

# Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley

April, 2019

## April Program - India: Textiles and Cultures Through the Eyes of Artisans,

by Marilyn Olsen and Sheri Ward

Our April program will be a trip to India via slides and textiles. The presenters, who are from Bellingham, Wa, the Whatcom Weavers Guild, will take us on a textile artisan trip which covers two separate visits, one to the south and one to the northern area. Maiwa from Granville Island in Vancouver, BC, organizes the trips to known artisan villages. For twenty years Maiwa has been helping these artists perfect and market their products. Please join us for a fabulous journey and meet the people who make these beautiful textiles.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President

### Calendar of Events

#### April 6, 2019 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: **India: Textiles and Cultures**

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,  
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

#### **Study Groups:**

##### March 21, 2019 - Rug Punch Meeting

1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Jinks' Boise Home, 12030 Savage Dr

##### April 9, 2019 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

Vila Cox's Home

##### April 11, 2019 - Spinning Study Group

6:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's Home

##### April 16, 2019 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 p.m.

Rebecca Winter's Home

##### April 18, 2019 - Rug Punch Meeting

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Cindy Schafer's Home, 11254 W. Camas, Boise

#### **Workshop:**

##### April 27 & 28, 2019 - Judie Overbeek Spining Workshop

### Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

This year the Nominating Committee was Mary Berent, Dyan Lay and Dagmar Rapp. We are presenting the slate of officers, below, for 2019-2020.

#### **Elections will be held at the April meeting.**

- President: Doug Ranck
- Vice President: Jenni Jimmerson
- Vice President: Anne Oglevie
- Secretary: Lily Lee
- Treasurer: Vila Cox
- Membership Officer: Dagmar Rapp

### Increasing Dues?

For years, the membership dues for the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley have not changed. In fact, the last increase came in the 1994-95 year. Changes in the the way things have been accomplished have allowed dues to remain the same all these years. Printing and mailing the newsletter used to be one of the bigger items in the budget. Switching to electronic newsletter delivery allowed that money to be used on renting meeting space when the need arose.

Other adjustments have been made, but with the need to purchase liability insurance for meeting in some of our venues, we have come to the point when an increase in membership dues is necessary. The Board is recommending membership dues be increased to \$30 per year, beginning in the 2019-2020 year. This increase is reflected in the proposed budget that will be presented for approval at the April 6th Guild meeting.

Find the proposed budget that will be voted on at the April meeting on the next page.

◆ Vila Cox, Treasurer



## Proposed 2019 - 202 Budget

The two major changes are indicated in red. The rest of the budget is the same as prior years, with minor adjustment for expected increases in the post office box rent.

• Vila Cox, Treasurer

### **Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley 2019/20 Budget**

<b>Income</b>	
Newsletter Fee	100.00
Advertising	60.00
Equipment Rental	50.00
Guild Sale	100.00
Interest	1.00
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>1,800.00 (60 x \$30)</b>
Workshop Fees	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,111.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>2,111.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Equipment Purchases	200.00
Library Books	200.00
Challenge Supplies	60.00
Directory Expense	100.00
Intensive Expenses	0.00
Library Expenses	100.00
Meeting & Library Room Rental	440.00
Membership ANWG/HGA	120.00
Misc/Memorials	50.00
Newsletter Expenses	100.00
PO Box Rent	125.00
Postage, Mailing Service	25.00
Program Expenses	50.00
<b>Liability Insurance</b>	<b>300.00 new</b>
Study Group Expenses	50.00
Subscriptions	200.00
Workshop Expenses	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,120.00</b>
	<b>-9.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-9.00</b>

## The May Yarn and Equipment Sale

### **Will include a Silent Auction!**

We have received some VERY interesting donations for the silent auction that will be held at the May meeting. This is going to be a really fun event! If you have things you would like to donate, contact Mary Berent or Jenni Jimmerson by April 16, so we have time to prepare.

◆ Mary Berent, Vice President

## The June Picnic

Our regular June Picnic will be at Anne Oglevie's house in Weiser this year. Barbara Redman is going to lead some hands-on Nuno Felting this year at the June meeting. Plan some extra time this year! Thanks to Anne for volunteering her lovely home.

◆ Mary Berent, Vice President

## From Profile to Block Weaves

### Weaving Intensive 2020

We know that January 2020 seems really far off, but we want you to **SAVE THE DATE! Jan 18-20, 2020**, for Weaving Intensive 2020. This workshop takes place over the MLK Day weekend, and this year will cover the process of how profile drafts work. Participants bring a loom already warped with their project, explain to the group the what, why, when, where, and how of their project and then get to weave their own sample on each of the looms.

