

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2012

December Program: Annual December Potluck

Come join us for fun and fabulous food on Saturday, December 1, at Penny Schraufnagel's house. We will have a short business meeting and the main event will be the Mystery Bag Exchange. Everyone is having so much fun with that little bag of fiber!! Bring your creation wrapped and we will draw numbers for the exchange. This is a wonderfully creative group, so the items should be very interesting. Bring a pot luck dish. Penny will supply plates, silverware and drinks.



Calendar of Events

December 1, 2009 - Guild Meeting - Potluck and
Mystery Bag Exchange

at the home of Penny Schraufnagel

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12 noon - Potluck

Nov. 29, 2012, & Jan. 31, 2013 - Knitting Study Group

6:30 to 8:30 pm

The Home of Melanie Smith

December 1, 2012 - COE Study Group

Before the Regular Meeting at Penny's home

10:00 am

December 11, 2012 - Bobbin Lace Study Group

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Rebecca's Studio House

December 13, 2012 - Spinning Study Group, Dessert Potluck

6:30 to 8:30pm

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse

December 17, 2012 - Day Weaving Study Group

1:30 to 3:30 pm

The Home of Anne Oglevie, in Boise

January 5, 2013 - Beginning Weaving Study Group

Boise Historical Museum at the Adelman House

Immediately after the Regular Meeting

January 12, 2012 - From Fleece to Garment Study Group

Starting at 1 pm

The Home of Melanie Smith

Weaving Intensive - January 19, 20, & 21, 2013

Spinning Workshop - February 23, 24, & 25, 2013

Weaving Workshop - April 27, 28 & 29, 2013

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.

New Year's Day Spin-In at Mitzi's

Start the year off right with your fiber friends.

Potluck lunch

Come for the day or just drop in.

10 am till 3 pm

You don't have to spin to join in on the fun!

January Executive Board Meeting

There will be an executive board meeting before the January meeting, at 10 am. It will be held at the Moxie Java near the corner of Kootenai and Vista. All are welcome.



Weaving Intensive: Registration and Location

Registration for the January Summer and Winter Weaving Intensive is now open. Check your October newsletter for the registration form. The Intensive will be held on January 19-21 from 9-4 at Baseline, 10259 West Emerald Street, #160, Boise, ID 83704.

Baseline is Ivy DeHart's husband's company and we will be using a large room in their building. Kitchen facilities are available including a coffeemaker, refrigerator and microwave.

Notes From Your President

Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but sticks and string excite me!

STRING. What an intriguing thing. You can make a leash for your dog; tie your animal to the barn or hitching post; tie your hair back in a pony tail; knit a hat or sweater or socks; crotchet a table cloth or fancy lace collar; make bobbin lace; weave a scarf or blanket or belt or coat fabric; tie a knot around your finger to remember some task; put it in rubber to create a wonderful strong tire fabric; make a straight line to lay brick by or see if your floor is level; make a chalk line for cutting wood; sew, embroidery, crewel, needle point; tie your Clematis plant to a trellis or wall; make a braid or cord for a purse handle; catch a fish; make a snare to feed your family; hang a horse thief; make music (violin, piano, guitar). The possibilities are endless and interesting to me. Hope you are having fun with your favorite string.

♥ Yours in service, Your President, Mitzi Meyers

Beginning Weaving Study Group Forming

The Beginning Weaving Study Group met after the regular November meeting of the Guild and a great program presented by Al Hayden. Al's topic was drafting for weaving and it was the perfect segue into the topic of "Sett." Judy Tallent did wonderful job in leading the discussion on Sett with Rebecca Winter, one of our Master Weavers, there to clarify our questions. Next month is the Christmas Potluck and the Study Group will not meet. The next meeting will be January 5th after the regular Guild meeting and program.

The Challenge 2013 Committee has met and Chairman Janet Stanger will announce the theme of the Challenge at the Guild Christmas Party.

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.



Study Group News

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

Our next meeting will be held on **December 1** at the home of Penny Schraufnagel prior to the Christmas Party, at 10 am. As usual, everyone is invited. For information call Mary Berent, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We meet on **December 11**, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736



♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will have its **Annual Holiday Dessert Pot Luck** on **December 13** at Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your favorite holiday dessert to share, a small gift (optional, fiber related, less than \$10), and your spinning or other handwork. Come join us for frivolity, too much chocolate and some holiday cheer. Color this month is mauve. Please contact Lynn Ruggles with any questions, 375-9172.



