

Connecting Threads



Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
April - 2015

April Program - Dyeing: Information & Expectations, by Merri Williams

Do you want to start dyeing? Or have you played with some dyes, but want to go further? Merri Williams has used several brands of dyes for her personal fun, and for her fiber business. She'll share what she has learned through the years and perhaps inspire you to color your world! The program will lean towards chemical dyes used on animal fibers. She will also offer a selection of her products for sale to get you started.

◆ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President

Calendar of Events

- April 1 & 15, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- April 4, 2015 - COE Study Group
10:00 to 11:00 am
Rebecca's Studio House
- April 4, 2015 - Guild Meeting
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12:30 am - Program - **Dyeing: Information and Expectations, by Merri Williams**
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E. Third St., Meridian
- April 9, 2015, 2015 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
- April 11, 2015 - Rug Punch Study Group
10-ish a.m.
Pat Day Hartwell's
- April 21, 2015 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Anne Oglevie's Townhouse
- April 24, 25, 26, 2015 - A Spinning Workshop, Spinning Fibers of the Scottish and Yorkshire Wool Trade: Wool, Mohair, Cashmere and Alpaca
by Carol Rhoades of Madison Wisconsin
- June 13, 2015 - ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

March Program

Thank you, Mitzi and Phyllis for your program, displays and the enthusiasm that you generated with your rug hooking program. Many are talking about renewing their interest and skills and even promoting a rug hooking group. Your displays and personal experiences left each of us thinking about various projects that we would enjoy working on.

◆ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President

COE Celebration for Cynthia Newman

I had a wonderful time at Cynthia's COE Celebration. And, I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by all. Ten members of the Threadbenders Guild in Baker City were able to join the thirteen members from our guild for the celebration. They were a delight group of women who seem to have a lot of fun weaving and spinning together.

Although I am not officially the chair of this committee, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success. We are really fortunate to have such a great group who enjoy celebrating the successes of our members.

◆ Julie Gerrard

Spinning Fibers Workshop

I just talked with Carol Rhoades regarding the Spinning Workshop to be held April 24, 25 & 26, 2015. The workshop will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day and will be held at Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E. Third Street, Meridian. Carol reports that she is putting together the washed wool, luxury fibers and handouts for the materials and is looking forward to being here in April. Plan ahead for your lunch and its always fun to have snacks to share.

◆ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President





Nominations: Slate of Officers for the 2015-2016 Year

- * Vila Cox, President
- * Melanie Smith, Vice President
- * Lynn Ruggles, Vice President
- * Janet Stanger, Secretary
- * Kathy McGowan, Treasurer
- * Irene Chandler, Membership Officer

Remember, we vote on the slate of new officers during the April meeting. If you cannot make it, you may mail in a signed ballot. Use the guild P.O. Box 6258, Boise, ID 83707. They will be collected just before the meeting.

◆ Mitzi Meyer, Nominations Chair

From Your President

One of the qualities of weavers that I especially appreciate is the fact that our members are from all walks of life. Our members have accomplished much in their lives professionally and personally. The harmony that is part of our guild is very important and it comes from the members especially the long term members. They have set the culture of learning and helping one another to be better weavers or fiber artists, which I really appreciate.

Thank you to all for all you do for our guild.
Woven together

◆ Anne Oglevie, President

Sample Exchange Box

Members may pull samples from the Sample Exchange Box at each regular guild meeting. And remember to check your name off the list in each file folder. If you would like to participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chairperson.

Also, remember, there are samples from last year that are available to anyone toward the back of the box.

Guild Equipment

Our guild has a wonderful stash of equipment for rent to its members...table looms, an inkle loom, a nice large warping board, drum carder, hand cards, and wool combs. Please email Mitzi at warpedweaver@hotmail.com if you are interested to arrange pick up.

◆ Mitzi Meyer

Spinning Study Group

April is upon us already can you believe it! This month's spinning study group will meet at Maralyn's club house start at 6:30 on April 9. Bring your fiber and your wheel or spindle for a fun evening of spinning and chatting. If you have any questions or need directions, please let me know. We will be talking about our summer events, as they are just about all planned.

◆ Melanie Smith, Chair

Rug Punch Study Group Forming

With the popularity of Mitzi's program last month, there has been some discussion about starting a study group, or at least have a few get together to work on punch hooking. Our first meeting will be April 11, at Pat Day Hartwell's home, 20021 Hoskins Rd., Caldwell, starting at 10-ish. So bring your projects or project ideas and supplies and join in on the fun.

