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Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

December, 2010

Calendar of Events

December 4, 2010 - COE Study Group
At the home of Mitzi Meyers
10:00 am

December 4, 2010 - Guild Meeting - **At the Home of Mitzi Meyers**, with Adverse Weather Location - the Home of Penny Schraufnagel
11:30 am - **Holiday Luncheon, with Card Exchange**

December 9, 2010 - Spinning Study Group
Home of Maralyn Larson
6:30 - 8:30pm

December 20, 2010 - Day Weaving Study Group
Home of Mary Berent
1:00 pm

January 15, 16, 17, 2011 - Weaving Intensive - Double Weave

March 12, 13, 14, 2011 - Weaving Workshop
Extreme Warp Makeover, by Robyn Spady
All are welcome to all events!



Directions to Mitzi's:

Mitzi's address is 11200 Sweet Ola Hwy. Get on highway 52, which runs between Emmett and Horseshoe Bend. Turn North at the Triangle restaurant towards Sweet and Ola. Go 5 miles to the brick mailbox on the right, turn right and down the hill to the brick house. Call if you need any more info please 208-584-3116.

We will make the final decision if the meeting place needs to be changed to Penny Schraufnagel's home on Friday the 3rd. We will send out a notice on the yahoo group. Penny's address is 2688 Goshen, Meridian.

December Meeting



Please join us for our **Annual Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon** on Saturday December 4th, at 11:30 am. The Note or Greeting Card Exchange exchange will take place here for your entertainment also.

It will be held at the home of Mitzi Meyers, unless snow or ice is predicted.

January Meeting Scheduling Note and Program

January 8th, 2011 will be our regular guild meeting (Please note this is the 2nd Saturday of the month due to the holiday on the 1st.)

Lynn Ruggles will present Handcarding for our program at the Adelman House. Please bring handcards if you have them.

◆Mitzi Meyers

Ramblings of the President

Hello weavers and spinners:

With winter slowly approaching, we have put our garden to bed for the winter and I am looking forward to getting back inside to my loom and working with fiber. I put a black alpaca warp on last week and was weaving away happily with a black weft when I noticed long warp floats appearing where they shouldn't have been. I have decided that I will weave black during the daylight and perhaps not day dream quite so much when I am weaving. I find that I enjoy sitting at my loom and weaving and seeing the fabric appear before my eyes and my mind swirls off into possibilities of where the fabric will lead, and what if I tried "this" or "that", "oh just think of all of the delightful, soft fabrics that I could create."

Pulling my mind back into focus, I am looking forward to the December meeting and our potluck luncheon and card exchange. I am always inspired by seeing and listening to our guild members. It's great being around creative people. I hope to see you soon.

❖ Cynthia Newman, President

UFO Program



UFO = Un Finished Objects: those craft/art things you started sometime ago that live in the back of the closet or drawer that you are too guilty to throw out, but for some reason or another you have not taken

the time or energy to finish. My hope in this is to help fellow fiber addicts clean out some of that stuff in one way or another. You might get inspired by showing it to the group, getting some wonderful advice from one of us, or decide it really is too bad or ugly to EVER finish, and toss it out of your life, making room for things/projects you want to put your energy into. I am sorry to report a "dog" on the loom does not apply, or fabric waiting to become something. The UFO does not have to be handwoven or handspun, it can be any craft type project you have hanging around. This is a yearlong program so you have until June 2011 to earn a prize.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be brought in to any regular monthly guild meeting in its unfinished/ugly state for all to see along with a 1 short sentence description. (I am concerned this could make our meetings too long so please do keep it short.)
2. Bring it back to any regular monthly guild meeting in all its glory finished for the group to be inspired by (we hope) and to receive a prize for your hard work.

❖ Mitzi Meyers



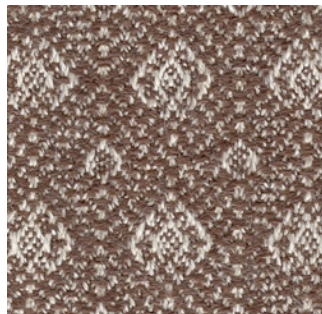
Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Vila Cox. It is 100% alpaca. She sends us a note about her sample:



"I am always looking for 24 harness patterns. They are not as easy to come by as patterns for 4 or 8 harnesses so I get creative. When I was getting ready to weave a set of scarves in a point twill design I p r o w l e d

<http://www.handweaving.net>. There I found some beautiful twill patterns designed for 36 harnesses. I took some of them and adjusted the threading and treadling to 24 harnesses. This is the result of modify-



ing one pattern. The original can be found on the website and is #29574."

Views of both sides are shown.

