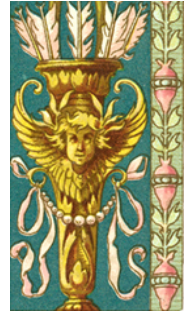


Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley

April, 2018



April Program: Not Your Usual Silk, by Merri Williams

For the month of April, Merri Williams will be bringing us a program on Not Your Usual Silk. 'What comes to mind when you think of silk? Smooth and shiny? Sticks to everything? Delicate? You might be surprised to learn different facts about silk fiber and see the various forms available to us today.'

So bring a set of knitting needles, crochet hook or spindle to try out on some silk that Merri will provide for us. Also If you would like to order anything from Merri's online shop. <https://thefiberaddict.com/> please contact her and she will be happy to bring it to the meeting. ♦ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

April 7, 2018 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 pm.-Program: **Not Your Usual Silk,**
by Merri Williams
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

Sample Exchange News

This month's sample, shown below by Jenni Jimmerson, is an Echo weave with 4 colors. Warp is 10/2 mercerized pearl cotton, the weft 20/2 cotton.

♦ Jinks Hunter, Sample Chair Bead Weaving

Study Groups:

April 7, 2018 - COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting
At the Church

April 4 & 18, 2018 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe

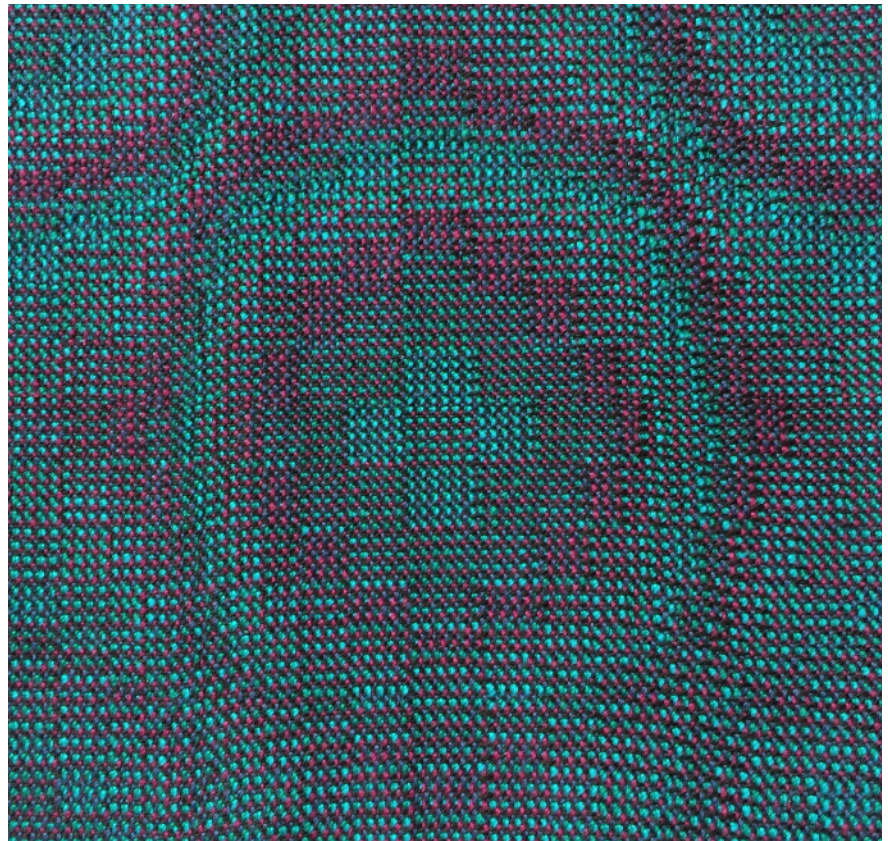
April 14 2018 - Spinning Study Group
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Penny Schraufnagel's Home

April 10, 2018 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Vila Cox's Home

April 17, 2018 - Day Weaving Study Group
12:30 p.m.
Lynn Ruggles' Home

April 21, 2018 - Bead Weaving Mini-Class
10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Rebecca Winter's Home

April 26, 2018 - Rug Punch and Punch Needle Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pat Day Hartwell's Home



Bead Weaving Mini-Class

Esther Kleinkauf will teach a class on bead weaving. On April 21 from 10 to 3 PM at Rebecca Winter's home. This is a free class for guild members, but you will need the following supplies. Esther would like you to purchase the bead kit by the guild meeting so that she has time to order all the needed beads and other goodies.