◆ Melanie Smith, Chair

Wednesday Knit & Crochet Group

Looking for a fun relaxed back knitting or crochet group. Melanie has started a group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at the Aero Cafe, 201 N. Orchard St in Boise, from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

◆ Melanie Smith, Chair



UPCOMING FALL WORKSHOP:
START MAKING YOUR PLANS TO LEARN WHAT IS
LURKING IN THE SHADOWS.



UFO Program (Un-Finished Object)

- ☞ Dig out those un-finished projects that are taking up needed space.
- ☞ Same Rules
- ◆ Bring the unfinished object to a regular meeting and give a short explanation.
- ◆ Fill out a short form registering your intentions.
- ◆ Then bring the finished thing-of-beauty to a regular meeting.
- ◆ And collect your rewards.
- ◆ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President



Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 p.m. See the article on page 2.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE Study Group will meet April 4, 10:00 am at Rebecca's Studio House before the regular meeting. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Spinning Study Group

April 9th spinning study group will be meeting at Maralyn's Clubhouse. If you have any questions or need directions please email Melanie at yarnsntreads@aol.com

♥ Rug Punch Study Group

This study group is now forming and will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 10-ish a.m. at Pat Day Hartwell's home, 20021 Hoskins Rd., Caldwell. All are welcome.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weaving will be Tuesday April 21st at 1.30pm at Anne Oglevie's townhouse. Call Anne, 994-2725, for directions.

A Note from AI

Hello - Due to not receiving all my messages and getting strange calls I had to get a new number - 228-217-0938. Only one digit changed. My fault, but my zip code is 39565.

Officers and Chairs

President: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
 Vice-presidents: Pat Ann 208-337-2126
 Kathy Shiflet 208 830-9698
 Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746
 Treasurer: Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101
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 Weaving Intensive Study Group: Mary Berent
 939-8906
 COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
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 Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

Website

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



2015/2016 Budget

The following is the proposed budget for our next fiscal year. We will be voting on it at the April meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give Melanie Smith, Treasurer, a call or send an email. 608-0101 - yarnsntreads@aol.com

Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley - 2015/2016 Budget

Income _____	Yearly		
Advertising	\$60	Membership ANWG/HGA	\$100
Challenge entries	\$60	Study group	\$50
Guild Sale	\$100	UFO project	\$50
Interest	\$2	Insurance-Library Building	\$400
Membership dues	\$1375	Misc/memorials	\$40
Miscellaneous		Newsletter expenses	\$175
Workshop fees	\$2900	P.O.Box rent	\$92
Workshop Intensive fees	\$400	Library	\$200
Total _____	\$4897	Postage	\$50
		Programs	\$50
Expenses _____	Yearly	Meeting room rental (Studio House)	\$320
Challenge prizes	\$400	Subscriptions (Spin Off, Handwoven, Vav)	\$102
Challenge supplies	\$60	Workshop expenses	\$2500
Directory expenses	\$100	Intensive expenses	\$400
		COE party	\$250
		Total _____	\$5339

Tail of Two Yarns

This is a tail of two different yarns that joined together to make a beautiful finished piece. The two (or more) yarns that gathered together were of different pedigrees.

Some were LARGE
some were small.

Some were from one kind of plant
some from another kind.

And then there were those from various critters.

In each finished piece there was a something from two different pedigrees. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

The same tail goes for those crafty spinners. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

Plied, Cabled, Blended or whatever else may apply.

The Fine Print

The two different yarns need to be easily seen

Made by you this year (Nov 2014 - Sept 2015) Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

Challenge 2015



Guild Board Minutes

3/7/2015 Studio House

Present were: Kathy Shiflet, Pat Ann, Anne Oglevie, Janet Stanger, Melanie Smith, Irene Chandler, Julie Gerrard, Rebecca Winter.

Julie Gerrard reports that there are 20 people signed up for the COE Celebration for Cynthia Newman. 10 people from each Guild. Final details are in place.

Vice President Pat Ann reports that Mary Berent has signed her contract for her workshop this month. Kathy Shiflet reports that we are a few participants short of making budget for this workshop. After some discussion it was motioned by Pat Ann to go ahead with the workshop and pick up the budget deficit. Motion was seconded by Kathy Shiflet. The vote was unanimous to go ahead with the workshop.

Kathy also reports that the Spinning work shop is only at 13 people sign up so far which is also short and will also cause a budget deficit. After discussion it was also decided not to cancel, but to pay the budget difference. Janet proposed to send someone who could not afford to go in those empty spaces. Scholarship Criteria will be worked up for future workshops that do not meet their quota.

