursery (a plant one not a kid one) or attend chef school at the CIA, the Culinary Institute of America.

*Yes, that was Jennifer Oak. I have received a few more and will be adding them in future newsletters. I pick which one I use by the space I need to fill. So please fill out the interview I sent you by e-mail or I will have copies available. Just send me your interviews at [vila@handweavers-guild-boise.org](mailto:vila@handweavers-guild-boise.org). I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you!! Vila*

## Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley -Annual Budget 2006-07

<b>Income</b>	Budget	Actual	Difference
Advertising	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Challenge Entries	\$ 80.00		\$ (80.00)
Donations	\$ -		\$ -
Equipment Rental	\$ -		\$ -
Guild Sale	\$ -		\$ -
Interest	\$ -		\$ -
May Yarn and Equip Sale	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Membership Dues	\$ 1,300.00		\$ (1,300.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ -		\$ -
Workshop Fees	\$ 2,575.00		\$ (2,575.00)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,055.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (4,055.00)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising	\$ -		\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ -		\$ -
Challenge Prizes	\$ 162.00		\$ (162.00)
Challenge Supplies	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Conference Expense, Guild Booth for ANWG	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
Conference Expense, membership (ANWG etc)	\$ 90.00		\$ (90.00)
Guild Sale	\$ -		\$ -
Library	\$ 350.00		\$ (350.00)
Membership Expense	\$ -		\$ -
Misc expenses	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Newsletter/Directory Printing	\$ 225.00		\$ (225.00)
PO Box Rent	\$ 44.00		\$ (44.00)
Postage	\$ 140.00		\$ (140.00)
Printing/Copying Expense	\$ -		\$ -
Program Expenses	\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)
Rent	\$ 135.00		\$ (135.00)
Sales Tax	\$ -		\$ -
Study Group	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Subscriptions	\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
Workshop Expense	\$ 2,500.00		\$ (2,500.00)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 4,146.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (4,146.00)</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>			
	<b>\$ (91.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 91.00</b>

## *Invitation to Display at Museum Comes to Life*

The Museum Comes to Life is Saturday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> !

Please join us in a display of handwoven and handspun items of your choice. Does not need to have been created in the past year.

Please have your items to my house by Wed. Sept. 27 so we will have an idea of how many items we will be displaying. Last minute items will be accepted Fri. Sept. 29 until 1:00 at the museum, if you have contacted me first.

Also...If you are able to help put up the display and challenge on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> or help on Sat. the 30<sup>th</sup> it would be greatly appreciated ! We anticipate lots of beautiful weaving and many visitors.

Some of our other needs for the show are props for display such as mannequins or ??? Also one more warped table loom would be a great addition. We have one volunteered already, but this is a VERY popular activity for the public.

Please call or email to let me know if you will be bringing an item for the display or if you can help.

See you in September

Janet Adolphsen  
404 Cashmere Rd.  
Boise, ID. 83702

344-8115  
adolphs7@aol.com

# "Inspiration Is the Name of the Game"

## Challenge 2006

All entries must be entirely your own work since last September.

**Registration is due by Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Finished items should be turned in by September 27<sup>th</sup>. Last minute items will be accepted (at the museum) until 1:00 on Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, if registered in advance.

Please do plan to have a picture, object or a written description of an event, thought, feeling, experience, etc. that inspired you to create your piece.

There will be 3 categories for prizes:

1. *Flat handwoven items: includes yardage and hemmed or fringed pieces, such as scarves, shawls, dishtowels and rugs.*
2. *Handspun skeins must include at least 80 % handspun yarn.*
3. *Finished items from handspun, non-flat handwoven fabrics (including clothing) or 3-dimensional items, such as baskets. Must include 75% handspun or handwoven.*

Fees for the Challenge are \$5.00 for the first entry, \$2.00 each for the second and third entry (a total of \$9.00). Any additional entries from the same person are free. So please enter as many pieces as you wish.

*Prizes will consist of People's Choice (\$30) and People's Choice Runner-up (\$15)  
in each category.*

### Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Number of Pieces/Skeins	Fee
1. Flat handwoven items		
2. Handspun skeins		
3. Finished items from handspun		
<b>Total</b>		

Send form and fees and deliver pieces to: Janet Adolphsen, 404 Cashmere Rd., Boise, ID.83702 344-8115  
adolphs7@aol.com

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Boise ID 83707

*The monthly newsletter  
from the  
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***Don't Forget:***

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