



Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2011

❧ ❧ December Program -- Pot Luck and Mug Rug Exchange ❧ ❧

Calendar of Events:

December 3, 2011 - COE Study Group
Before the Regular Meeting at Penny's home
10:00 am

December 3, 2011 - Guild Meeting - Potluck and
Mug Rug Exchange
At the home of Penny Schraufnagel
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12 noon - Potluck

December 6 & 20, 2011 - Bobbin Lace Study Group
Rebecca's Studio House
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

December 8, 2011 - Spinning Study Group, Annual
Holiday Dessert Pot Luck

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

December 19, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group
The Home of Rena Lute
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

December 29, 2011 - Sock Study Group
The Home of Melanie Smith
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

January 7, 2011 - Next Regular Guild Meeting
January 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - Weaving Intensive
March 23, 24 & 25, 2012 - Spinning Workshop

❧ ❧ Christmas Exchange ❧ ❧



This year's exchange will be coasters or "mug rugs." Each person participating in the exchange will go home with a 'set' of coasters—one from every other participant!

There are **13 participants** for the exchange.

Directions to Penny's house:

From either Boise or points west on Highway 84, take the Eagle Road exit from the freeway. Turn south on Eagle, go past Overland about 2/3 of a mile up a slight rise. A fire station will be on your right and the turn left on Easy Jet will be coming up. Turn left and follow Easy Jet to the end where it turns left on Tristram. Four houses later turn right on Hollandale. Proceed to the stop sign on Goshen. We are across the street, slightly to the right at 2688.

If coming from Boise on Overland, turn left on Cloverdale; go about 1/2 mile and turn right on Muir Ridge; continuing until it turns left and becomes Goshen Way.



Spring Workshop - Spinning

“Comprehensive Spinning”—A three day workshop with Celia Quinn will be held March 23, 24, 25, 2012. This will be a fabulous workshop given by one of the premiere spinning teachers in the country. You don't want to miss this one! Cost of the workshop is \$130 plus \$45 for materials. Contact the Vice Presidents for further information.



Color Harmony 2012 Intensive

The 2011 Intensive is going to be here before we know it. Have you been working on your Color Harmonies and the drafts to show them off to best advantage? If you have, I need to hear from you soon. Only a few people have confirmed they will be joining the fun of the next Intensive.

The dates are January 14, 15 & 16, 2011 and it will be held at Rebecca's Studio House in Meridian. The cost is just \$30 each. That's a great deal for a workshop. Since each of us will be studying up on our chosen Color Harmony, we will learn even more since the best way to learn about a topic is to teach it.

The flyer for the Intensive is on our website at <http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/documents/2012-Intensive-Color.pdf>

I hope you will join us for a great weekend of weaving and learning more about color.

◆ Vila Cox



Ramblings of the President

Today I am looking to find inspiration. The Fall colors are awesome and do inspire me. Where do you get inspired?

A few years back I worked through The Artists Way by Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan, a workbook on reclaiming your creativity. It was a wonderful

tool to help me get focused, find ways to get inspired or motivated to create, and take the time I needed to do what I am driven to do. It was a journey to find out what I really wanted and opened the doors to get me there. One of the suggestions from this book is to make artists dates. To go places to see new things to get those “creative juices” flowing, such as museums or galleries. Or a nice day in the park under the canopy of trees with a drawing or note pad.

These days I still examine where my time goes, and is this really what I want to accomplish? I want to make more art. How about you? My creativity is a gift. Using my creativity is my gift back.

◆ Happy weaving and spinning!!! Mitzi

Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will meet at Maralyn's clubhouse on **December 8** for their Annual Holiday Dessert Pot Luck. Bring a dessert to share, a fibery gift for the Spinning Gift Exchange if you want to participate, and something to spin. Color of the month is Evergreen. Non-spinning visitors welcome. There will be dinner-like sustenance before the dessert smorgasbord if you need protein before the sugar overload.



♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will meet before the regular meeting at Penny Schraufnagel's house on **December 3** at 10:00. Note that this is ½ hour later than usual, since we are already where we will need to be!! All are welcome to join us, call Mary 939-8906 for more info.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **December 19** at the home of Rena Lute, 2273 W. Burns St., Eagle, at 1:30 p.m. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information. Yes, we are meeting.



♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We have decided to meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. In **December** it will be on the **6th** and the **20th**, at Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E. Third Street, Meridian, at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



♥ Sock Study Group



Like to Knit socks or would you like to learn how? Join us on **December 29th**, weather permitting, at Melanie Smith's home at 523 S. Pond St., Boise, as we work on socks from easy to experienced. If you have any question please call or email Melanie Smith yarsnthreads@aol.com or 608-0101.



Must Have Books

The other day I was on Amazon searching for books and the question came to me... "What are some must have books for spinners and weavers?" So I thought I would go to those in the know, our members. I asked what are some of your "Must have books?" The following list is what everyone came up with. Thanks so much to all who took the time to email me and let me know what to add to the list. They are not in order of importance, but just the order then came to me.

