

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
April, 2017



April Program: Preparing Fleece for Spinning

In April, Pat Day Hartwell will teach us about the process of preparing fleece for spinning. With handouts, fleece samples, and demonstrations she will walk us through information about different breeds of sheep, wool grades, how to select the right fleece for a project, and how to wash and prepare the fleece for spinning. Pat will also share information about upcoming wool festivals. ♦Lily Lee, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

April 1, 2017 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m.-Program: **Preparing Fleece for Spinning, by Pat Day Hartwell**

At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise
- Near State Street & 23rd
- We will be meeting in the Banquet Room

April 1, 2017 - COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting

April 5 & 19, 2017 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe

April 11, 2017 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox's Home

April 13, 2017 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian

April 18, 2017 - Day Weaving Study Group
Note Time Change
12:00 Noon - Pot Luck Lunch
Anne Oglevie's home in Weiser

April 27, 2017 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Meets the 4th Thursday, Location TBA

January 13, 14 & 15, 2018 - Weaving Intensive - Circles

Newsletter and Membership Changes

After discussion by the Board and with the Guild members at the meeting in March, it has been decided to make some changes in how we manage the Newsletter and Membership. These changes will allow us to keep the Membership Dues at \$25.00, which has been in effect since the late 1980's. It is a bargain for the benefit received.

The Newsletter will move to a primarily electronic publication, presented through the Guild Yahoo Group. Any member who may wish to receive a hardcopy version of the Newsletter will be asked to pay an additional \$20.00 fee, which will cover the cost of printing and mailing.

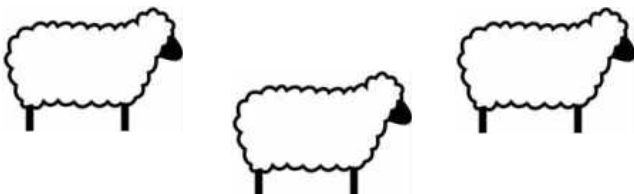
Also, there has been a custom of offering free membership to members over 70 years of age. This benefit will no longer be offered to those turning 70 in the future. The 4 members already receiving this benefit will continue to receive it. However, they will be asked to fill out a renewal form each year.

♦Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer & Newsletter Editor

ANWG Guild Booth

~Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds~

**Bring Your Tea Bag String Projects
To the April Meeting
See the details on page 3.**



Workshop News - "Forgotten Weaves" with Marjie Thompson

The "Forgotten Weaves" workshop will not be forgotten soon by those who attended. Marjie Thompson from Cumberland, Maine, filled three days, and our heads, with historical weaving information, weave structures, and resources for us to explore further.

There were fifteen weavers in attendance with eighteen looms to weave a variety of samples from a simple two shaft coverlet draft to sixteen shaft point twill called Hin und wieder. Marjie talked about weavers in the past and how they used, and reused, scarce resources to produce cloth for bags to upholstery and curtains to clothing. Most of the drafts were woven with one shuttle which made it easier and faster for weavers of that time period to be more productive.

Marjie graciously agreed to have a guild notebook made available for our library. If you were at the workshop and did not give a sample of the draft that was on your loom to Julie, please do so at the April meeting.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President

From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

Several of us spent three days exploring "Forgotten Weaves" in a workshop with Marjie Thompson. You know the workshop was a success when participants are buying books and manuscripts, searching the internet, and plotting the study group that will allow us to continue exploring the topic. If you love history, old drafts, and weaving, you will want to consider joining us. I'm not sure if this will become part of the Day Weaving study group or if a new group will be formed. I do know that it will be a great opportunity to learn.