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **December 17**, at the Home of Anne Oglevie in Boise, at 1:30 p.m. The address is 2427 Birchgrove Ln, 83703. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ The Beginning Weavers Study Group. See article at left about meeting on **January 5**. If you have any questions please email Anne Oglevie at anneroglevie@gmail.com or call 208-994-2725.

♥ From Fleece To Garment

We will meet on **January 12, 2013**, at Melanie Smith's home starting at 1 PM.

♥ Knitting Study Group



Because of the holidays we will not be meeting in December. We will meet at Melanie Smith's home on **November 29** and again on **January 31**. Our meeting time is 6:30 to 8:30. You are welcome to bring any knitting or crochet, or UFO to work on and have a fun visit with others. For more information please email Melanie Smith at yarnsntreads@aol.com.

Board Meeting Minutes

Moxie Java, November 3, 2012

Present: Mitzi Meyers, Rebecca Winter, Irene Chandler, Melanie Smith, Al Hayden, Janet Stanger, Mary Berent.

Treasurer Melanie Smith reports that we have \$4,776.95 in checking. She also reported that Al Hayden was refunded his entry fee to the Challenge as he did not enter anything.

Rebecca presented the Policy revisions that her Committee has been working on. After some discussion Mary Berent moved that the revisions be accepted as corrected. Irene Chandler 2nd the motion. The Motion passed.

Mitzi then reminded us that the New Policies state A Challenge Chairmen is set in November and in December the Criteria for the challenge is announced and flyers printed.

Library can not put in a new cabinet until the Library is cleaned out and rearranged. After, it will be determined if the cabinet is still needed and what size to get. Janet will still watch out for reduced cabinets in the mean time.

Membership Chairman Irene Chandler reported that we currently have 56 members and she has the membership booklets to issue at the meeting today.

Mitzi went over calendar when things were due. She also announced that she will not be at the Christmas party.

Meeting adjourned to attend regular meeting.

♦ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

These minutes were corrected and approved by the board via email as of November 15, 2012.



Guild Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 3, 2012, Adelman House

Present: Janet Stanger, Mitzi Meyers, Julie Gerrard, Caroline Dade, Emma Smith, Melanie Smith, Irene M. Chandler, Mary Berent, Kathy McGowen, Carol Freeman, Andrea Cooper, Judy Tallent, Paulene Robbins, Rebecca Winter, Penny Schraufnagel, Anne Oglevie, Katzy Luhring, Mary Siedenstrang, Christine Bagwell, Al Hayden, Pat Ann, Cynthia Newman, Elizabeth Perez, Joan Sheehan, Lynn Ruggles, Marita Turner.

VP report: Mary reports that Al Hayden is doing the program today, on drafting. December will be the Christmas Party. Refer to the newsletter for a list of all upcoming programs and workshops. She is also available to take money for the workshops today.

Melanie Smith reports that there is \$4,776.95 in our checking account and we still have the money in savings and a CD.

Irene Chandler announced that we have 56 members and the membership directories are here and issued to the members present.

Library: Judy Tallent announced that Rebecca Winter, Andrea Cooper, Melanie Smith and herself will be cleaning out the Library and rearranging things on Dec. 8th 2012 at 11am. Al will let the Library know this is going to happen.

News Letter: Rebecca let everyone know that she has added a yahoo reminder to be sent to everyone, on monthly bases, for articles for the news letter.

Monthly samples: Al reports that this month's sample is a spun yarn provided by Lynn Ruggles.



ANWG: Rebecca reports our dues have been paid for this year. The Conference is in June 2013. No one from our group has stepped up to do a booth at this event. We should think about 2015.

Challenge: Mitzi asked for Challenge Chairman volunteer. Committee formed was Janet Stanger, Julie Gerrard, Vila Cox, Paulene Robbins, Anne Ogilvie and Melanie Smith. Chairman will be picked from this group.

Rebecca brought and shared a notebook that she has put together on every Challenge ever done by the guild. This will be our 20th Challenge.