Remember to pull your 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 participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chair

❖ Rebecca Winter

Directory Corrections

- ★Janet Stanger - Change Cell # - 208- 230-1596
- ★Cynthia Newman - Change # on page 1- 541-523-2451
- ★Cindy Schafer -
- ★Rebecca Winter - Delete my work phone
- ★Lonna Anderson-Steele - Edit Email perseides@citlink.net
- ★Mary Berent - Add cell - 208-392-8117
- ★Ruth Gildersleeve 989-6064 delete delete Al's
- ★Penny Schraufnager - New email pschrauf@gmail.com
- ★Nancy Swenson - add phone - 208-887-3736

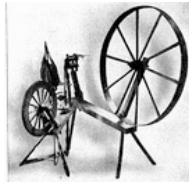
New Members:

- ©Gaileen White, 323 W Idaho St., Ontario, OR 97914 541-889-7875
- ©Ursula Shambaugh, 2772 UA Ave, Emmett, ID 83617 208-365-4130 csham@fiberpipe.net
- ©Chris Farrin, 1875 N Substation, Emmett, ID 83617 208-283-6757 wooly_ewe@yahoo.com

Study Group News

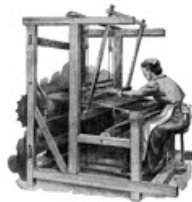
♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will be studying the effects of chocolate on spinning fine yarns this month. There will be a cross cultural agenda where we explore our culinary skills as well as our spinning techniques. Bring a fabulous fiber to spin, a stunning (or delicious) dessert, a small fiber related gift, and join us for our annual Holiday Dessert Pot Luck. We will be doing the traditional White Elephant Exchange as well as the Annual Sing-In, featuring carols such as "That's Mine," "I Saw it First," and "Do I Get to Keep It?". This meeting will be held at Maralyn's house from 6:30-8:30pm, **December 9**. Maralyn will provide a pot o'soup for those who need a few vitamins before the dessert binge. Maralyn's address: 345 Spinosa Dr, Meridian. Go to the clubhouse, turn right, and Maralyn's house is on the left at the next bend in the road. Contact either Maralyn (888-2650) or Lynn (375-9172) for more information. Non-spinners are welcome!



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **December 20** at 1 p.m. at the home of Mary Berent. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will be held on **December 4th** at Mitzi's house at 10:00.

Should the location of the Christmas luncheon be changed, the location of the COE Study Group will follow! As usual, everyone is invited, for information call Mary Berent 939-8906.

Mitzi's 4th Annual Spin-in To Start the Year Off Right! On 1-1-2011

Please join us for a pot luck lunch and a day of visiting and spinning (or whatever handwork you choose). Mitzi's home, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm There is usually a group that carpool, so please email the group if you are interested in this.



Board Meeting Minutes

November 6th, 2010

Attendance: Cynthia Newman, Janet Stanger, Mitzi Meyers, Rebecca Winter, Kathy McGowan, Irene Chandler, Katrina Duckett.

Kathy McGowan reports that she only has 6 signed up for the Robin Spady workshop, needs 15. Mary Berent has volunteered to host Robin. Feedback on having Mary and Rebecca doing workshops has been very positive. There was discussion on a spring and fall workshop. It seems there is not a good turn out when 2 workshops and an intensive is held. Present thought is to hold the intensive and have the 2 workshops. In Rebecca's star workshop she offers 39 drafts.

Mitzi: Reports that she has run into several people that have not been contacted for dues. She was wondering if Penny was making follow up contacts. Also discussed bounced back e-mails need to be followed up on.

Secretary Janet Stanger: reports that she is going to start passing around a sign in sheet to help keep attendance. It is difficult to get an accurate attendance and take notes when people are coming into the meeting at different intervals.

Librarian Katrina: has been ill. She has been hoping to get together with Pat Ann to get things figured out. The group discussed the book checkout system and better book tracking. It is the librarian's responsibility to keep track of the guilds rental equipment. The cost of the rentals are listed in the guild policies.

Rebecca Winter: No one stepped up to do something for the ANWG gift bags. Our guild can apply for a grant to send someone to the conference. She reports that our ANWG dues have been paid.

Rebecca also reports that the day weaving study group will be meeting at her new home.

Endowment fund was discussed again, no new thoughts. Will pass for now. We also had a discussion on new members getting their personal contact e-mail.

♥ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Guild Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2010 - Adelman House, Boise

Meeting was called to order by Cynthia Newman President.

Attendance: Kathy McGowan, Rebecca Winter, Mitzi Meyers, Cynthia Newman, Janet Stanger, Irene Chandler, Katrina Duckett, Ivy De Hart, Julie Gerrard, Melanie Smith, Lynn Ruggles, Cindy Schafer, Penny Schraufnagel, Al Hayden, Rena Lute, Jean Zaske, Mary Berent, Judy Tallent, Marita Turner.