As a non-weaver in December 2018, I didn't think I could successfully attend a weaving intensive. I was wrong! I learned SO much in this 3 day workshop from all of the very supportive, encouraging participants. We are blessed with an abundance of teachers in our guild, people who really want to enable, uh, teach anyone who is interested in learning. We all have to start somewhere and I jumped in with both feet! I'm even planning my second weaving project and expect to learn even more during this next year, including researching profile drafts so that I'm ready in January.

Come join us!

◆ Connie Griffin, with Joan Sheehan,  
Intensive Study Group Chairs

## March Program

We're sending a big "Thank You" to Ivy DeHart for the fabulous March program on painted warps. Ivy put so much wonderful time and effort into really explaining the process. Dyeing and warp painting don't have to be so mysterious anymore! Thanks for sharing your years of great experience with us!! Thank you so much, Mary.

◆ Mary Berent, Vice President

## From Your President

This past month the Guild has been busy with quite a few events. The spinners continue to study fibers, the weavers have had a Saturday class, and the rug punch group has met. I hope you have been able to attend one of these groups to enjoy the company of fiber enthusiasts and be challenged in your favorite craft.

With spring beginning this week and the sun showing itself more, I find myself interested in working with a brighter color palate. I wonder if your interest in colors is shifting also. Bring out those spring colors, create something you can enjoy, and celebrate this beautiful time of the year!

See you April 6 at our Guild meeting. I hope we have a wide array of crafted items to view as we share together what we have been creating.

◆ Happy Crafting, Greta Ankeny, President

## 2019-2020 Directory Sample

For the last two years we have had a sample on the cover of our Membership Directory. For this next year we would like to open the opportunity to create the sample to the entire Guild.

There are specific parameters required for the samples, because of the construction of the booklet.

- The fiber sample needs to be flat and made with fine yarns or threads. An example of yarn size would be 10/2 cotton or finer.
- The sample needs to be pasted inside the window cut into the Directory cover.
- We also request you provide construction instructions to be printed with your sample, such as weaving drafts or pattern instructions.
- Remember your sample will be representing the Guild, and we ask they be clean, finished, and of good quality.
- Know also we print from 70 to 80 Directories.
- We will open this sample to any fiber method, as long it meets these parameters.

If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity, I will add you to a list. I would also be willing to discuss your proposal for the samples, and how they might work best for the Directory.

The most equitable method of selection of the person who will provide the samples would be to draw a name from a hat.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, if you would like to add your name to the list of those interested in providing the 2019-2020 Directory sample.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer



## Library Updates & Book Reviews

I would like to take a couple of minutes this month and talk about a new book to the library - *Overshot Simply*, by Susan Kesler-Simpson. The subtitle is, "Understanding the weave structure, 38 projects to practice your skills." This book was published last year and I will say I found it on eBay of all places, so I thought I would check it out. Once it arrived I knew this was one that just needed to be added to our library. I would say this is more of a project/patterns type of book than a structure book. Although Susan does take us through the basic understanding of overshot. She also includes information about how to convert a twill to overshot and also something I am always looking for - how to add a border. The projects range from scarves, blankets, and table runners to towels. There is also a very interesting Shawlette that you just have to check out for yourself. All 38 projects are for 4H, so there will be many fun things to try on multi harness loom. So if you are at all interested in Overshot or would like to learn more about it check out our new book.

As always if you have a book or other materials you think should be added to the library we would love to hear from you. You can email me or give me a call.

◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

## Spinning Study Group

Our fiber study has been not only educational, but fun! I know I have enjoyed spinning some old favorites so far. This month Connie will resent another fun fiber for us to try. It's not too late to join our study, but it does require a commitment. We ask that you plan to share a fiber during a month of your choice (we have a sign up schedule), and attend as many meetings as you can. That's it. Notice - I didn't say you had to be a spinner. Yep, you just need to be interested in learning about fiber and be a guild member. Our next meeting will be April 11 starting at 6:30 at my home. As always, if you have any questions please let me know.

[yarnsthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsthreads@aol.com)

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair



## Tour de Fleece is coming!

Once again we are holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour de Fleece, this July. More information, rules and sign - ups will be in next month's newsletter.



## Sample Exchange News

The sample for April is handspun wool from Pat Ann. It is a two ply yarn that is beautiful natural black Merino wool.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



### **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.

## Rug Punch and All Meeting

**We are making a few changes to the Rug Punch Group.**

### **Rug Punch and All Group**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (previously 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** Will generally stay the same, 1-4 p.m., but may run longer or start later to accommodate evening folks, if there is an interest shown. We will see how it goes in March. To be noted in future newsletters and messages.

