



Connecting Threads



Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2013

December Program: Annual Holiday Potluck

We will have a Potluck Luncheon and Fiber Card Exchange for the December Meeting. Come with a potluck dish to share and enjoy the comradeship of other fiber enthusiasts. Penny Schraufnagel has again generously volunteered to hostess the meeting at her home. The meeting starts at 11:30 with business first then lunch.

Fiber Card Exchange

Eleven members signed up to participate in the any-occasion Fiber Cards Exchange. For those of you who signed up, remember it can be any type of Fiber Card – Thinking of You, Birthday, Christmas, etc. It should have something created with fiber in the decoration, and paper can be a fiber as well. For those who did not sign up, come see the show and tell of these fiber creations.

Calendar of Events

- December 5, 2013 - Spinning Study Group
Note Change of Date - Before the Regular Meeting
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Maralyn's Clubhouse
- December 7, 2013 - COE Study Group
 9:30 to 11:00 am
 Penny Schraufnagel's house Prior to the Meeting
- December 7, 2013 - Regular Guild Meeting
 Home of Penny Schraufnagel
 11:30 am - Business Meeting
 12:30 am - **Holiday Luncheon and Card Exchange**
- December 10, 2013 - Bobbin Lace Study Group
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Rebecca's Studio House
- December 17, 2013 - Day Weaving Study Group
 1.30 pm
 Lynn Ruggles' home
- The Tapestry Study Group will not meet in December.
- January 18, 19 & 20, 2014 - Weaving Intensive
 The Study of Bast Fibers - Rebecca's Studio House
- March 15, 16, & 17 2014 - Weaving Workshop
 The Interlacement Motif in Weaving,
 by Susan Wilson

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. Call Penny at 208-342-1288.

From Lynn About the Intensive

Wanted: \$1000 Reward*

We are looking for a few curious souls who want to expand their horizons, explore new territories, challenge their curiosity, and have more fun than a barrel of monkeys! Could this be you? **The Bast Fiber Intensive** is almost here and you don't want to miss out on the party! Color! Fiber! Expertise from Masters of the Weaving Universe! Sign up now! Don't Delay! This offer will expire soon and you don't want to miss out!

This ad sponsored by the Buy More Bast Fiber Collective.*

* tongue firmly in cheek.

Fliers for the Basking in Bast Fiber Weaving Intensive can be found in the October and November Newsletters at <http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/newsletters.htm>



Interlacement Motif Workshop with Susan Wilson

If you are still debating on whether to sign up or not for this 3-day workshop March 15, 16 and 17th don't wait too long as we are filling up. It is a Saturday, Sunday and Monday in March.

Susan Wilson received the HGA Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving, Master Level, in 1990 with a specialty in crackle weave. Her book *Weave Classic Crackle & More* was published in 2011. She has lectured and taught workshops throughout the U.S. and at Convergence. A weaver for 40 years, she enjoys pattern weaving and creating household textiles and clothing accessories.