Spinning

- Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook, by Robson & Ekarius
- Respect the Spindle, by Abby Franquemont
- Handspinning, Dyeing and Working With Merino and Superfine Wools, by Margaret Stove
- The Encyclopedia of Handspinning, by Mable Ross
- Essentials of Yarn Design for Handspinners, by Mable Ross
- The Intentional Spinner, by Judith MacKenzie McCuin
- The Alden Amos Big Book of Handspinning, by Alden Amos

Weaving

- A Handbook of Weaves, by G.H. Oelsner
- Learning to Weave, by Deborah Chandler
- A Weaver's Book of 8-Shaft Patterns from the Friends of Handwoven, Ed. by Carol Strickler

- A Handweaver's Pattern Book, by Marguerite Porter Davison
- The Complete Book of Drafting for Handweavers, by Madelyn van der Hoogt
- Designing and Drafting for Handweavers, by Berta Frey
- The Handloom Weaves, by Harriet Tidball
- The Weaving Book, by Helene Bress
- Techniques for Handweavers, by Doramay Keasbey

So now if you are like me, its time to do a little bit of shopping on Amazon and eBay.

◆ Melanie Smith

Monthly Sample Exchange



The sample this month is from Janet Stanger - an adventurous project for a new weaver, Shadow Weave. Nobody tell her it is supposed to be hard!! Here is a photo of it on the loom. The yarn is 5/2 perle cotton.

◆ Rebecca Winter

Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2011

Mitzi called meeting to order at 10:15. Present were Mitzi Meyers, Mary Berent, Rebecca Winter, and Melanie Smith.

Discussion of library and post office box keys. There was a problem with treasurer not getting the bill for the p.o. box rent, and they had locked us out of the box. We are glad we had not lost the box and had to get a new p.o. box number. The president should have copies of all the keys. There are 2 sets of library keys, and 1 p.o. box key. Will work on getting another p.o. box key.

No real issues or reports from VP's. Treasurer report: members dues taken in \$275.00, expenses \$51.00, checking account balance - \$4482.53.

Membership-no report-Irene not present.

Discussion of reviewing job descriptions in the near future, to be sure they are all clear.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Mitzi Meyers, substituting for Janet, as she was under the weather today.

Guild Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by President, Mitzi Myers.

Members Present: Irene Chandler, Chris Farrin, Mitzi Myers, Mary Berent, Pat Ann, Julie Gerrard, Kathy McGowan, Nancy Swenson, Melanie Smith, Rebecca Winter, Caroline Dade, Al, Hayden, Cindy Schafer, Marilyn Tuone, Cynthia Newman, and Judy Tallent.

December meeting will be at Penny Schraufnagel's house, 11:30 am, and will be a potluck lunch.

January meeting: bring a box and a piece of fabric for the program.

March, 2012 Workshop - March 23, 24, and 25. Three day spinning workshop. Fee is \$130 plus \$45 material fee.

Guild directories were being handed out at the meeting by Melanie Smith. If you have not received yours, they will be available at the December meeting from Irene Chandler, Membership Officer.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance	\$ 4258.53
Expenses	51.00
Income (dues)	<u>275.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 4482.53

Membership: The Guild has 52 paid members.

ANWG conference will be in the summer of 2013 in Bellingham, WA. The theme will be: Crossing Borders/Crossing Threads.

The next Challenge topic will be announced at the December meeting. The committee will be co-chaired by Melanie Smith, Julie Gerrard and Vila Cox.



The next Intensive will be in January, 2012 and will be at Rebecca's Studio House. The topic is Color Harmony. Give Vila a copy of your draft for the notebook. Cost is \$30. Use at least 3 colors. You can use black and white in addition to your colors. Each person can decide on the structure and yarn they want to use.

Study Groups:

Weaving Study Group- 3rd Monday, 1:30 pm
Spinning Study Group- 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Bobbin Lace- 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Sock Study Group- 11/17/11, 6:30 pm
COE Group- 12/3/11, 10:00 am

Announcements:

- 1) Does anyone have another set of library keys?
- 2) Can anyone repair a braided rug that was made from wool fabric strips?

Meeting adjourned.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Judy Tallent, substituting for Janet