◆ Vila Cox, President

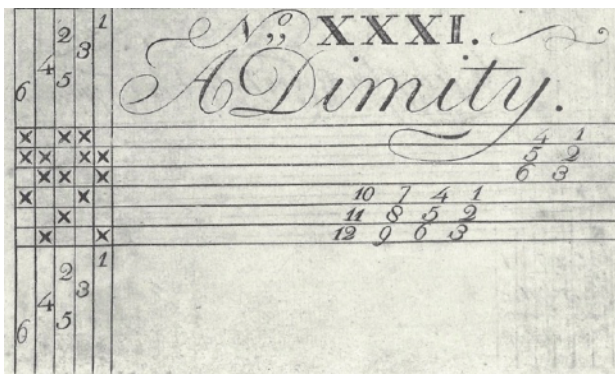
Spinning Study Group

The spinning study group will be meeting on April 13th at Maralyn's club house in Meridian. The fun starts at 6:30 and goes till 8:30-ish. Everyone is welcome to bring wheels, spindles, or whatever you are working on. We would love to visit with you all. If you have any question or need directions just let me know. Melanie yarnsntreads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair

Weaving Study Group Rumbblings

Editor's Note: There are some pretty cool rumbblings going on, about a study of historical weaving. This is a result of the workshop presented in March. Look for more details coming out on the Yahoo Group. If you are wanting to participate, keep this in



mind. I know I am excited about learning more about some of the foundations of our craft.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

Photo Reference: The Weavers Draft Book and Clothiers Assistant, by John Hargrove, reprinted by the Worcester American Antiquarian Society, 1979.

March Program Thank You

At the March meeting we had an excellent program on the "current state of affairs" in contemporary Fibers presented by Lily Lee. She showed photos of fiber artist's works and talked about the rich traditions in fiber media in cultures and societies throughout the world and how Fiber has recently become recognized as a discipline within the art world. It was fascinating to see large scale displays by fiber artists who media is bobbin lace, quilting, and weaving.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President

April Sample News

Our sample this month is a sturdy weave structure. The pattern can be found in Marguerite Porter Davison's book, A Handweaver's Pattern Book. The pattern is called, "Weaver's Rose #1-A". The intended use of the fabric is dish washing cloths. On the sample sheet you will see three different treadling options of the same threading and tie up. All make a sturdy quality fabric. Our weaver this month is myself, Greta Ankeny.



◆ Greta Ankeny, Sample Chair



ANWG Conference Guild Booth Committee

※※※ The committee met and is beginning to work on ideas for our booth at the coming conference. Our theme will be tied in with our love of TBS (tea bag string). So, if you have finished items you would be willing to loan us for the display, please let Rebecca know.

Also, for anyone who has collected, used, or stashed TBS, please take a couple of minutes to fill out the form below. We are working on collecting some statistics about how much we have saved from the landfill. Don't worry if you don't have an exact number, estimates are fine. Fill out the form and bring it the next guild meeting. Or you may email your info to Melanie at yarnsnthreads@aol.com. There will also be extra forms at the meeting. Thank you for your help. ♦ Melanie Smith, ANWG Guild Booth Chair

※※※ Rebecca will begin gathering materials for the ANWG Conference Guild Booth this month. The plans are well under way, and we are excited to create a great presentation of our good fiber work.

Bring your work tagged with your name; or if you do not have tags there will be some at the meeting to apply to your work.

Any method of creating fiber art with tea bag string will be accepted. Some of you have already offered specific items, and a spreadsheet has been created to keep track of who has offered or delivered items. Care will be taken of these precious projects as we carry them to the conference.

♦Rebecca Winter, Member ANWG Booth Committee

Name _____
Pound of TBS you have in your stash _____
Pounds of TBS you have used _____
Projects you have made with TBS (please list)
Weaving _____
Knitting _____
Spinning _____
Braiding _____
Other _____

Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ Spinning Study Group

April 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article for details.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The next meeting of the day weavers study group will be on Tuesday **April 18** at 12:00 noon. We will be traveling to the home of Anne Oglevie in Weiser. We will also have a potluck lunch.

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

Meets the 4th Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., **April 27**, location TBA.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **April 1**, before the Regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace - Meets **April 11**, 10am at Vila's.