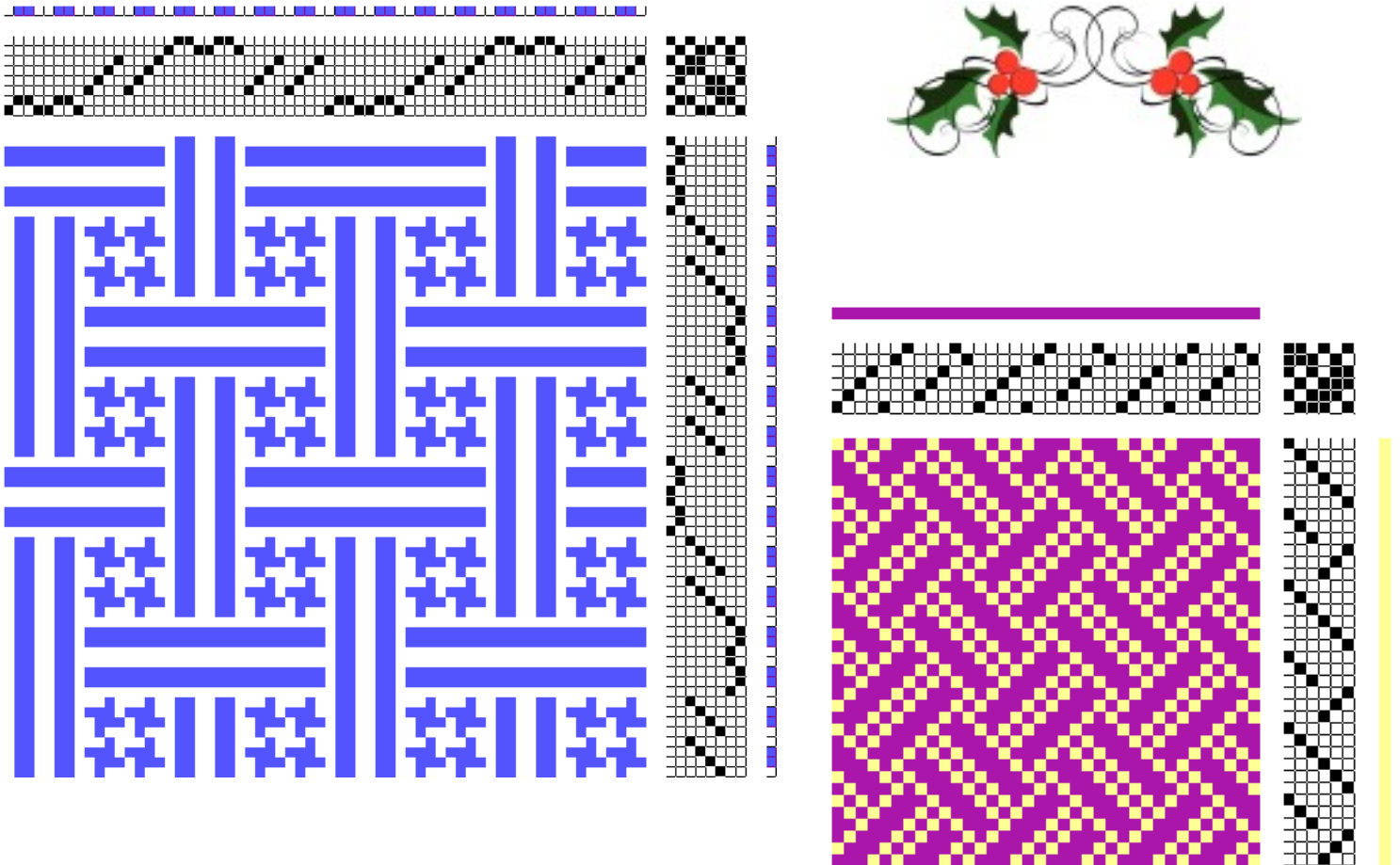
This workshop will cover Interlacement as the design motif itself and cover a variety of weave structures. Beginner as well as advanced weavers will find this an interesting class. The workshop is round robin style with advance threading information given out to prepare looms before the workshop so sign up early.

It will be held at Baseline in the large conference room at Scott DeHart's business, 10259 W. Emerald St. Boise. Directions: East of Five mile on the South side of Emerald.

The cost is \$125.00. Participants will also pay a \$3.00 materials fee to the instructor at the workshop. This covers a 36 page handout in a pocket folder.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants. At the November meeting we had 14 signed up to attend. Money to hold your spot will be taken at the January meeting or before. Contact Ivy DeHart directly by phone or e-mail to register if you did not sign up on the list at the October or November meeting. E-mail Ivy DeHart at weaver_id2000@yahoo.com; or call Home Phone: 939-2335 or Cell: 869-9450.

◆ Ivy DeHart & Pat Ann



Sample Drafts with the Interlacement Motif compliments of Mary Berent and Rebecca Winter.

Notes From Your President

It was kind of strange to announce at the November meeting that it would be the last meeting in the Adelman House for now as the Idaho Historical Museum will begin a major remodel next year. The guild meetings will be at the following locations for the remainder of the guild year:

- * December - Holiday Gathering at Penny's home
- * January - Bingham Room at the Boise Library on Capitol Boulevard (across from the Boise Art Museum)
- * February - Bingham Room at the Boise Library
- * March - Bingham Room at the Boise Library
- * April - Rebecca Winter's Studio House in Meridian
- * May - Julie Gerrard's home in Boise
- * June - Annual Picnic - Anne Oglevie's home in Weiser

The Bingham Room at the Boise Library has been reserved for the entire day beginning at 10:00 a.m. The board meetings and COE Study Group meetings may be held there as well as the programs and Tapestry Study Group meetings. It is on the third floor of the library and there is an elevator available. Parking at the library is limited so you may want to park across the street in the museum parking lot.