Show and Tell: Mitzi shared her Cowl that she made. Melanie Smith went to SOAR and bought some souvenirs -- an Alpaca bag, a 100% wool and all natural dyed bag, and a boat shuttle with thumb grips. She also showed some weavings of draft samples. Lynn Ruggles also went to SOAR and took a weaving class on back strap weaving. She showed a strap sample she had bought. She also presented a bag, a small weaving, a piece of cloth called discontinuous warp she is going to use as a spinning cloth and a sweater she completed. Lynn also announced that there is going to be a big textile conference in that area next year. Irene Chandler shared some hot pads a couple of quilts she made. She was able to acquire a Grace quilting machine. These were her items from learning how to use the machine. Mary Berent shared a sweater that she started in May. Kathy McGowen told us that she is converting the barn into her studio and shared with us a Jacket she made with the bumpy material she had woven. It was shared with us that Caledonia's fabric is going out of business. Carol Freeman wove some silk slubs that she is possibly going to make a Jacket out of. Andrea Cooper received some mohair from a friend and is excited to see what come from it. Rebecca Winter brought her Challenge entries, a shawl, some bags and some bag blanks. Ann Oglevie brought some yardage she had made for Convergence. Also samples she had made at her weaving 2 class. Katzy Luhring showed samples she knitted from cotton. Mary Siedenstrang presented samples she had dyed. Pat Ann shared some over dyed rug yarn and some white roving she had dyed using the same color to show the difference in contrast.



Intensive. Registration forms in News Letter. Lynn reminded everyone she needs the draft and record sheet information by January.

Weaving study group's: please refer to the schedule listed in the news letter and on the Web site. Spinning will be at Penny Schaurfnagels instead of Marilyn's this month. And the COE will meet in Dec at 10 am at Penny's house before the party.

UFO's Rebecca finished 2 warps. Irene Chandler finished a crewel pillow. Carol Freeman finished a pencil thin skirt and a Jacket.

No gold bag available.

Meeting adjourned for drafting program.

♦ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

These minutes were corrected and approved by the board via email as of November15, 2012.



Officers and Chairs

President: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775

Vice-presidents: Mary Berent 939-8906

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Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746

Treasurer: Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101

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Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

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Weaving Intensive Study Group: Lynn Ruggles
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COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter
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Beginning Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie
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Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

From Sheep to Garment Group: Melanie Smith
385-0085 or cell 608-0101

Knitting Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085 or
cell 608-0101

Website

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

Note: This Newsletter is located online at this address.

Study Group: From Fleece to Garment

We met a couple of weeks ago to talk about different ways to wash fleece. If you missed our meeting below are directions on what we did. We will meet on January 12th at Melanie Smith's home starting at 1 PM. We will be talk about the best way to card, comb or flick your fleece for your project, to get it ready to spin. You are welcome to bring your washed fleece and try out different carders, combs, and other equipment.

Washing Fleece

Supplies: Mesh bags, Detergent of choice (suggestions- Orvus paste, Wool scour, Kookaburra, non-bleach clothing detergent), White vinegar, Large sink or washer

Things to think about before you start:

- * Type of fleece- Is it really greasy?
- * Project- What are you going to use this fleece for? How are you going to process the fleece? (Card, comb or flick)
- * Time of year- Can you put your washed fleece outside to dry or do you need space inside?

Washing Steps

- * Look over the fleece for large bits of VM (vegetable matter) or other non-wanted things. Place about 8 ounces of raw fleece into a mesh bag. If you want to wash a total fleece, again look over the whole fleece and removed any unwanted materials..
- * Fill a large sink with tap water as hot as you can.
- * Place one table spoon of Orvus paste or soap. Make sure it's completely dissolved.
- * Place mesh bag into water and let soak for 3 to 5 minutes. Make sure not to move the fleece too much in the water.
- * Pull the mesh bag from the water and let drain. Gently squeeze the remaining water from the bag. As you are doing this prepare a rinse water bath with the same temp water and some white vinegar, about 1/4 cup.
- * Place fleece into the water and let sit for about 5 to 10 minutes or so. Drain water from sink.
- * You may want to rinse again; this time omit the vinegar.
- * After the final rinse, squeeze as much water as possible out of the bag.
- * Hang up to dry.
- * You can also place the bag (s) into your top loading washer and turn the machine onto the final spin and it will remove even more water without felting the fleece.
- * ***** Please note that handling raw fleece and then touching your eyes or face can cause infections. So please keep that in mind every time you work with raw fleece