◆ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

From Your President

When I first looked at the March calendar it looked fairly open, few commitments had been scheduled. Before I knew it the first half of the month became busy. Do you find the same thing happens to your time? My days filled with studying my weaving, as well as family and business activities. At this time, the last half of my month looks pretty open so I am hoping to get caught up on my weaving commitment to the Day Weaving Study Group.

Spring is upon us, so for many of us we start thinking cleaning, as the sun comes out and highlights all of the winter dust! I have been doing some organizing and cleaning of my yarns. As I look at the amazing colors and feel the textures of the yarns I begin to dream of projects the yarns need to become. This is the way many of my weaving projects begin. Just enjoying the look and feel of the yarns. I am beginning to plan a set of cloth napkins to match some bright, cheerful placemats. Thinking maybe a shadow weave, but there are so-o-o many choices of weaving patterns, it is difficult to make that final decision!

With spring also comes the Easter season. If you enjoy commemorating Easter, the drama No Greater Love is a very good local (Nampa) Easter production. You can find out more about this performance by googling the title.

I missed last month's meeting so I will enjoy seeing many of you on April 7 at our monthly Guild meeting. I look forward to seeing the creations that members bring to show.

Happy Creating,

◆ Greta Ankeny, President



April Mystery Member

Who Is This Mystery Member?

This month's clues are:

1. Set a swimming record in Contra Costa, California, for the fastest 50 yard butterfly.
2. Studied Printed Woven Textile Design in Aberdeen, Scotland.
3. Loves to Garden & is an OSU Master Gardener.

The first person to notify the newsletter editor correctly will have bragging rights for the April Mystery Member, whose identity will be published in the next Newsletter.

Last month's Mystery Member was Julie Gerrard. Here are the clues which were given:

1. Grandmother taught her how to crochet and embroider when she was in the third grade.
2. Was a von Trapp child in a school production of the *Sound of Music*.
3. Was told she was born to weave by her first weaving teacher.

No-one guessed correctly.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

March Program

I would like to thank Rebecca for a very informative and inspirational program on Honeycomb. I have dabbled with this technique in the past and am really looking forward to exploring it all the more. Who knows maybe we will see some Honeycomb at next year's Intensive. I will also say there may or may not have been some new to me resources added to my library. Thank you again Rebecca; it was a wonderful program.

◆ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

Study Group News

Certificate of Excellence Study Group

The next meeting of the COE Study Group will be on April 7 at 10:00 am at the Church 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.

◆ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Bobbin Lace

We will meet on April 10 at 10 am Vila's house.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair



Day Weaving Study Group

The day weaving study group will be meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the home of Lynn Ruggles at 12:30 pm.

Please know all are welcome to join this group.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

The next spinning study group will be April 14 at Penny's home. The fun starts at 10 until 12-ish, plan to bring your wheel, spindle or any project you would like to work on for a fun morning of making stuff. If you have any questions or need directions just let Melanie know. yarnsthreads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

The Rug Punch - Punch Needle Group

Pat Day Hartwell's house - Apr 26 1-4pm.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 208-466-1240.

◆ Pat Day Hartwell, Study Group Chair

March Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting March 3, 2018

Present - Melanie Smith, Rebecca Winter, Vila Cox

Melanie is planning on getting a teacher for a spinning workshop next year when she goes to the ANWG meeting in May.

Merri Williams will be giving the program next month. The program is on silk and Merri is organized, ready, and has already sent all the information Melanie needs for the newsletter.

May is the annual equipment sale for the Guild.