The guild library will be moved to Rebecca Winter's studio house.

Our December meeting will be the holiday potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us at Penny Schraufnagel's home on Saturday, December 7. I am working on my cards for the card exchange and looking forward to seeing what other ideas guild members come up with. I hope you will be able to join us. It is always fun.

◆ Julie Gerrard, President

UFO Program

The UFO (Un-Finished Object) program is in full force again this year!! Same "rules" as last year. Bring the unfinished object to a regular meeting and give a short explanation. Then fill out a short form registering your intentions. Then bring the finished thing-of-beauty to a regular meeting and collect your prize for finishing it. (Chocolate always Available.) An easy and fun way to clean out those old projects.

◆ Ivy DeHart & Pat Ann



Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

*** Note the change in date****

December 5th, a week early this year!

Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Spin-in and Fiber exchange. We are going to do something a bit of different this year; We will be having a baked potato bar/ potluck (we are in Idaho after all). A sign up sheet was passed around at the November meeting, and below is the list of items and who signed up for what. If you aren't on the list but would like to come and join in on the fun please email Melanie ASAP (yarnsntreads@aol.com). Never fear we will also have our usual Chocolate feast, so bring something chocolaty to share too! Last, but not least, we will also be having our usual fiber exchange so please bring a wrapped fiber gift with a value of \$15. The fun will be on December 5th and starting at 6:30 at the club house near Maralyn Larson's home in Meridian. Yes please also bring the usual chocolate to enjoy after the potluck.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring something please email Melanie at yarnsntreads@aol.com

Baked Potato bar sign up:

- Potatoes - Melanie S.
- Cheese - Julie G.
- Chili - Lynn R.
- Sour Cream - Mary B.
- Salsa - Penny S.
- Chives/ green onions -
- Bacon Bits - Mitzi M.
- Steamed Broccoli - Pauline R.



♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

Our next meeting will be held on **December 7**, 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.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weavers Study Group will meet at the home of Lynn Ruggles on Tuesday **December 17th** at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie for more information 994-2725.

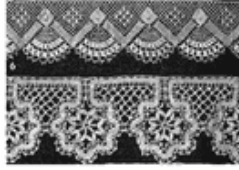


♥ Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group **will not meet in December.**

♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

The Lace Group meets the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Rebecca's Studio House in Meridian. If you are interested in another way to work with thread, this might be just the thing for you. There is a set of lessons to get you started on your way to making lace. Contact Vila for more information on the supplies needed to begin, 323-7736.



Officers and Chairs

President: Julie Gerrard 342-8562

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Ivy DeHart 939-2335

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Librarian: Judy Tallent 208-615-1857

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Sample Exchange: Al Hayden 343-7300

Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 375-9172

Weaving Intensive Study Group:

Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie
208-994-2725

Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

Website

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

2012-2013 Programs, Workshops & Events

- December 7: Annual Christmas Pot Luck and Card Exchange at Penny Schraufnagel's house
- January 4: Al Hayden & Members - Warping - Front to Back and Back to Front Demo's, plus Tips and Tricks by Members
Door prizes for those attending
- January 18, 19, 20, 2014: Weaving Intensive - Study of Bast Fibers
- February 1: Carol Freeman - Free Style Jackets: Sewing with Hand-woven Fabric
- March 1: Vila Cox - Texture and How To Get It
- April 5: Katzy Lühring - Which Colors and Why
- Sat-Mon, March 15, 16, 17: Workshop: Susan Wilson, *Interlacement Motif in Weaving*
- May 3: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale or Weavers Yard Sale
- June 7: Annual Picnic and Towel Exchange at Anne Oglevie's

Guild Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, November 2, 2013, Cafe Capri

Present: Rebecca Winter, Julie Gerrard, Melanie Smith, Janet Stanger, Ivy DeHart, Pat Ann, Irene Chandler, Judy Tallent, Al Hayden and Anne Oglevie.

The Meeting was called to order by President Julie Gerrard. She informed us that as of January the Adlemann House would not be available to us. There was some discussion on moving the Library ourselves or hiring a mover. It was motioned by Pat Ann to hire a mover and we will do our own packing. The motion was seconded by Al Hayden and the motion carried. Rebecca Winter and Judy Tallent are to coordinate the day and time of the move. Julie will contact movers. Julie and Ivy volunteered to help pack.

