

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December - 2015



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Calendar of Events

- December 5, 2015 - COE Study Group
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Before the regular meeting
At Penny Schraufnagel's Home
- December 5, 2015 - Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Holiday Party & Mystery Bag**
At Penny Schraufnagel's Home, 2688 Goshen, Meridian
- December 2 & 16, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- December 10, 2015 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- December 13, 2015 - Rug Punch Study Group
2:00 p.m.
Pat Day Hartwell's Home
- December 15, 2015 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Location TBA
- January 16-18, 2016 - Weaving Intensive Study Group
- February 27-28, 2016 - Go Wild with Silk - Spinning Workshop,
by Lynn Ruggles
- March 18-20, 2016 - Crimp and Create Woven Shibori - Weaving Workshop, by Diane Totten

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.

Holiday Party Mystery Bag Exchange

It's once again time for our Holiday Party Potluck, with a mystery bag exchange. Please plan to bring a food item to share. And if you have a mystery bag, bring your finished item wrapped as you chose. We will be meeting at Penny's lovely home.

Remember the Mystery Bag "rules" are as follows:

- You can make any item that your creativity allows - weave, felt, knit, etc.
- Please use at least 3 items from the bag
- You can add any other items of your choosing
- ❖ Melanie Smith, Vice President

Spinning Workshop Go Wild with Silk

The Guild will be hosting a 2-day spinning workshop on February 27 & 28, taught by Lynn Ruggles. The workshop is Go Wild with Silk. Find the class description and signup sheet on page 5. Registration is due by February 6, 2016.

- ❖ Melanie Smith, Vice President

Next Spring's Tea Party

Plans are now under way for our Spring Tea Party with Bigelow teas. At the party we will have a fun challenge contest to see what we can create from the yarn that has been given to us by Bigelow tea. The categories for our mini challenge will be announced so that we have plenty of time to make something(s) for the tea party.

- ❖ Melanie Smith, VP



Northwest Weavers - Blast from the Past

by Mary Berent

Recently, Anne Oglevie received some weaving pamphlets from the 1940's called "Northwest Weavers" with drafts mostly designed by Margret Bergman from Poulsbo, Washington. She will be posting these on the ANWG web site soon for everyone to read, admire and use. When she emailed me the digital files and I looked through them I was shocked to see a pattern I recognized! It is a Summer and Winter pattern I wove in 1981 to use for pin cushions. As it turns out, I have a set of these pamphlets, too, I just didn't recognize the name. I got my set from a friend of my mother's in the late 70's. She lived in Pennsylvania, so I probably never made the connection that those subscriptions or pamphlets originally came from much closer to home. In 1981 when I wove this pattern, most people were weaving at 6 to 8 ends per inch plain weave and making very funky hippy things, not 30 ends per inch pattern weaving. I had only been a member of the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley for 2 years and



those little pincushions really earned me the respect and "approval" of the older members and founders of the guild. Now that I'm in the group of older members, although I'd appreciate it if you didn't call me that, it's really fun to remember this connection and share the story with all you younger weavers!

•♦ Mary Berent, Master Weaver



From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

I love Fall. As much as I would love to work outside in my garden and flower beds, I always have so much going on that they are usually neglected. When fall arrives I have a sense of relief that I now have an excuse not to work outside in the cold. It's officially time to be indoors and do what I do best – lose myself in my weaving studio.

Continuing on with what the Guild means to me. The first word that came to mind for "U" was Understanding.

A quick search on the computer came up with a lot of other great words. Unique ~ Unflappable ~ Unity ~ Uplift ~ Ultimate ~ Unbelievable ~ Utter Amazement

The Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley is full of Unique, Unflappable women who work together in Unity to Uplift the art of weaving to Ultimate heights of Unbelievable beauty to everyone's Utter Amazement.

•♦ Vila Cox, President

Membership

I've been reading *Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot*, the magazines from the Handweavers Guild of America, that Caroline Dade handed on to me. Issue #14 from Spring, 1973, has a nice paragraph about being a member of a guild. Of course this also applies to spinning and every other interest that we have.

"Each weaver in his own special way approaches his craft differently from anyone else. It is this uniqueness, this particular human insight, this individual response that one can bring to weaving which makes any one person a valuable member of a guild. The guild in return has the obligation to appreciate each member, encouraging the differences, cherishing each approach, not attempting to make over anyone by some preconceived idea. It must accept each where he is, helping him to appreciate his own talent."

•♦ Irene Chandler, Membership Officer

UFO Program - Un-Finished Object

Those UFO's are anxiously waiting for us to put the finishing touches on them. Don't be reluctant to bring your project to the next meeting and show it to the group. Here is a nice word of encouragement, originally printed in the newsletter of the Humbug Weavers from Oregon. "Show and Tell is always a popular part of any guild meeting. False modesty has no place in these shows of one's errors as well as one's triumphs. Your display of error or ineptitude may be of real help to someone else."

