

Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley
December, 2018

December Program: Christmas Party and Potluck

If it's December, it means Pot-Luck! Once again we will be meeting at the home of Penny Schraufnagel. Find directions to her home on page 2. The Party includes our annual potluck, so please plan to bring a dish to share.

Also this year, please wear something you have made yourself. This may be anything from socks to shawls to dishtowels to beaded necklaces! Have fun with what you wear! ♦ Mary Berent, Vice President



Calendar of Events

December 1, 2018 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 pm.- Program: **Christmas Party and Potluck**
At the home of Penny Schraufnagel
2688 S. Goshen Way, Boise - see directions on pg. 2

Study Groups:

November 29, 2018 - Rug Punch and Punch Needle Meeting - The 5th Thursday
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jinks Hunter's Boise home

December 4, 2018 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox's Home

December 13, 2018 - Spinning Study Group - Annual Chocolate Potluck and Fiber Exchange
6:30 p.m.
Melanie Smith's Home

December 18, 2018 - Day Weaving Study Group
12:30 p.m.
Anne Oglevie's Boise Town House

January 19, 20 & 21, 2019 - Weaving Intensive
Topic: Fractals and Undulating Twills
Stevens-Henager College, Nampa
See the flier on pages 5 & 6.

Workshop:

April 27 & 28, 2019 - Judie Overbeek Spining Workshop

Two One-Day Mini-Workshops

Fiberworks PCW Weaving Design Software

Mary Berent will lead a one day workshop on Fiberworks PCW, and the basics of how to do computer weaving. This one day class will be held at Mary's home, 769 N Grey Pebble Way, Eagle, on Saturday, **February 16, 2019**, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you do not own Fiberworks software you can download a sample version onto your laptop for free. This same mini-workshop was given in October of 2017. Feel free to take it again! There will be a sign-up sheet at the upcoming Guild meeting.

Sectional Warping and Using the Warping Wheel

We will have two demonstrations during this workshop. One will be for the traditional process of sectional warping using a spool rack, tension box, and sectional beam. The second will be for using a newer piece of equipment called a 'warping wheel.' The warping wheel uses a sectional beam, but does not use a spool rack or tension box, and uses the yarn straight from the cone. These are two different, but related ways to warp your loom.

This one day class will be held at Anne Oglevie's house, 30 Hill Road, Weiser, on **April 13, 2019**. It will begin at 10:00 a.m.

♦ Mary Berent, Vice President



Judie Overbeek Spinning Workshop - April 27 & 28, 2019

If you have committed to attending this workshop, send your money now to officially hold your spot. It is filling fast. Please bring your check to the next guild meeting or mail to Jenni, made out to HWGBV, at 16325 Charleston Drive, Caldwell, ID 83607.

The cost of the workshop is \$130.00, and non-members will pay an additional \$25.00 to become members the Guild.

Those signed up at this time will receive by email a PDF of the proposed workshop subjects to chose from very soon. We will have you indicate which sessions are most interesting to you, and will choose the most popular. Any questions or comments, please call or email.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President

From Your President

Have you ever put your foot in your mouth? I think we all know the feeling of this experience. Sometime in life we have planned an event, made a comment or response without thinking about how our response will be received. To tie this into a Thanksgiving note is to say, I am so thankful that usually people will forgive an error in judgement. I have received that type of forgiveness many times.

My hope for our Guild is that each of us will recognize how much the Guild has done to advance the fiber arts crafts. We will each remember how much help and encouragement we have received from gathering together monthly. We have quite a few new members who are looking for help and direction in spinning and weaving as well as other crafts. The Guild needs to continue to support the growth of these developing talents.

We are all needed to accomplish the goal of the Guild: ".....The members are the guild's greatest resource, offering a wide array of expertise. The guild works to foster all members, from novice to expert. Mentoring is encouraged among guild members."

Let us come on December 1, wearing something we have created, and enjoy encouraging and inspiring one another as we craft together.

Happy Thanksgiving,

◆ Greta Ankeny, President



Directions to Penny's house:

2688 S. Goshen Way, Boise 83709

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 208-921-8948.

New Photo Release Form

I hope to be working on the website after the first of the year. When I do, I will be adding pictures on some of the pages to make the website more personal and inviting. The Board has agreed that we must have written approval before we post pictures of people and their work on the website.

Please indicate your preference for posting pictures of yourself and your work, sign the form on page 4 and return it to Vila Cox. If

I DO NOT have a signed approval form, I will NOT use a picture that includes someone or their work for the website.

◆ Vila Cox, Webmaster



November Program

Thanks Vila! We are sending a big thank you to Vila Cox for explaining the wonderful world of 'fractals' and how it relates to weaving. The upcoming weaving Intensive will concentrate on Undulating Weaves and Fractals. It was motivating to see some of the many different ways fractals and undulating weaves might be used in weaving or as inspiration for weaving.

◆ Mary Berent, Vice President

Library Updates

As you know we will not have a guild meeting near the library until January 5th. If there are any materials you might need before that time please let me know, and we can work out a pick up or drop off.

◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

Spinning Study Group

December 13th will be our Annual Chocolate Potluck and Fiber Exchange. So bring your favorite chocolate treat, a fiber gift to exchange with the value of at least \$20.00, and join us at Melanie's home. The fun will start around 6:30 p.m.

As the year comes to an end and a new year begins, we are going to shift focus of the Spinning Study Group. We are shifting from a social evening to a study of fibers. So in January we will become a true study group. Each month we will study a breed of sheep, or other fiber. We will talk about the best ways to prepare the fiber for spinning, different ways to spin the fiber, and be given a sample to spin for the month. This will give us the opportunity to compile a notebook of samples, as we learn about fiber. Also, this focus will help us improve our spinning skills.