It was suggested that Rebecca add the Library insurance onto her homeowners insurance. She will contact her insurance and find out the cost and what it takes to add the Library.

In the mean time, we will meet January, February and March in the Bingham Room on the 3rd floor of the Boise Public Library, located across the street from the Idaho Historical Museum. April will be at Rebecca's

Studio House and the May meeting will be at Julie's house. We are supposed to keep our eyes open for a meeting place. Ivy is looking at a place through a realtor, and Janet knows of a Church that might allow us to meet there. Julie will contact Mary Berent to find out the replacement cost of our Library so it can be insured. There was discussion on how to pack the Library and to check the books off the list as we pack them. Also, it was suggested that we take pictures of our books.

Janet and Melanie will contact Mitzi to have them take over the Facebook Page.

The *Weavers Craft Magazine* had been put on hold until we figured out what was going to happen with the Guild move. Now that has been figured out, the magazine will be ordered..

It was asked if we subscribe to the *Vav Magazine*, which we do not. The Board will research cost and discuss it at a later meeting.

Julie announced that Lynn Ruggles has earned and was awarded her COE Level II Master Spinner. It was motioned by Pat Ann and seconded by Ivy DeHart, that we give Lynn a party recognizing her achievement. Motion passed. The party will be held at Julie's house and Julie will be in touch with Lynn and set time and date.

Vice Presidents Ivy DeHart and Pat Ann are in the process of planning the workshops for 2015 and have asked for suggestions. It was suggested there be a workshop for the Tapestry group with Terri Olson as the Instructor. For Weaving Daryl Lancaster and Judith MacKenzie, or Spinning by Lynn Ruggles. They will ask for suggestions at the regular meeting.

Membership Chairman, Irene Chandler, reports that there is still about 10 to 12 people who still have not paid their dues for this year. It was suggested that she send out reminders asking them to respond "yes" or "no" if they are going to continue with the Guild.

Treasurer, Melanie Smith, reported that we have \$4,698.24 in checking.

Rebecca Winter reports that ANWG has sent her the criteria for applying for the grant money. She also reports that the 2014 COE Judging is receiving registrations from potential candidates.

Challenge Chairman Al Hayden reports that the Museum Comes to Life will be either at the Old Penitentiary or outside at the Historical Museum. Al suggested that we hold the Challenge at the Boise Public Library instead of outside. Al will contact them. He also explained the Challenge criteria.

Meeting adjourned for regular meeting

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

These minutes have been reviewed by the Board via email and have been approved as printed.

Regular Meeting, November 2, 2013, Adlemann House

Present: Janet Stanger, Judy Tallent, Jean Zaske, Melanie Smith, Ivy DeHart, Kathy McGowen, Carol Freeman, Julie Gerrard, Al Hayden, Patricia Ann, Paulene Robbins, Irene Chandler, Greta Ankeny, Anne Oglevie, Mary Berent, Katzy Luhring, Rebecca Winter, Kim Brandel, Penny Schraufnagel, Caroline Dade, Mary Siedenstrang, Kathy Shiflet, Mitzi Meyers, Tera Jones, Cindy Schafer, Tera Jones, Marilyn Larson.

The Meeting was called to order by President Julie Gerrard. After introductions, Julie announced that we have to be out of the Adlemann House by January. The Guild Library will be kept at Rebecca Winter's Studio House on 3rd St. in Meridian. People will have to make arrangements to get books from the Library or call and have the desired book brought to the meeting. Julie asked for Volunteers to help pack the Library. Penny Schraufnagel, Julie Gerrard, Ivy DeHart, Cindy Schafer, Judy Tallent and Janet Stanger volunteered to help pack the Library. The Guild will meet in the Boise Public Library across the street from the Idaho Historical Museum in January, February and March. In April we will meet in Rebecca's Studio House and May we will meet at Julie Gerrard's home. If anyone knows of other meeting places please let Julie know. Julie announced that Lynn Ruggles achieved her Certificate of Excellence, Master in Handspinning with Specialized Study in *Color Blending to Achieve Smooth Shading*. There are only 14 world wide. We will be giving her a party to recognize her achievement. Julie will be getting ahold of Lynn to work out details.