**Location:** To be announced each month.

**Focus:** While we will always encourage the arts of rug and needle punch, we want to reach out to the enthusiast of any sort of craft or art in fiber or other medium to join us. We welcome spinners, knitters, stitchers, tatters, crocheters, beaders. We also think it would be fun to feature a different craft or art each month.

### **Focus for March 2019: Fiber Prep - Carding, Blending, & Combing**

**Date:** March 21, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

**Time:** 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Come by in the afternoon or after work - stay a while or the whole time - I plan to just be here playing with fiber!

**Location:** Jinks' Boise House - 12030 Savage Dr.

**Bring:** Any fiber prep tools such as drum carder, hand carders, blending board, combs and lots of

fiber to experiment with. If you don't have tools, come use ours. You can bring some fiber to prep and spin later. We will likely have some fiber to practice with and learn the techniques to apply to your stash later.

Or just come by to knit or stitch or spin or whatever. We'd love to see what you're working on. Bring a snack to share. Contact either of us with any questions. Please use our emails.

**Focus for April 2019: Kumihimo**

**Date:** April 18, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

**Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** Cindy Schafer's house - 11254 W. Camas  
(note: Cloverdale overpass is still out)

This month we will focus on the art of Kumihimo. Feel free to bring examples and work in progress of Kumihimo. We will have some items on display. Or just come by to rug punch or knit or stitch or spin or whatever. We'd love to see what you're working on!

- ◆ Jinks Hunter [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com)  
208-867-2953 (leave message if I don't pick up)
- ◆ Pat Day Hartwell [fiberfun@lazypj.myrf.net](mailto:fiberfun@lazypj.myrf.net) J

**Officers and Chairs**

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- Treasurer: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
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- Equipment: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Web Master: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 208-859-2822
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- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 208-377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Connie Griffin & Joan Sheehan
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 208-939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-681-0480

**Website**

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

**Groups-io Link**

<https://boiseguild.groups.io/g/main>  
Email via: [main@BoiseGuild.groups.io](mailto:main@BoiseGuild.groups.io)



**Boise Depot Flash Spin-In**

Just wanted to share a pic of our FLASH SPIN-IN! at the Boise Depot - Sunday, Feb 24! We had a great time and will likely do it again soon - a message will be sent with details to those who asked to be kept on the spinning email list. If you would like to be added to the list, let Jinks know. ◆ Jinks Hunter



## Minutes Section

### Board Meeting ~ March 2, 2019

Present: Greta Ankeny, Lily Lee, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent

#### *Budget*

A budget report was shared with the board. Changes include an increase to the PO Box cost and the liability insurance. The budget report will be shared at the April Member's Meeting as per policy. Because of these increased costs the board voted to request raising the membership dues. A ballot will be distributed at the April Member's Meeting. Rebecca Winter presented historical records of the membership dues:

- In 1987 the membership dues increased from \$15 to \$18 for an individual and \$18 to \$21 for a family
- In 1994 the dues increased from \$18 to \$25 for an individual and the family category was discontinued.

#### *Sale Committee*

The board discussed the Sales Committee Report. The Sale Committee is not ready to give a timeline as to when they will have the first sale event. The sales committee is currently discussing different commission rates for members selling their wares at a guild-organized sale event. The board considered having a stratified commission system so that one percentage would be applied for using the guild name, and higher percentage would be applied if the guild sponsors the sale. That will not be finalized until the sale committee makes a formal request. The Sale Committee is working on surveying Guild Members to better determine a commission level. The board also recognizes the need for seed money for the Sale Committee. The next Sale Committee meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Community Outreach Committee*

Lily Lee sent out two emails to members who had signed up to be on the committee: one requesting a general characterization of their schedule and another as a doodle poll. Once more members have completed the poll a meeting time will be set. The Community Outreach Guidelines that the Board developed will be available on a table for guild members to see during the Member's Meeting. The board is working on developing a job description for the Social Media Coordinator.

#### *Equipment*

Two knitting machines have been donated to the guild. They are both Toyota brand and one has a stand. The board identified that purchasing a digital projector would be helpful equipment to have for programs and for members to check out for workshops, study groups and other activities they may need to use it for.

#### *Webmaster*

Some questions have come up concerning the usage of Groups io and subgroups within Groups io. Vila will announce during the Member's Meeting that generally most communication about guild activities should be shared with the whole guild so that members who may be interested in joining an activity can see what is happening even if it is part of a smaller Committee or Study Group. If subgroups are made within Groups io that is a good place for smaller internal communication such as "I might be running a bit late for the next study group meeting but I'll be there."