2017/2018 Budget ~ Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Income – Yearly		Expenses – Yearly	
Advertising	\$60.00	Challenge prizes	-- --
Guild Sale	\$100.00	Challenge supplies	\$60.00
Interest	\$2.00	Directory expenses	\$100.00
Membership dues	\$1375.00	Membership ANWG/HGA	\$100.00
Workshop fees	\$2900.00	Study groups	\$50.00
Challenge fees	-- --	Self Insurance library	CD & Savings
Intensive fees	\$390.00	Misc/Memorials	\$50.00
		PO Box	\$105.00
		Library	\$200.00
		Postage	\$50.00
		Programs	\$50.00
		Meeting room	\$440.00
		Equipment	\$200.00
		Subscriptions	\$145.00
		Workshops	\$2900.00
		Intensive	\$390.00
Totals	\$4827.00		\$4840.00

Website

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

Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612
& Julie Gerrard 342-8562
- Secretary: Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
- Membership Officer: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Greta Ankeny 318-6028
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324

Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2017

Attending: President-Vila, Vice Presidents-Julie, Lily, Membership/Newsletter- Rebecca, Treasurer- Kathy, and Secretary-Joan.

Old Business: Equipment Sale: We received \$899 from the sale, and a grand total of \$1049 if all pay for their purchases.

Vila reported that nominations are ready.

VP Report: Money for Forgotten Weaves Workshop, \$2,500, all attendees are paid in full. Exciting to look forward to this Friday. Note: Due to tax season, our regular room is not available at the college. We will be shifting rooms, and instead of one large room, have 2 rooms. There will be a room used as our weave space and the second room for our lecture space. All rooms have big screens, and work the same.

Julie reports that our break out of finances may result in funds and/or two days of lunches. This decision will be left up to Julie, as she would need to do the planning.



The guild Spinning workshop has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Sarah was very gracious and said that these things are to be expected.

Lily will be doing the program today, and has no board report.

Treasurer Report: Kathy has completed a financial report/budget to submit to the general membership next month. Budget balance continues to be off, \$188. Our current checking account balance is \$4283.55, with one deposit of \$460, leaving a balance total of \$4742.55 for the end of February.

Newsletter & Membership: Rebecca has determined costs for mailing hard copy Newsletter to members to be approximately \$17.70 per member per year. All but one individual receiving the hard copies have email addresses. Rebecca is working on revising the Membership Form for 2017-2018. We have always offered the option for Hard copy Newsletters on the form. This option will be removed. There was further discussion about how to manage moving the Newsletter to an electronic version, which included balancing the Budget by eliminating the cost of mailing hard copy Newsletters. Also, if we can avoid this cost, we may not need to increase the yearly dues. Julie made the suggestion that if members truly wanted hard copies of the Newsletter, we could add an additional fee for that. Rebecca made a motion – for 2017-2018 we will provide hard copy newsletters to those who pay an additional fee of \$20.00. Kathy McGowan seconded this motion. Discussion-An extra fee for hard copy newsletter will also be discussed with the general membership today. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Membership form revisions and additions discussed further. Dues are adequate to meet our budgetary needs with this change. Lily will review and compile data of the topics indicated on the form, which we have always collected. This may be useful to the Vice Presidents in considering workshops to be offered.

As the board reviewed our budget status, an old tradition or custom was brought up. Back in the day, when most members were in their 40's, members over seventy years of age, most of whom had been members since the guilds inception, were not charged a membership fee. With the advent of so many of us reaching that age of majority, this custom is a cause for concern for our younger members. Policy and Procedure review indicated that this consideration is not in our articles, bylaws, or policy/procedure. Julie made a motion that in 2017 - 2018 that the 4 members currently not paying dues under our age consideration will be grandfathered to continue receiving free membership in HGBV and ANWG, and as of June 2017 this age consideration will be discontinued. Rebecca seconds the motion. Discussion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Rebecca will announce today that the board has voted to discontinue the free membership age consideration.

Meeting Adjourned 11:03am.

❖ Respectfully submitted, Joan Sheehan, Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:35am by President Vila Cox. Introductions followed.

Attending: Vila Cox, Julie Gerrard, Lily Lee, Joan Sheehan, Terri Sanders, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Cindy Schafer, Esther Kleinkauf, Lissa Kimble, Marieta Turner, Cynthia Newman, Pat Ann, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith, Lynn Ruggles, Kathy McGowen, Katzy Luring, Kathy Shiflet, Anne Oglevie, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Pat Day Hartwell, Carol Freeman, Barbara Redmond, Ivy DeHart, Hajnalka Madacsi, Linda Newville, Linda Morton-Keithley.