Vice Presidents Pat Ann and Ivy DeHart announced if you signed up for card exchange at the Guild Christmas Party, you will need to make 11 cards.

The Interlacement Motif workshop is a round robin. The dates of the workshop are March 15th, 16th and 17th. You can sign up now, but will not start taking money until January. You will be getting workshop instructions later. They are looking for places to hold workshops, if you have any suggestions let Pat or Ivy

know. They are currently trying to plan the 2015 workshop. Pat Ann told of the names brought up at the board meeting, Teri Olson, Judith MacKenzie and Madelyn van der Hoogt. Additional names suggested were: Sarah Anderson for spinning, Rebecca Medbaum and Elizabeth Buckley for Tapestry. Other names were Robyn Spady. It was suggested by Anne Oglevie that we have 3 workshops, 1 for Tapestry, 1 for spinning and 1 for weaving.

Treasurer Melanie Smith, reported that we had \$4,698.24 dollars in checking.

Membership Chairman, Irene Chandler reports nothing new.

Librarian, Judy Tallent, discussed how to check out books during the time it is at Rebecca studio house. She suggests that you look over the list of available books that are list on the web page and email her to bring it to the next meeting.

Rebecca Winter reports that the COE Judging is receiving registrations. As ANWG Representative she has received the protocol for applying for the ANWG grant. As Newsletter Editor she encourages everyone to get their newsletter articles in and to watch for the email reminder.

Sample Exchange Chairman Al Hayden reported that this month's sample was provided by Anne Oglevie. He also reminded people of their signup months. Lynn Ruggles is doing December, Kathy McGowen is doing January and February still needs a volunteer. Janet Stanger volunteered to do February.

Challenge Chairman Al Hayden discussed the Challenge criteria.

Intensive workshop is on Bast Fibers. It is Jan 18th, 19th and 20th. It will be held at Rebecca's studio house. You need to get your drafts to Lynn Ruggles so she can get the notebooks together. It was also announced that they would not cash any of the checks until January.

Show and Tell: Al Hayden showed some dye samples that he had shown in the past. They showed how different materials took up the dye. Irene Chandler shared an Inkle Loom Weaving that she finished and 2 rugs. Greta Ankeny showed her first finished weaving project a scarf and her second project was woven samplings. Anne Oglevie showed a sample weaving of wool and silk. Mary Berent a towel that she had made from a kit using natural coloring and when you wash it the colors get darker. She also showed napkins that she made to go with some coasters. Kathy Shiflet showed a woven Table Runner in overshot. Marilyn Larson showed a quilt that she is raffling off for the Meridian Food Bank. Mitzi Meyers showed towels, a sample from her retreat and a sleeveless sweater that she knitted. Tera Jones modeled a Twisted Tail pattern Cape that she knitted. Cindy Schafer showed a sweater that she had made and a scarf, Jean Zaskie showed a headband that was made from Qiviut and a seal skin thimble from Alaska, also shared some naturally colored chenille. Melanie Smith shared a book that she picked up from the Donnelly Retreat *Simple Weaves*, a blue and orange scarf, and some yarn that was spun from all the little sample bits of roving. Kathy McGowen tells us that she had been to Churchill, Manitoba and got to see Polar Bears. Pat Ann shared that the last she checked the Pendleton selvages were selling for \$1.75 a pound and offered her and her truck if anybody wanted to go. Caroline Dade still has a two harness loom for sale.

Study Groups: Please refer to the Newsletter and the Web Page for the various Group schedules.

UFO's: There were no finished UFO's presented, but 2 were presented that needed finished. Cindy Schafer presented a woven rag rug and Kimberly Brandel presented a sweater.

Gold Bag not available. The bag is now currently a multicolored bag.

Meeting adjourned for program on Tapestry.

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

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Tail of Two Yarns

This is a tail of two different yarns that joined together to make a beautiful finished piece.
The two (or more) yarns that gathered together were of different pedigrees.

Some were LARGE

some were small.

Some were from one kind of plant

some from another kind.

And then there were those from various critters.

In each finished piece there was a something from two different pedigrees.

Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers

(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

The same tail goes for those crafty spinners.

Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers

(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

Plied, Cabled, Blended or whatever else may apply.

The Fine Print

The two different yarns need to be easily seen

Made by you this year (Nov 2013 – Sept 2014)

Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item

Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

Challenge 2014

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