

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

April, 2025

## April Program: Color Theory from a Lunatic Perspective, by Katzy Luhring

Color Theory is a wide-ranging topic filled with vocabulary like value, hue, and saturation. Many of us feel like we have an innate sense of color and how colors work together, and many others of us are constantly surprised, delighted and occasionally disappointed by the interactions of colors in their art. As a co-owner of Lunatic Fringe Yarns, I have spent the last 20 years immersed in all kinds of colorful yarns and have had the opportunity to play with color almost every day. What does color theory mean to me? It means a set of guidelines and lots of play time! In this talk, I will share some theories about color to give you ideas of where to start, ideas to pursue and how to think about color in new ways. I will also combine that color theory with play time. Come join in the discussion of color, how it relates to fiber arts, and play with color as we explore color theory concepts together.



### Calendar of Events

#### **Regular Meeting:**

April 5 2025 ~ 11:30 a.m.

**Program ~ Color Theory from a Lunatic Perspective, by Katzy Luhring**

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

Next meeting - May 3, 2025 - at the Church

#### **Study Groups:**

April 8, 2025 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

April 9, 2025 ~ Spinning Study Group

11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore  
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

April 10, 2025 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the studio of Sherry Bittner

April 15, 2025 ~ Day Weaving Study Group 10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

April 17, 2025 ~ Tapestry Study Group  
7:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Kelly Sandusky

April 20, 2025 ~ Paper Study Group  
1:30 p.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom  
2:00 p.m. ~ Meets on Zoom

April 29, 2025 ~ Garment Study Group  
10:30 a.m. ~ At the new home of Anne Oglevie  
Find her new address

#### **Workshops:**

April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving

September 19 - 21, 2025 - Diversified Plain Weave

## Elections of New Officers and Approval of Next Year's Budget

The Nominations Committee has completed it's task. The Election of Officers will take place at the April meeting. The nominated officers are as follows:

- President - Katzy Luhring
- Vice Presidents - Robin Conrads and Lisa Baker
- Treasurer - Kelly Sandusky
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Membership Chair - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Mary Berent

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to cast a ballot, you may send a signed absentee ballot to the Secretary prior to the meeting, according to the Bylaws. The new officers will begin their term at the close of the June Meeting. The voting will be for the entire slate of officers and will be by paper ballot.

We will also approve the 2025 - 2026 Budget. This voting will be by motion and voting. The Budget may be found on page 3 of this Newsletter. Thank you so much for your support of the Guild by participation and by volunteerism. ♣ Rebecca Winter, Nominations Committee



## Need for Dues to Increase

The Guild Board was notified by the church that the rent for the Library room needed to increase significantly. After some discussion, the Board decided we would need to increase the dues amount to compensate for this increase. Other options were considered for the Library, however, keeping the Library at the church was determined to be the best option for accessibility and safety of the archives.

Our Bylaws state, "The amount of dues shall be voted on by the membership of the Guild." There will be a vote for this at the April meeting, as well. The Board is proposing an increase to \$35.00 per year.

The Board also devised an equitable plan for the transition of a dues increase, after considering our expenditures for the current year and while planning the Budget for 2025 - 2026. If you pay your dues prior to July 1, 2025, you will pay the current rate of \$30.00. The Guild's Fiscal Year is from July 1 to June 30 each year. This means dues are due in June each year in order to be current for the upcoming Guild year.

Members will also be asked to fill out new Membership Forms and to update their preferences for information or image release.

Thank you for your continued support of our fiber organization.

## Workshop Information

Diversified Plain Weave, by Vila Cox: Is coming to us on September 19-21, 2025. We will have more information for you soon, however, here is a description of the workshop to get you excited:

An exploration of Diversified Plain Weave. Learn what makes DPW special. Threading, treadling, and tie-ups are just the start. During the round-robin workshop participants will weave samples and explore the effect color and yarn selection also has on DPW. Learn how to convert six shaft patterns into DPW and change existing DPW patterns. Discover what makes a design stand out in Diversified Plain Weave.

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate weaving skills. Familiarity with profile drafts and weaving software is helpful as we explore how to create and modify DPW drafts.

An eight-shaft loom is required.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President

## President's Corner

Our Guild library is a wonderful asset and a resource for all kinds of fiber art. Since the Guild was founded in 1972 the library has grown each year and now has formidable depth. Most of the long-time members are familiar with this great collection, but some of our newer members may not know of all the library has to offer. The Beginning Study Group has recently studied both doubleweave and lace weaves. Our library has:

*Double Weave*, by Laya Brostoff

*Doubleweave Weaving Intensive*, sample book from 2011

*Double Weave-Plain and Patterned, Monograph #1*, by Harriet Tidball

*Double Weave*, by Jennifer Moore

*Huck Lace Weaving Patterns*, by Tom Knisely

*Four Harness Huck*, by Evelyn Neher

*Lace and Lacy Weaves*, by Mary E Snyder

*Leno Weave*, by Hilary Chetwynd

*Huck Pattern Collection*, by Rita Ciaranello

*Huck Lace Weaving Intensive*, sample book from 2016

In addition to these topic specific publications, we have in depth texts on general weaving that include chapters on both doubleweave and lace weaves. Also, we have hundreds of back issues of magazines which have projects and complete instructions for items using double weave and lace weaves.