Washing Machine

You can wash the entire fleece in your washing machine with the same method. Place the washer on its largest load and as hot water as you can. Fill the tank with the hot water and add the soap as above. Keep in mind we added 1 tablespoon to 8 ounces for increase so accordingly to the weight of fleece. Make sure the soap it totally dissolved. Gently place the fleece into the water and let soak for 5 to 10 minutes. Turn the dial to the final spin and let the water spin out. Remove the fleece from the tub. Fill the tub again with hot water and add about 1 cup of white vinegar, add the fleece to rinse. Let sit for about 10 minutes and turn the dial to the final spin. If you like the result place the fleece out to dry. Or rinse again omitting the vinegar.

Some fine fleeces have up to 50% of its weight in grease and the first washing may not remove as much as you would like. If this is the case I suggest you place the clean dry fleece into a large plastic bag and set aside for a month or so. At that point take a look and see if it's OK to work with or you might want to wash it again. It's up to you. If you have any questions you are welcome to email or call Melanie Smith.



Mary Berent Supplementary Warp Workshop

a Weaving workshop sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
Saturday, April 27; Sunday, April 28; and Monday, April 29, 2013

Mark your calendars for three days of fast paced weaving, fun and learning! This workshop will get you thinking about what you can do with your loom in a whole new way.

Supplementary warp, or supplemental warp is a technique that opens a world of fabulous design possibilities. It allows the weaver to plan complex patterns that can be woven with 8 or fewer shafts and with only one shuttle. It allows for various tensions within the same warp, allowing some very interesting effects. Once weavers allow themselves to think differently about warp tension, the design possibilities are limitless. Many designs that LOOK complex are explained and turned weaves are explored. This is a round-robin workshop using 4 and 8 shaft looms.

The workshop will be held at the Caldwell Public Library Community Room. You will need to bring a loom warped according to instructions, weft yarn for that loom, shuttle(s) for that loom, basic weaving equipment (threading hook, scissors, tapestry needle, paper and pencil for note taking, masking tape, etc.) and your lunch each day. The cost of the workshop is \$95 for members of the Handweavers Guild of BoiseValley, with an additional materials fee of \$20 for a total of \$115 for the three day workshop. The total fee for non-Guild members is \$140 and includes membership in the Guild. This will be three fantastic days of weaving fun!

Name _____ email address _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

To register send a check for the full amount to: Rena Lute, 2273 W Burns Street, Eagle, Idaho 83616, cell 891-2111.



Lynn Ruggles Wheel of Color

a Spinning workshop sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
Saturday, February 23; Sunday, February 24; and Monday, February 25, 2013

This will be a wonderful workshop exploring spinning in color, from color theory to color reality!

Beginning with three colors of fiber, you will blend and spin colors to create your own fiber color wheel. Along the way, you will learn how to use a color wheel to choose colors and look at what happens when the “color wheel rules” are broken. You will learn how colors interact and how to combine them for the most subdued or eye-catching vibrant effects. You will learn different spinning techniques and different types of yarn which will enhance the colors in the fiber and look at various ways to ply depending on what color effect you wish to achieve. Multi-dyed rovings will also be examined for their characteristics. Are the colors sharp and well defined? Do the colors bleed into each other? You will learn how to make the most out of each different color-way and you will spin, blend and ply them using a variety of techniques that will enhance the color rather than dull it.

The workshop will be held at the Caldwell Public Library Community Room. You will need to bring a working spinning wheel with a medium size whorl, at least 2 extra bobbins, lazy kate, handcards (regular, not cotton), plus basic spinning supplies (small niddy-noddy, extra drive band, oil bottle, etc.) and your lunch each day. The cost of the workshop is \$95 for members of the Handweavers Guild of BoiseValley, with an additional materials fee of \$35 for a total of \$130 for the three day workshop. The total fee for non-Guild members is \$155 and includes membership in the Guild. This will be three fantastic days of fiber fun!

Name _____ email address _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

To register send a check for the full amount to: Mary Berent, 769 N Grey Pebble Way, Eagle, Idaho 83616.
Phone 939-8906.



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The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

Newsletter Highlights and Please Remembers:

December Program: Luncheon and Mystery Bag Exchange

Have you Checked out the Workshop Opportunities?