Rebecca Winter's workshop is set up for October 16th, 17th and 18th at a cost of \$115.00 per person.

Treasurer Melanie Smith reports that we have \$3,816.72 in checking she also presented the annual budget. After some discussion on the budget it will be put in the newsletter so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

Membership Irene Chandler reports that Kathy Shiflet will not be able to take over the Membership Chair next year so Irene will continue in that place for next year.

A Membership drive was discussed. It was suggested to participate in Fiber Train by having an information booth. Melanie Smith suggested to get Guild Business Cards instead of the Bookmarks that we pass out, and she is going to design the card.

Challenge- Janet reports that the Museum will be sending us an application to participate.

Rebecca reports that the ANWG Grant Criteria has been published in their Newsletter.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



Guild Meeting Minutes

3/7/2015 Studio House

Present: Janet Stanger, Julie Gerrard, Phyllis Bulgin, Rebecca Winter, Kathy McGowen, Nancy Swenson, Tera Jones, Judie Daniels, Lynn Ruggles, Melanie Smith, Irene Chandler, Pat Ann, Kathy Shiflet, Judy Tallent, Richard Huddleston, Kara Olmos, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Katzy Luhning, Jinks Hunter, Penny Schraufnagel, Mitzi Myers, Anne Oglevie, Lilly Lee, Carol Freeman, Cindy Schafer, Pat Day Hartwell, Marita Turner.

Meeting was called to order by President Anne Oglevie and introductions were made.

Vice President Pat Ann announced that today's program is Punch Rugs, presented by Mitzi Meyers.

Vice President Kathy Shiflet reports that there are still openings for Mary Berent's workshop and for the spinning work shop. They are still taking registrations. She also announced that Rebecca's workshop has been set for October 16, 17, and 18. The workshop will be on Shadow Weave.

Secretary Janet Stanger reports that Annual Report is Due to keep our non profit status and she would be filling that out.

Treasurer Melanie Smith reports that we have \$3,861.72 in checking and that she will put the 2015-2016 Budget in the Newsletter so it can be voted on next month.

Membership- Irene Chandler reports that we have 2 new members , Kara Olmos and Judie Daniels. We also had 1 guest Richard Huddleston.

Sample Exchange for this month was provided by Kathy McGowen. It is of a Twill weave and used 8/2 Tencel.

Challenge was explained to the new members by Janet Stanger. She reports that we are waiting on an application from the Museum.

ANWG Rep. Rebecca Winter announced that the Grant Criteria was available for grants up to \$600.00. Anne Oglevie told of what some of the projects were that received the Grant previously. No one stepped forward to apply for the grant.

Nominating Committee Mitzi Meyers, announced changes to the slate of officers that were announced last month. President will be Vila Cox; Vice Presidents will be Melanie smith and Lynn Ruggles; Janet Stanger, Secretary; Treasurer Kathy McGowen; and Membership will be Irene Chandler, as Kathy Shiflet will not be able to do that position. The slate of officers will be voted on next meeting.

COE- Julie Gerrard announced that Cynthia Newman achieved her Certificate of Excellence, Level I. The Celebration is set for March 14 at the home of Anne Oglevie at 30 Hill Rd in Weiser Idaho. Car pooling will need to be arranged by each individual going.

Show and Tell- Anne Oglevie showed a color gamp. Greta Ankeny showed a Bar Towel she wove. Katzy Luhning showed hemp roving that she shared and showed some a color Gamp. Lilly Lee showed a beaded wall hanging that she was making. Kathy Shiflet showed a scarf she had woven from the Intensive. Pat Ann announced that she has roving and punch tools for sale. Irene Chandler shared a wool rug. Melanie smith shared an article in Spin Off Magazine that she had written. Lynn Ruggles announced she was going to Northern Scotland in August for a Fiber Tour. Kathy McGowen showed a very tiny drop Spindle. Nancy Swenson showed yarn that she had spun. Carol Freeman showed a man's Silk Jacket that she recycled and refurbished. Phyllis Bulgin showed Punch Rugs. Jinks Hunter showed a sweater she made. Judie Daniels showed a vest, and Mary Berent showed a knitted Jacket.

Study Groups- Announced their times and locations. Please refer to the Calendar and Web Page for times and locations.

UFO- Irene Chandler finished quilts.

Rainbow Bag was won by Melanie Smith of roving and thread.

Meeting adjourned for Punch Rug Program.

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



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Do the thing, and you will have the power.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