At our next meeting, April 5, take some time to have a look at this fabulous resource.

◆ Mary Berent, President



## Guild Equipment

The Guild has a selection of weaving and spinning equipment for members to rent. What else could we add to our inventory? If you have a suggestion, please contact Vila. I would love to hear what members would like to have available for their use. How often might an item be used and if there is adequate storage space will be taken into consideration.

Also, I want to thank everyone who has been renting equipment for helping me keep track of everything. Contacting me before the meeting allows me time to get the equipment you want back and ready for you. Returning equipment when scheduled lets the next person have a turn. So, a huge THANK YOU, to all!

❖ Vila Cox, Equipment Chair

## April Sample Exchange

This month's sample I've taken from the book, *A Weaver's Book of 8 Shaft Patterns*, by Carol Strickler. It's a fun weave, because there are 19 different treadlings for one simple threading. The color-and-weave patterns are mostly pretty little stars. Hope this inspires you to create your own universe.

❖ Christie Farrin, Sample Chair

{Editor's Note: This Sample is by Christie, herself.}



2025-2026 Budget	Income	Expenses
Membership Dues	3000	
Advertising	100	
Equipment Rental	200	
Yarn & Equipment Sales	200	
Interest	930	
Newletter Fees	40	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4470</b>	
Equipment Purchases		260
Library Books		250
Directory Expenses		50
Library Expenses		100
Meeting Facility Rental		2160
ANWG & HGA Membership		175
Hospitality		100
Miscellaneous/Memorials		50
Outreach & Promotional Matl		100
Newletter Expenses		75
PO Box Rental		250
Program Expenses		70
Liability Insurance		300
Study Group Expenses		100
Magazine Subscriptions		150
Zoom License		200
Website		105
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>4495</b>

## Linen Rug Warp - For Sale

For those of you attending Connie Lippert's Wedge Weave Workshop ~ I have 8/4 warp linen. A limited number of 8.8 oz cones of 8/4 Wet Spun Linen Rug Warp \$25.

Happy Spring 🌸

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See the Member's List for contact information



## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

For April, try a new to you spinning or plying technique. Then come share your results at our monthly Spinning Study Group at our favorite bookstore, The Rubaiyat, located in downtown Caldwell, Idaho. We're having fun from 11-2!

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Lace Study Group

The Lace Group will meet April 8th from 10am to 12pm at Raelene Viste's.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

The beginners weaving meeting will be at 6 pm on April 10. We will be meeting at Sherry Bittner's studio. See the Directory Member List for the location, or for more specific directions please email me. We are studying Honeycomb for this meeting.

- ❖ Sherry Bittner, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group will meet at 7pm on Thursday, April 17 at the home of Kelly Sandusky. We will be discussing the Wedge Weave Workshop, which will have just finished. We may also continue on our learning of tapestry stitches. That will be determined as we get closer to the meeting date.

**New Tapestry Study Group Chair Needed** - Cindy Schafer and I have been trading off and sharing the job of Tapestry Study Group Chair for several years now. For various reasons neither of us will be able to continue in this roll after the April meeting. If you are interested in taking over this roll, it would be greatly appreciated so that this group can continue the wonderful learning we've been able to do since the group started.

Chairing a Study Group is really a pretty easy role. The entire group is responsible for deciding the topic for each meeting and the members volunteer to host - so you really just need to keep track of that and send an email to Rebecca when she is collecting information for the Newsletters. Sending out reminder emails about the upcoming meetings and making sure the Zoom link is available if necessary is also part of the role. Here is a link to the Study Group Chairperson Job Description:

<https://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/Policies/StudyGroupChairperson2021.pdf>

If you are interested in this role, please let Cindy or I know as soon as possible!

- ❖ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

We will be meeting 10:30 am, April 15, at the home of Rebecca Winter.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

### Paper Study Group

We will meet on April 20, at my house at 1:30 p.m. Yes, we agreed to meet in the afternoon on Easter. Our focus for this meeting - **make an actual book** from the techniques we focused on at the March meeting.

Save the date - On June 8th we will be making paper at my house, as well.