Officers and Chairs

President: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775
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Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746
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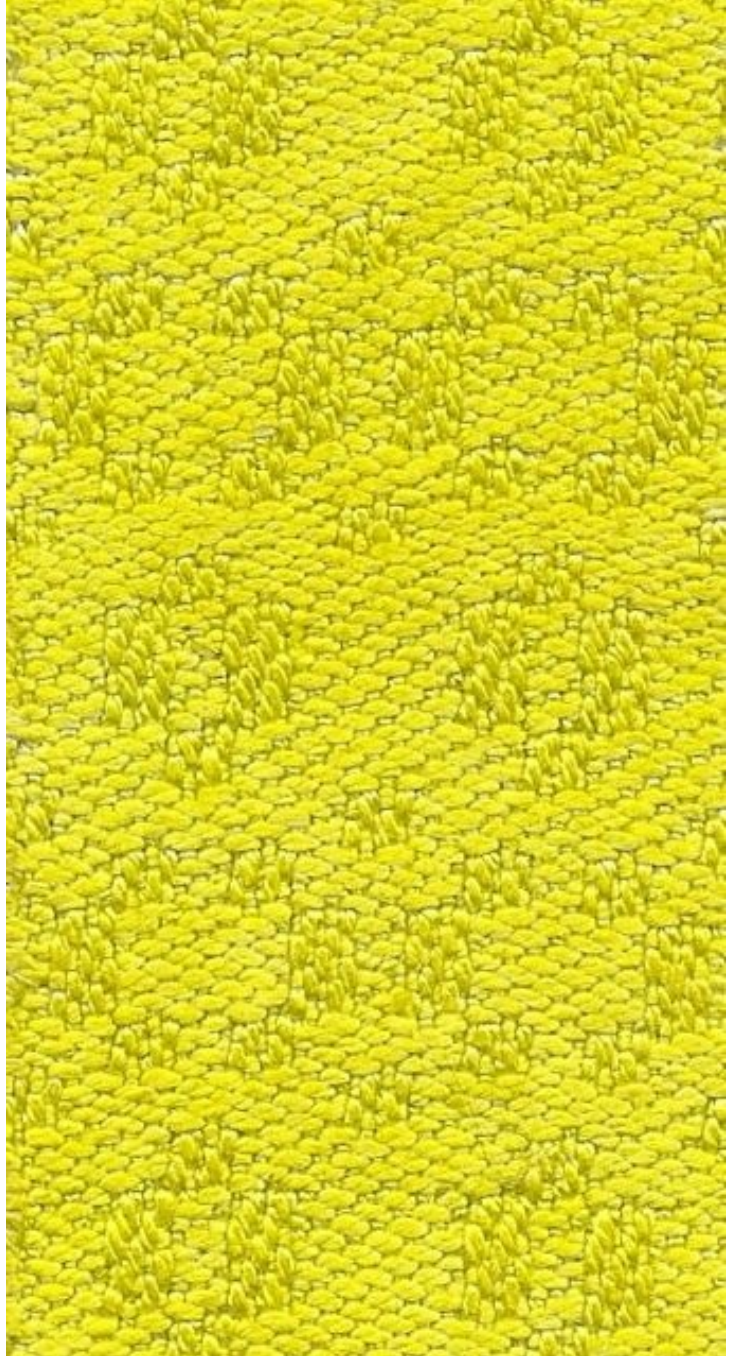
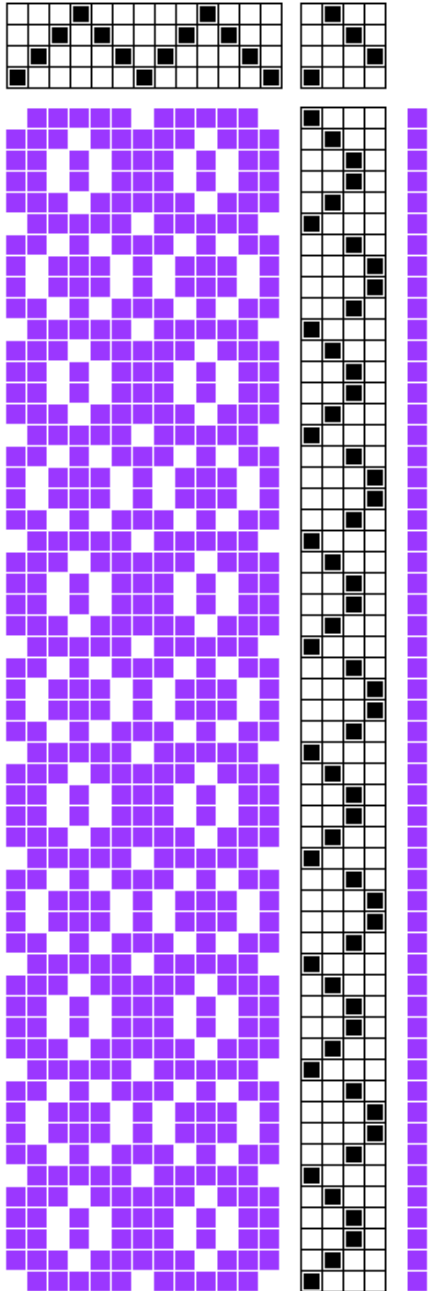
Website

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

Note: This Newsletter is located online at this address.

Draft Inspiration:

We are starting a series of drafts from Al Hayden. He wove bookmarks on a four harness point threading, using different tie-ups and treadlings. Then he dyed the bookmarks. The yarn is silk. Here's the first, in your Editor's favorite color.



The monthly newsletter from the



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