June - It was decided there will not be a "Fiber Olympics." Instead we will have a social time at the Potluck. Might have some suggested fiber related topics for members to discuss at the tables to learn more about each other.

Working on policies is on hold for a while till Rebecca has time on her schedule for them.

We will continue to think about what needs to be done to the website. We may need to schedule a meeting just to work on that. Ideas that were brought up include: More color - add pictures - edit text - change menu bars - gallery - more or fewer pages?

Maybe the Mystery Person will be refined for 2018-19. It might be better with more fiber related facts.

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Vila Cox, substituting for Lily Martina Lee, Secretary

Members Meeting - March 3, 2018

Acting President for this meeting was Melanie Smith, VP, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

Introductions of all members: Joan Sheehan, Jamie Landry, Kirsten Badger, Joan Ranck, Doug Ranck, Vila Cox, Nancy Alzola, Cheryl Wertenberger, Irene Chandler, Cynthia Newman, Jane Olsen, Dagmar Rapp, Tracy

Redhead, Julie Gerrard, Penny Schraufnagel, Esther Kleinkauf, Marieta Turner, Pat Ann, Rebecca Winter, Lynn Ruggles, Kathy McGowen, Anne Oglevie, Mary Berent, Pat Day Hartwell.

Announcement Bulletin Board: Members who have commercial enterprises may place their new items or sales and other events on the bulletin board available during meetings. Fundraising events may also be posted on this board. We also have a free table. Be sure to take home any items that are not taken.

Vice President's Report: Next month's program will be presented by Merri Williams on Silk. Please bring a Size 6 crochet hook, and a spindle. Merri is the owner of the online store The Fiber Addict. She will deliver any items you may have ordered next month, and save you the shipping.

Show and Tell: Several members shared. We had knitted garments, over dyed yarn, low immersion and iced dyed fabrics for quilting, samples of Undulating Twill, finished handspun, fiber spun during the Olympics, our new member Cheryl W. had yarn for a garment and brought roving from Marsing. She also had a green wool scarf and discussed the importance of fulling wool cloth. Kathy McGowen brought a finished quilt and eyeglass case she designed for Artisans for Hope.

Treasurer's Report: Vila reported that we have approximately \$5,000.00 in checking.

Librarian's Report: The library is open during regular meetings. Please see Joan if you have any special requests today.

Nominating Committee: Mary explained that the nominating committee presents a 'slate' of officers to the general membership, and that the slate will be voted upon at the next meeting, April, 2018. The Slate of Officers to would begin the end of the June meeting. The Slate of Officers are:

President - Greta Ankeny

Vice Presidents - Jenny Jimmerson and Mary Berent

Treasurer- Vila Cox

Secretary - Lily Lee

Membership Officer - Rebecca Winter

If you are interested in serving for the library, equipment, study group coordinator, or events coordinator, please see the President of the Board.

Equipment Committee: We have a new large blocking board for knitters. Please see Vila if you have any requests. She mentioned that we will be receiving a MacComber floor loom. We need a spinning wheel

Event Coordinator: Please see the bulletin board.

Sample Box: Please take your monthly sample.

Membership: If you are interested in promoting the guild or inviting new members, Rebecca has Guild business cards and fliers.

Newsletter: Please write up any fiber related interests you would like to share, and send to Rebecca when you see the reminder email through the Yahoo Group.



Webmaster: Vila is our current Webmaster, no news reported.

Study Groups reviewed: Please see the newsletter for topics, dates & times.

Trivia handouts given.

Our mystery member from last month was Julie Gerrard.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

HoneyComb Weave Program with Rebecca Winter to begin at 12:30pm.

- ◆ Respectfully Submitted, Joan Sheehan, substituting for Lily Martina Lee, Secretary

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- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-459-4324

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“Textile creation is a field without horizons, one might almost say,
a limitless field which a lifetime of devotion cannot cover.”

Harriet Douglas (Later know as Harriet Tidball.)

From her *Handweaver's Instruction Manual*, 1949, page 33. Found at:
http://www2.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/monographs/dhc_man.pdf