- ❖ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

### Garment Study Group

The next Garment Study group will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10.30am. We will meet at my new home. Everyone is welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

### Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet at 2pm every Thursday via zoom. We work on our projects, help each other with project questions and chat about whatever comes up. We feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff. We're very flexible - please feel welcome to join us.

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



## Board Meeting Minutes ~ March 1, 2025

### Members present:

President – Mary Berent  
Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson  
Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky  
Secretary – Dyan Lay  
Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe  
Past President – Rebecca Winter  
Vila Cox  
Robin Conrads

### Members absent:

Vice President – Jenné Schiffhauer

### President's Report

- Call to order 9:32AM

### Treasurer's Report

- 2025-2026 Budget
  - The Board updated budget line items and adjusted amounts accordingly.
  - A summary of the budget report will be published in the April newsletter for the membership to vote on at the April regular meeting.
  - Rebecca made the motion to accept budget as edited, Cindy seconded, passed unanimously.
- Kelly subscribed Guild to four magazines from Long Thread Media.
- Rebecca to be reimbursed for retrofitting one of the Guild looms.
- Dues Increase
  - Vila confirmed that the church facility raised monthly rent for the Guild's library.
  - Guild has been using the facility for 10+ years.
  - To compensate for the rent increase, a dues increase was discussed for the 2025-2026 year.
  - Dues increase suggested from \$30 annually to \$35 annually to start on July 1, 2025.
  - Kelly moved to accept the dues increase as outlined above; Dyan seconded, passed unanimously.
- Intensive budget projection was dead on.
  - The Board wants to provide transparency but, for security reasons, will not publish any financial data on the Guild's website or in the newsletter. Members are welcome to ask for detailed financial information at any time.

### Secretary's Report

- Website Proposal
  - Dyan outlined the online payment recommendation from the Website Committee.
  - Online dues payments would include an additional \$2 to include the transaction fee.
  - Cindy made the motion to accept the Committee's recommendation with Robin setting up the Square account and revise the website accordingly; Mary seconded, passed unanimously.
- Retail Affiliates
  - Dyan to do analysis of Silk City and will present findings at next Board meeting.
  - Dyan will create JPG "ads" for Lunatic Fringe and The Woolery for April newsletter.

### Membership Chair's Report

- Directory
  - The directory policy and description were updated.
  - Guild will use groups.io poll feature for surveying membership for workshop ideas, interests, etc.
  - Cindy has a new member packet with directory/handbook information.
- Cindy proposed consolidating the information on the membership form; the Board agreed with changes.
- Annual Dues
  - Annual dues are due by June 30 every year.
  - Payment of dues by June 30 will be \$30 for the 2025-2026 year; every member should fill out membership form each year to ensure current and accurate data.
  - Payment of dues on July 1 or after will be \$35 for the 2025-2026 year.
  - Membership is considered lapsed after September 15.
  - Membership to Treasurer handoff process defined and discussed.
  - Updated digital membership list to be provided after October Guild meeting and will include new members, corrected member data with lapsed members removed.



- An updated membership list is always online on groups.io under Files.
- Mid-Guild year corrections/additions will be provided.
- Role and policy updates forthcoming.

#### Past President's Report

- Rebecca presented the slate of nominees for the 2025-2026 year.
  - President – Katzy Luhring
  - Vice Presidents – Robin Conrads and Lisa Baker
  - Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
  - Secretary – Dyan Lay
  - Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe
  - Past President – Mary Berent
  - Rebecca will create the paper ballots.
- Policies and job descriptions should be updated before September.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52AM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 3.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



### Regular Meeting Minutes ~ March 1, 2025

Call To Order at 11:32AM

- Present were 37 attendees: Mary Berent, Dyan Lay, Rebecca Winter, Robin Conrads, Vila Cox, Kelly Sandusky, Cindy Griewe, Julie Gerrard, Jenni Jimmerson, Christie Farrin, Hanna Meinikheim, Pat Dayton, Sherry Bittner, Emily Wall, Irma Atkinson, Janet Stanger, Linda Morton-Keithley, David Hanks, Sally Johnston, Veronique Hager, Alyssa Bangs, Nancy Alzola, Venus Kadre, Lisa Baker, Bob Reinhardt, Cynthia Newman, Greta Ankeny, Joy Shaffer, Nancy Swenson, Sally Blevins, Suzanne Price, Susan Inouye, Kate Holestine, Chelsea Grigsley, Mitzi Meyers, Austin Dudley and Raelene Viste.

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent with introductions by members in attendance.