Pat Ann was glad to see the signage she had made for HGBV. It had been on walkabout at Anne's barn for a time.

Old Business: Sales total from the equipment sale was \$1049.00 if everyone pays!



New Business: Vila reported that the nomination committee has completed their list of nominees. They are: President-Greta Ankeny, Vice Presidents-Melanie Smith and Penny Schraufnagel, Secretary-Lily Lee, Treasurer-Vila Cox, Membership-Rebecca Winter. Absentee ballots are to be sent to our secretary, Joan Sheehan, before our April Meeting.

Vice President's Report: All those enrolled in the upcoming Forgotten

Weaves Workshop have paid in full. The spinning workshop with Sarah Anderson has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Lily Lee will present our program today on Contemporary Fiber Artists. Her focus was to include as many fine art fiber artist and disciplines from as many different country's as she could find.

Next month program: Pat Day Hartwell will present Preparation of a Fleece for Spinning.

Challenge Committee Update: The challenge this year for weavers and spinners is "LUMPS BUMPS & FUZZ". Entry fees are \$3.00 per item. Categories are Handwoven, Handspun, Made from Handspun and Fiber Art. Judged by the public, prizes are awarded from the entry fees for the top 3 in each category. Museum Comes to Life is held the last weekend in September at the Idaho History Museum and surrounding grounds at Julia Davis Park. Members attending are encouraged to wear period costumes.

ANWG Booth: If you plan to attend the conference, be sure to have a valid passport. The Conference theme is "Treading Lightly." Members of the booth committee are: Melanie, Lynn, Rebecca, Cindy, and Greta. The group has met and will be creating a display of our "GO GREEN with TEA BAG STRING." Tea Bag String weavings and the projects are being requested to fill our 10'x10' space. Bigelow has donated 400 pounds of tea bag string to the

guild in the past year. Their executive group has been gracious and amazed at the items woven with the string.

Show-n-Tell: 13 members shared their weaving accomplishment! Busy winter! One of our members is doing a school math project and needs potholder looms. Please check with Katsy if you have one to share for this project.

Announcement: Lily has been published in Winter Surface Design, and her weaving is also being displayed at the Boise Art Museum. Three students at BSU received award for Idaho. They are being displayed at BSU's Hemingway Building, Tuesday-Friday (March 7-10).

Treasurer Report: Our February balance was \$4,283.55. We received a deposit in the amount of \$460. Ending balance is \$4,743.55

Membership: Newsletter & Membership: After a budget review, the Board is making some recommendations for Newsletter and Membership. First, due to the cost of mailing hard copy newsletters, which is \$17.70 per year per member, it is proposed the Newsletter moves into a more exclusively electronic format. We would like to be sensitive to those who may be unable to receive an electronic Newsletter, although it is noted there is only one member who does not have an email. Eliminating the cost of mailing hard copies will help us keep dues as they are, at \$25.00 per year. The Board proposes there be an additional fee of \$20.00 for those who wish to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.

Kathy made a motion to accept the Board recommendations, Rebecca seconded the motion. There was discussion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Second, the custom of offering free membership to those members over the age of 70 was discussed by the Board. Many of our members are approaching that age. The Board recommends to grandfather the members, who number 4, who currently hold this status. Further, the Board recommends beginning in the 2017-2018 year, which starts in June, we will no longer offer this benefit of free membership for those over 70.

Julie made a motion that in 2017 - 2018 the 4 members currently not paying dues under our age consideration will be grandfathered to continue receiving free membership. Further, as of June 2017 this age consideration will be discontinued. Rebecca seconds the motion. There was discussion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Librarian: Cindy has completed evaluating the value of half of our library. The current market value is \$10,000.

Sample Box: Greta described our latest sample, a Swedish Lace Weave. Last month's sample was done by Cynthia Newman, and was a gray-scale sampler.

Additional info: The web site is being re-vamped by Vila, all study groups meeting dates and times can be found in the newsletter.

Program: Lily Lee offered a very interesting slide presentation about the current trends in contemporary fiber art.

Meeting Adjourned.

❖ Respectfully submitted, Joan Sheehan, Secretary

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.

