

2007 Weaving Intensive Study Group

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Rug Weaves

A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant

Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 20, 21 and 22

9 AM to 5 PM Location to be announced

Fee - \$30.00

- It's time to start thinking INTENSIVE! Choose a favorite Rug Weave you have been wanting to study, and come share it with the group. Join us for learning and fun!
- A great resource for our topic of "Rugs Weaves" is Peter Collingwood's The Techniques of Rug Weaving.
- Our study will include learning about rug edge finishes. If you are interested in this, plan on weaving off an extra sample ahead of time. Leave about 8 to 12 inches of warp as fringe and the edges unfinished (but secure), for your sample.
- This will be our usual "teacherless" workshop. We each have the opportunity to be the expert in our chosen area of study. There are mentors available if you need some help or direction. Please ask. For this workshop each participant will warp their loom using the rug draft chosen. This will then be a round robin type of workshop, in which each person may move from loom to loom weaving samples as they wish.
- The weaver may also choose any yarn that would be appropriate to the weave draft. The weaver will also provide all the materials needed to weave samples on their loom. Calculate your warp length by the number of possible samples needed. Generally, if you are planning 4 to 6-inch samples, 4 to 5 yards would suffice. Warp width would also be best at about 4 to 6 inches, or a width needed to show your design.
- At the beginning of the workshop, the weaver will present their draft to the group, and give instructions for weaving. Plan for the presentations to be approximately 8 to 10 minutes. Include an explanation of the weave structure, the reason for your choice of yarn, tips and techniques, why you chose this particular draft, and any quirks or preferences for your loom. Also, plan to weave your own sample ahead of time so you can teach us from experience how this sample works. Another possibility would be to cut your sample from the loom and retie. This would give the opportunity to show finishing methods applicable to this sample.
- We recognize, and also value, the camaraderie and social aspect of a workshop. And, we envision this to have great potential for experimentation and learning. It is an opportunity to explore and research a rug weave that you have been wanting to explore. Just think of the opportunity for three days of discussion and exploration with others of like mind.
- Printable draft sheets will be turned in by April 7, 2006, so that copies can be made and notebooks prepared. Each participant will receive one of these notebooks containing all of the drafts submitted.
- Here are some Rug Weaving ideas to consider:

Twill Blocks	Rya	Corduroy	Warp Faced vs. Weft Faced
Summer and Winter	Soumak	Tapestry Techniques	
Rags	Twining	Inlay	Other Block Weaves
Boutonne	Boundweave	Clasped Weft	
Weft Knotting	Krokbragd		

Welcome to the Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley Weaving Intensive for 2007.

Some necessary workshop information:

- Each participant will bring a previously warped loom to the workshop, and participants will have the opportunity to weave samples on one another's looms. Each loom will be warped using a rug weave draft of the weaver's choice.
- Participants will provide their own warp and weft materials to be used on their loom.
- Mentors are available. Please ask, if you would like to discuss your ideas.
- Send your draft in printable form to Rebecca by April 7, 2006. This is a final deadline.
- The workshop is limited to 20 participants.
- The workshop is open to members of the guild. If a non-member wishes to take the workshop, we invite them to first join the guild.
- The Study Group Leader will accept cancellations with a full refund through April 7, 2006. After that date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.
- Keep this information available, as it is the only pre-workshop information you will receive.

Return the following form with your fee to:

Rebecca Winter, 1012 East Third Street, Meridian, Idaho 83642, home phone - 895-0975.
Cell phone - 859-2822.

Name _____	I have read
Address _____	the information
Phone _____	provided here. <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail _____	

Loom you are planning to use - please list brand and number of harnesses:

Do you have other looms available? Please list, if you are willing to loan them:

Fee amount included \$ _____