Show and Tell

- Mary Berent showed a double weave, two shuttle piece.
- Sally Johnston passed around an all-cotton baby blanket.
- Rebecca Winter brought some paper weaving and a Shifu woven piece.
- Emily Wall showed a British wool shawl.
- Christie Farrin presented a colorful striped poncho.
- Greta Ankeny found a towel in the parking lot.
- Raelene Viste showed a kumihimo piece and tasseling ends.
- Robin Conrads just got an eight-shaft loom from Seattle and showed her Beginning Weaving piece doing huck lace on a four-shaft.
- Suzanne Price presented a wedge weave piece with scalloped edges.
- Hanna Meinikheim brought an orange knitted ball ornament, finished her overshot double weave coasters and two paper weaving pieces.
- Nancy finished her intensive twill gamp.
- Pat Dayton showed recycled jeans beads that she makes for the sanctuary farm where she volunteers, a crackle weave 5/2 cotton purple and gold Lakers scarf, a finished Lunatic Fringe cowl kit scarf, and a sky blue 10/2 cotton shawl.
- Mitzi Meyers showed her 90s vest and announced that there will be a spinning gathering at her place on March 22.
- Sally Blevins modeled her woven skirt from New Mexico.
- Cindy Griewe completed her stash-busting crocheted afghan, waffle weave kitchen towels and photos of the donated NICO octopi.
- Kate Holestine brought purple socks and a machine-embroidered notebook.

President's Report



- Mary Berent explained the rent increase by the church facility and announced that annual dues will increase on July 1.

#### Board Reports

- Past President – Rebecca Winter
  - Rebecca announced the 2025-2026 slate of officers and thanked the nominating committee for their efforts.
    - President – Katzy Luhring
    - Vice Presidents – Robin Conrads and Lisa Baker
    - Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
    - Secretary – Dyan Lay
    - Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe
    - Past President – Mary Berent
- Website Committee – Robin Conrads
  - Robin explained the new payment page that will allow for membership payments online.
  - Square will be implemented by April 1.
- Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson
  - The next workshop will be presented by Vila Cox the weekend of September 19. It will be a round robin style workshop on diversified plain weave on eight-shaft looms.
  - Looms can be rented from the Guild; talk to Vila Cox for more information.
  - Jenni thanked Mary Berent for the successful Fiberworks workshop.
  - She also thanked Julie Gerrard for organizing the Connie Lippart workshop.
- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
  - Kelly announced that the 2025-2026 budget will be printed in the April newsletter and will be before the membership to vote on at the April monthly meeting.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
  - Dyan spoke of the Guild’s retail affiliations: Lunatic Fringe and The Woolery. Emails explaining each were sent out to the membership on February 5, and there is a page on the Guild website with information.
- Membership – Cindy Griewe
  - Cindy announced that membership dues will be accepted in April. Members can make their dues payment at the April regular meeting or online.
  - Each member needs to fill out a new membership form each year; the membership form has been consolidated with the interest section being relegated to groups.io poll in the future.
  - The membership directory list is available in digital form in groups.io and via email.
- Study Groups – Mary Berent
  - The Guild needs a volunteer to be the chair position for the next Intensive workshop on double weave set for Martin Luther King weekend January 2026.
- Outreach Committee – Janet Stanger
  - Janet explained the committee’s mission to help pair people with resources.
  - She asked for volunteers for Farm Day, May 3, to demonstrate fiber arts: weaving, spinning, etc.
- Sample Box - Christie Farrin
  - Christie reminded members that the sample this month is Irma Atkinson’s pin loom sample.



Meeting adjourned at 12:23PM. The program is Finishing from the Beginning presented by Vila Cox.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary





## Guild Affiliate Program Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Coupon Code:  
**2025hwgbv**

Use this code on our website to save  
5% on your order &  
earn 5% for your guild!



[www.LunaticFringeYarns.com](http://www.LunaticFringeYarns.com)

(800) 483-8749



Our Guild is now part of The Woolery's Guild Reward Program! The Woolery offers an easy way for our members to support our Guild by purchasing through our unique shopping link. Our Guild will receive 5% back from the total order value when you use the link below.

This is a great way to earn money and support the Guild by doing things you would already be doing: buying yarn, supplies, books, etc.!

Buying link: <https://woolery.com?aff=440>

### Officers

- President - Mary Berent
- Vice President - Jenné Schifffhauer
- Vice President - Jenni Jimmerson
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Treasurer - Kelly Sandusky
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Rebecca Winter

### Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Robin Conrads, Dyan Lay
- Equipment - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Katzy Luhning
- Sample Exchange - Christie Farrin
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- 2026 Weaving Intensive Study Group -
  - \* Kelly Sandusky
  - \* Rebecca Winter
  - \* Chelsea Grigsby
  - \* Cindy Griewe
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Sherry Bittner
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Cindy Schaffer & Kelly Sandusky
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Eagle Fire Station #1 Contact Person - Julie Gerrard
- Fairview Terrace Community Center Contact Person - Brenda Hatch
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

### Website

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