#### *Meeting Agenda*

Greta shared a copy of the meeting agenda for review by the board.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary

### Members Meeting ~ March 2, 2019

Present: Greta Ankeny, Lily Lee, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Pat Day Hartwell, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Cynthia Newman, Bobbie Hernke, Dagmar Rapp, Raelene Viste, Pat Ann, Penny Schraufnagel, Peggy Jones, Cindy Schafer, Marita Turner, Christine Brady, Joan Sheehan, Joan Ranck, Doug Ranck, Esther Kleinkauf, Connie Griffin, Resa Jones, Julie Gerrard, Marlene Bean, Kathy McGowan, Maite Biain, Janet Stanger, Cindy Pollock, Anne Oglevie, Dyan Lay, Irene Chandler, Fran Yuschak, Nancy Alzola, Mitzi Meyers

#### **Greta Ankeny, President**

For introductions today, please share your name and favorite or predominate fiber art.

There is a free table. Make sure to take home anything you put there that does not get claimed.

#### **Mary Berent, Co-Vice President**

There will be a Warping Mini-Workshop on March 9 at Anne Oglevie's house in Weiser. If you plan to attend, we will be carpooling from the WinCo in Eagle.

There is a Spinning Workshop in April, which is full.

At our May Member's Meeting instead of a program we will have our annual Yarn and Equipment Sale. This year we are additionally including a Silent Auction. All of the proceeds from the silent auction will go to the guild. You are welcome to donate items to the silent auction. We are looking for donations that are unusual or excessive.

#### **Dagmar Rapp, Dyan Lay, Mary Berent, Nominations Committee**

The ballot for next year's officers include:

Doug Ranck for President



Jenni Jimmerson and Anne Oglevie for Co-Vice Presidents  
Vila Cox for Treasurer  
Lily Lee for Secretary  
Dagmar Rapp for Membership Officer

If you want to vote but cannot make it to the next Member's Meeting you must vote two weeks in advance as per the policy. The bylaws and policies are available on the website for review.

### **Show & Tell**

Seventeen members had shows and two had tells.

Highlights: Resa Jones shared several boundweave items. Lily Lee shared a copy of Explore Magazine, Boise State's Research publication that features her on the cover holding a weaving. The full story can be seen here: <https://www.boisestate.edu/news/2019/02/19/mud-flaps-and-burial-shrouds-weaving-an-identity-for-the-west/>

Vila Cox shared a custom made baby blanket she wove to reproduce a thirty-five year old tattered baby blanket. She also made several weavings with different twill patterns hemmed to use as hand towels. Cheryl Wurtenburger shared a rug woven with sections of Rosepath and a large piece of wool yardage she plans to make into a poncho for her son. Cynthia Newman shared a wall hanging she is working on for her daughter in law. The original weave pattern includes abstract color blocks inspired by trees because her daughter in law works in the woods. Doug Ranck wove a piece of twill featuring a heart pattern for his Valentine's Day gift to Joan Ranck. Dagmar Rapp shared two hand-knitted sweaters. Fran Yuschak is an experienced weaver who is new to the area. She shared many examples of her work including several pieces in shadow weave, scarves in alpaca and wool, knitted scarves, woven blankets and more!

### **Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer**

If you are new to the guild you may want to wait until next month to pay because it will then count for next year. Directory updates with new members contact info are available. You can sign up to be in the raffle to weave the cover material for next year's directory. There are parameters that must be followed for it to logistically work with the binding process.

The guild currently has seventy members! Hard copies of the news letter are available on the table.

### **Rebecca Winter, ANWG**

The next ANWG conference will be in Prince George, British Columbia.

### **Vila Cox, Equipment Chair**

Please remember to return any checked-out library books. The guild recently received two Toyota brand knitting machines through a donation. One has a stand. The plan is to keep one for guild members to rent and to sell the other.

### **Vila Cox, Treasurer**

A budget was presented to the board this morning for approval. A copy will be presented at next month's Member's Meeting. There are some new costs: an increase to the cost of our PO Box and the need to hold liability insurance for workshops, intensives and other guild events. Because of this we will be voting at our next Member's Meeting to approve increasing the membership dues from \$25 to \$30. The last time dues were increased was in 1994. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions about this. It was clarified that liability insurance, I would change the one sentence to this the library collection is not covered by the liability insurance, but is self-insured. Purchasing a fire-proof cabinet for rare books was recommended. The board will consider these ideas and thanks members for their input.