Vice Presidents report: Robin Spady in March will be hosted by Mary Berent. Both Mary Berent and Rebecca Winter have workshops that they are willing to teach. The thought is not to do an intensive in 2012 and do 2 workshops instead. The December program is

Our Christmas potluck and card exchange. It will be at the home of Mitzi Meyers. If the weather is bad then it will be at Penny Schraufnagel's home.

There are 12 signed up for the Christmas card exchange. The January Program is carding with hand cards. If you have hand cards please bring them.

Treasurer's Report: Irene reported that she deposited \$206.00 of dues money and paid out \$443.00 in ANWG dues and challenge prizes, leaving a balance of \$3,848.44.

Secretary reports that she will start passing around a sign in sheet for attendance to help keep track of people coming in after the meeting starts. Also, if you ever need to prove you were at a meeting, you would need a sign in sheet.

Membership: Penny passed out the 2010-2011 Directories. She reports that we have 44 members and 6 advertisers.

Librarian: Katrina is still trying to get a handle on the Library system. She is going to spend some extra time today looking for books that are missing.

The sample exchange for November was provided by Mitzi Meyers. They also had samples of a 24 harness draft by Ivy DeHart that were passed out.

Study Groups: Day weaving study group will be at Rebecca's new house the 3rd Monday at 1pm. Lynn reports that the spinning study group will be Nov. 11th at Marylin's club house. 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Dec. meeting will be at Marylin's home and it is a Dessert pot luck.

Announcements: The ANWG conference is coming soon. If you have any questions Rebecca Winter is our representative.

Melanie Smith volunteered to be in charge of the challenge next year. Julie Gerrard and Janet Stanger volunteered to be on the committee.

Kathy McGowen is looking for Pendleton selvages for a project.

Ivy reports that the Eagle is looking for someone to come and show weaving and spinning on Feb. 5th 2011. They are featuring Laura Wilder. Ivy has the information if anyone is interested.

The 1st Saturday in January is New Years day so the January meeting will be held January the 8th.

Mitzi Meyers has a spinning day on January 1st everyone is invited. Mitzi also reminded everyone that they need 12 cards for the December exchange. Mitzi is making extra cards out of something that was woven by Shirley Sterling.

Mitzi signed up several more ufo's and Melanie Smith got a prize for being the first one done with one of her ufos.

Gold bag was brought by Cindy Schafer and won by Melanie Smith. She got some cones of yarn and one of those.

Show and tell:

Jean Zaske brought in a bed coverlet that was woven in Indiana in 1852.

Cindy Schafer showed 2 scarves she had woven and how it makes colors pop out if you use contrasting colors.

Rebecca and Janet showed baby pictures.

The guild has 2 people that are looking for spinning wheels.

Al Hayden's surgery has been postponed until December.

Meeting adjourned for today's **program on Finishing Edges.**

❖ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Guild Officers and Chairs

President: Cynthia Newman (541) 523-2451

Vice-presidents: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775

Kathy McGowan 939-7215

Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746

Treasurer: Irene Chandler 467-4997

Membership Officer: Penny Schraufnagel 342-1288

Librarian: Katrina Duckett 697-7040

Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Weaving Intensive Study Group: Vila 323-7736

Spinning Study Group: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

Past President - Al Hayden - 343-7300

Website

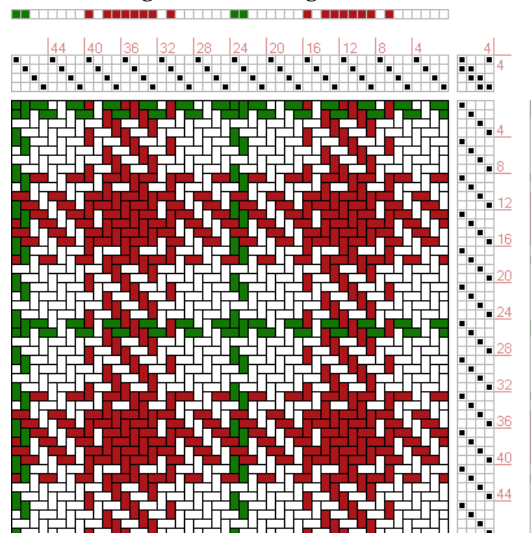
<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org>

Draft Inspirations

Here is a holiday 4 harness draft from www.handweaving.net You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about each draft, as well as download a .wif file.