•♦ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman

November Program Thank You

Thank you, Lynn, for a great program on the History of Weaving: From the Beginning of Time. It was very thought provoking.

December Sample - Summer & Winter Weaving Project

December's sample is Summer & Winter with a Polka-Dot Twist. This pattern was from the *Handwoven* magazine issue #173. The yarn is a 10/2 cotton warp with a 5/2 cotton weft. This is a nice weave and weight for kitchen linens. Our December weaver is Kathy Shiflet.

Pick up your sample from the Sample Box, for additional information about this project.

❖ Greta Ankeny, Sample Chair



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.

Library Update

Cindy Schafer, Vila Cox, and Mitzi Meyers had a good day packing up the library waiting for the movers and then driving across town and unpacking our library at our new location in the church! Thank you gals!!! :)



Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ Spinning Study Group

Yea! It's time for our annual Christmas Chocolate Potluck and Spin-In. Plan to attend this fun night of spinning, eating and enjoying great friends. Please bring a food item to share, Maralyn will provide a wonderful soup for all to enjoy. Also plan to bring a fiber gift with a value of \$15 or so. And don't forget our wheel or spindle. We will be meeting **December 10** at Maralyn's club house at 6:30 to 8:30-ish. If you have any questions or if you need directions, please let me know. Melanie Smith at yarnsthreads@aol.com, 608-0101.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The November Day Weavers Study Group will meet on Tuesday **December 15** at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Anne Oglevie.

♥ Rug Punch Study Group

We had a fun punching get together at Pat Day Hartwell's Nov 15, with Pat, Jinks, Cindy and Phyllis in attendance. Next meeting will be at 2pm Sun **December 13** at Pat's house. Bring your project to work on and treats to share if you'd like.

Jan meeting will take place at 2pm on Jan 24 at Cindy Schafer's. (Note this date is a bit tentative - will confirm after next meeting). Jinx Hunter, Chair

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **December 5**, before the regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

Officers and Chairs

President: Vila Cox 323-7736

Vice-presidents: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

& Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101

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COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Rug Punch Study Group: Jinx Hunter 867-2953

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UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182

Website

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



Weaving Intensive 2016

Huck Lace

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

January 16, 17, & 18 2016

9am to 4pm

Location - TBA

Fee: \$30.00

Come and join the fun

Some necessary “Intensive” information:

- For the Intensive, each participant will select a huck lace design of their choice. Previous to the intensive you will warp your loom using the chosen shaft and fiber appropriate to the weave structure. Please weave the first sample for the Guild Notebook before coming to the intensive.
- This will be a round robin format in which each person may move from loom to loom weaving samples as they wish, offering the opportunity to weave some of those huck drafts you have been wanting and wishing to try.
- A finished sample of 6-8” square is recommended
- During the Intensive, there will be opportunities to discuss the topic and share information, special hints and helps, additional information about the weave structure chosen and other valuable insights as appropriate.
- The Intensive is open to members of the guild. If a nonmember wishes to be included, we ask that they join the guild.
- **By December 5th, 2015** provide a draft and other notes on your chosen sample to the Intensive Coordinator Anne Oglevie by email preferably. A notebook containing all draft will be prepared for each person so that everyone has this available during the workshop.

Go Wild with Silk, with Lynn Ruggles 2-day Workshop



When: February 27-28, 2016

Where: At JoAnn Fabrics, 1085 N Milwaukee, Boise

What: Spinners most often encounter silk as a lustrous white Bombyx top or perhaps in a brightly dyed silk hankie. There are many other forms of silk available, and in this class we will explore a variety of them. You will be working with silk top, both cultivated and wild; silk cocoons; silk waste; silk rods; silk batting; silk hankies; and sari silk. We will look at several different ways to spin these fibers to create a palette of unusual silk yarns — some smooth, some bumpy, and some wild.

Cost: The 2 day workshop fee is \$90.00 plus a \$20 fiber fee, for a grand total of \$110.

Supplies and Skills needed for this Workshop: This is an intermediate level class. Spinners need to be able to spin a continuous, even yarn (does not have to be fine) and your wheel should have either Scotch Tension, or Double Drive with a small whorl (not a lace flyer). If you are in doubt about your wheel, please ask.

Class space is limited so please sign up soon. To sign up please fill out the form below and enclose your check or cash to reserve your spot. Send to Melanie Smith.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

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handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

God loveth spinners,
Dyers and spinners,
Weavers even
May hope for Heaven.
When naught is left
Of warp and weft,
With spindle and loom
They will meet their Doom;
The lamb's white fleece
Has brought their peace.

Hilary Pepler

From *A Handweavers Workbook*, by Heather G. Thorpe,
A book in our Guild Library.