### **Vila Cox, Webmaster**

As we continue to get accustomed to Groups io, please keep in mind the following guidelines: generally most communication about guild activities should be shared with the whole guild so that members who may be interested in joining an activity can see what is happening even if it is part of a smaller Committee or Study Group. If subgroups are made within Groups io that is a good place for smaller internal communication such as "I might be running a bit late for the next study group meeting but I'll be there."

### **Greta Ankeny, President**

The board appointed Barbara Redmond to be the Chair of the Sale Committee. Dagmar Rapp created and sent out a survey to help the Sale Committee plan. Please keep in mind that if you would not be interested in participating in a Guild Sale, indicating that on the survey is just as important as members indicating that they do want to; we want to hear from everyone.

### **Lily Lee, Community Outreach**

Two emails were sent out to members who signed up for the Community Outreach Committee. Both were intended to select a time to meet. The most recent was a poll about meeting times. Please make sure to complete that. If you are interested in being on the Community Outreach Committee but have not yet signed up yet please email Lily.

### **Greta Ankeny, President**

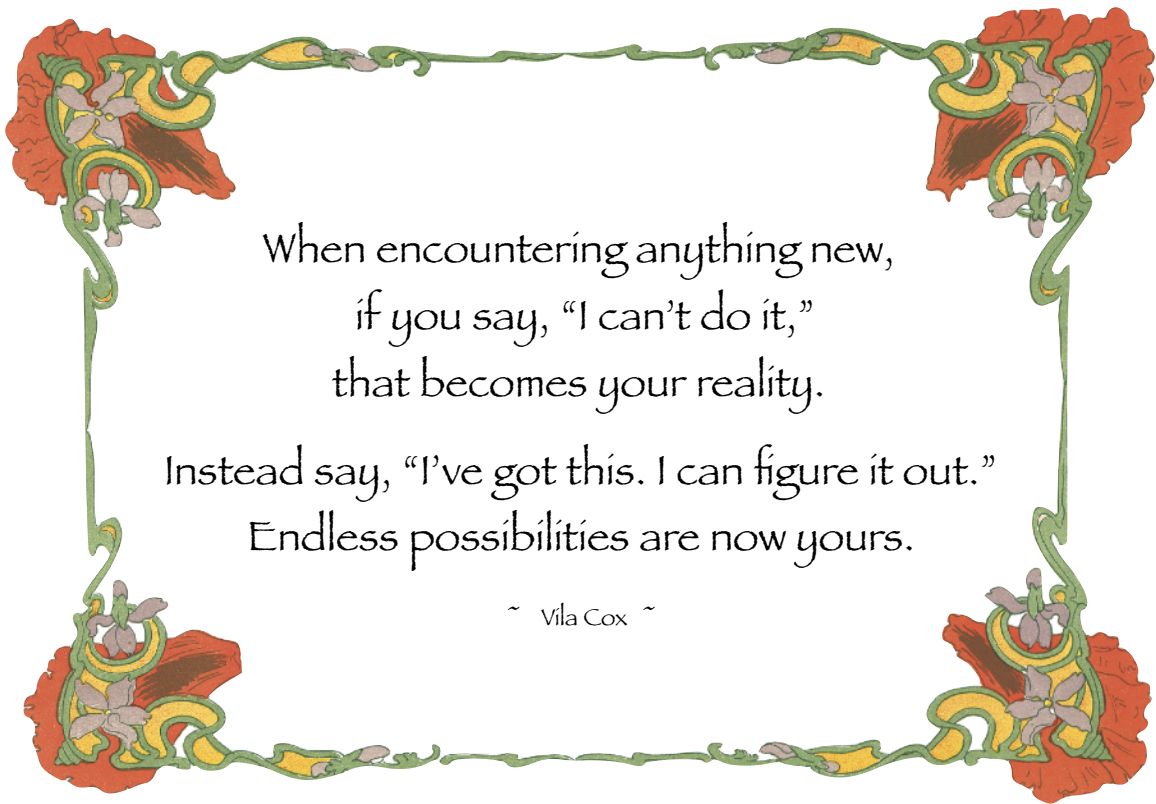
Information about Study Groups can be seen in the Newsletter.

### **Program**

Ivy DeHart gave a very informative program on Warp Painting.

◆ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary





When encountering anything new,  
if you say, "I can't do it,"  
that becomes your reality.

Instead say, "I've got this. I can figure it out."  
Endless possibilities are now yours.

~ Vila Cox ~

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