❖ Your Editor

Draft #44258



Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley 2011 Weaving Workshop: Extreme Warp Makeover

Taught by Robyn Spady

March 12-14th at the Caldwell Public Library

Cost: \$150



Class Description: Hate to warp, but love to weave? Want more versatility from a single warp? Then this is a workshop for you! In this workshop, participants will warp their loom with their choice of one of three four-shaft threadings and perform an extreme makeover and weave it many different ways..... from twill, lace, and overshot to swivel, corduroy, deflected weft and double-faced. At the same time, participants are presented with the basics of different structures and how to adapt a single threading to weave a number of different weaves, including concepts such as star vs. rose fashion, weaving on opposites, and echo treadling.

Don't miss it!

Signup:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____



Return your form to Kathy McGowan, 3496 Holl Drive, Eagle, ID 83616

Note: There is no refund after Feb 1, 2011 if you are unable to attend for any reason. You may find someone to take your place.

What loom are you bringing to the workshop?

Table Loom _____ or Floor Loom _____

How many harnesses? _____

❖ ❖ ❖ 2011 Weaving Intensive Study Group ❖ ❖ ❖

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

❖ ❖ ❖ Double Weave ❖ ❖ ❖

Saturday, Sunday and Monday January 15, 16, and 17
9 AM to 5 PM Caldwell Library
Fee - \$30.00

Come join us and explore the wonderful world of Double Weave
in a workshop setting with just Guild members.

❖ ❖ ❖ It will be a great three days of learning, weaving, and friends! ❖ ❖ ❖

What is the Intensive Study Group? ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

The Intensive is a "teacherless" workshop. We will each share in leading the group for our chosen bit of Double Weave. Each participant will pick a style of Double Weave and warp the loom they are bringing to the study group. At the beginning of the three-day session, each person will describe what they have put on their loom and explain a bit about it. Then everyone will have an opportunity to weave a sample from each loom. This is a great way for new weavers to get a feel for what goes on in a Guild workshop without any pressure. Everyone is there to learn and help others by sharing what they have learned.

Before the Intensive~~

- ✓ Pick a style of Double Weave you love or choose something new to learn more about.
- ✓ Do some research on the topic you have chosen so you can explain the draft you have prepared and be able to tell others what they need to know to weave their sample.
- ✓ Be sure to take notes of what you learned during your research.

What is needed ~~

- ✓ Loom warped and ready to go. The weaver may choose any yarn that would be appropriate to the weave draft.
- ✓ Draft and information about the Double Weave topic selected
- ✓ Shuttles and weft yarn to be left at the loom for others to use when weaving their samples.
- ✓ A short handout would be nice for everyone to include in their notebook.

You will also want to bring~~

- ✓ Your favorite way of marking your samples: masking tape or tags.
- ✓ A thick yarn or paper strips to weave in between samples to separate them.
- ✓ Scissors, notepaper, pen, needles for hem stitching, weights, post-it notes.
- ✓ Well, everything you usually have near your loom "just in case" you need it.

Feel free to bring extra yarn for weft if you would like to experiment with something different as you weave some samples.

Drafts are due ahead of time ~~

Printable draft sheets need to be turned in by **January 3, 2011**, so that copies can be made and notebooks prepared. If you have made handouts, please send one ahead of time with the draft or bring copies for everyone.

Each participant will receive a notebook containing all the drafts, handouts, and sheet protectors to put their completed samples in.





Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley - Double Weave Intensive
January 15, 16 and 17, 2011

Some necessary workshop information:

- ▶ Each participant will bring a previously warped loom to the workshop. Each loom will be warped using an Double Weave draft of the weaver's choice.
- ▶ Participants will provide shuttles and weft materials to be used on their loom.
- ▶ Mentors are available. Please ask, if you would like to discuss your ideas or need assistance.
- ▶ Send your draft in printable form or email a WIF file to Vila by January 3, 2011.
- ▶ The workshop is limited to 20 participants.
- ▶ The workshop is open to members of the guild. If a non-member wishes to take the workshop, we invite them to first join the guild.
- ▶ The Study Group Leader will accept cancellations with a full refund through January 3, 2011. After that date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.

Return the following form with your fee to: Vila Cox, 2668 N. Westminster Pl., Boise ID 83704



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Double Weave Topic: _____

Loom you are planning to use - please list brand and number of harnesses:

Do you have other looms available? Please list, if you are willing to loan them:

Fee amount included \$ _____



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PO Box 6258
Boise ID 83707

The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

December Newsletter Highlights:

- ☀ December Program: Holiday Party
- ☀ Robyn Spady Workshop - Coming in March "Extreme Warp Makeover"
- ☀ Year Long Program: UFO's
- ☀ Bring your Notes or Greeting Cards for the Exchange