There will be more details in the next newsletter about what our study group meeting will look like and what our first fiber to study will be.

We also plan to host social Spin-in's and Dye Days, but no longer on a monthly basis. If you have ANY questions please let me know.

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

Rug Punch & Punch Needle Group

The Rug Punch Group will meet from 1 to 4 pm on Thursday, November 29, at Jinks Hunter's - 12030 Savage Dr., Boise.

Welcome rug punchers, knitters, spinners, and any other craft you want to work on. Or just stop by to visit. New to rug punch? - we can help you get started!! (Note this is the 5th Thursday as the 4th falls on Thanksgiving.)

◆ Jinks Hunter

New Study Group is Under Way: The Stubenitsky Code

Study of the book *Weaving Stubenitsky Code*, by Marian Stubenitsky, is well under way. Our approach right now is each person will create their own study plan by reading the book and weaving their own projects from it.

A new and separate [groups.io](https://downtherabbitHole.groups.io/g/main) has been formed. The group is called DownOurRabbitHole, and can be found at <https://downtherabbitHole.groups.io/g/main> If you would like to be included in the Code Study Group go there and request to join.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

Sample Exchange News

This one of a kind art yarn was created by Angela Gronewold using silk, mohair, sparkle and wool. Using pre-dyed or natural colors, Angela carded and spun the fiber and knit it into a shoulder cozy. Pick up your copy of this spinner's record at the December meeting, with the yarn sample and a photo of the shoulder cozy Angela knit.

◆ Jinks Hunter, 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.

Certificate of Excellence Study Group

The COE Study Group will be taking a bit of a hiatus now that those working toward this goal have completed their studies. In the future if anyone would like to work on any of the COE, we will plan to meet again. Also, there were some conversations about the Stubenitsky Code Study Group meeting in the COE Group time slot, but that has not been decided at this point. Look for those details in the future. If you have questions call Mary Berent 208-901-5640.

◆ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair





2019 Weaving Intensive Study Group Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley Fractals & Undulating Twills

Saturday, Sunday and Monday January 19, 20 and 21
9 AM to 5 PM
Stevens-Henager College - Nampa
Fee - \$25.00



Come join us and explore of Fractals & Undulating Twills 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 Fractals or Undulating Twills. Each participant will pick or design a draft that fits this year’s study and warp the loom they are bringing. 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 draft that weaves a Fractal or Undulating Twill.
- 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.
- Make notes of what you learned during your research.

What is needed ~~

- Loom warped and ready to go. Choose any yarn that would be appropriate to the weave draft.
- Draft and information about the Fractal or Undulating Twill.
- 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 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 5, 2019, 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
Fractal & Undulating Twill Intensive
January 19, 20 and 21, 2019

Some necessary workshop information:

Each participant will bring a previously warped loom to the workshop. Each loom will be warped using a draft for a Fractal or Undulating Twill 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 5, 2019.

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 5, 2019. 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 _____

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 \$ _____

Minutes Section

Board Meeting

Present: Greta Ankeny, Mary Berent, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Lily Lee, Marlene Bean

Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

The updates to the policies and job descriptions should be completed in January or February. Board members are reminded to finish going through the section they volunteered to double-check.

Vila Cox, Webmaster

Copies of the Permission Form to release the guild of liability when publishing photographs of members who give permission will be distributed at today's Member's Meeting.

Library

Melanie Smith is developing a fundraising plan to generate revenue for new acquisitions for the library.

COE Party Committee

The COE Committee is made up of Anne Oglevie, Julie Gerrard, Marlene Bean, and Mary Berent. A local company specializing in foods with Asian flare will cater the party. We still need to secure a photographer to take pictures of the Party. Mary Berent is making signs for the party. We need a better RSVP response to finalize things.

Jenni Jimmerson, Co-Vice President

The Spinning Workshop is on track. Information about it will be published in the newsletter and announced at the Member's Meeting. Those who have signed up will be reminded to pay.

Greta Ankeny, President -Community Outreach

We will continue to see if others volunteer to serve on the Community Outreach Committee before beginning to meet.

Holiday Exchange

Instead of holding a gift exchange at the December meeting the board has agreed to invite all members to wear a handmade fiber item to the event. This will not be the same as a fashion show. The meeting will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's house.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Lily Lee, Secretary

Member's Meeting - November 3, 2018

Present: Jenni Jimmerson, Marlene Bean, Cynthia Newman, Mary Berent, Kirsten Badger, Greta Ankeny, Peggy Jones, Janet Stanger, Esther Kleinkauf, Irene Chandler, Anne Oglevie, Rebecca Winter, Doug Ranck, Joan Ranck, Raelene Viste, Brady Kissel, Dyan Lay, Vila Cox, Bobbie Hernke, Katzy Luhning, Karen Loughmuller, Sivita Justice, Rachael Mayer, Dagmar Rapp, Nancy Pejovich, Lily Lee, Marita Turner

Greta Ankeny, President -Introductions

Please share your show and tell while introducing yourself.

Show & Tell

Eight members had shows and one had a tell. Highlights: Julie Gerrard, Karen Loughmuller and Jenni Jimmerson shared handmade books they created in the bookmaking workshops Rebecca Winter led. Rebecca also shared the demo book she made while leading the workshop. Irene Chandler shared a large collection of coasters handwoven with tea bag string warp using overshot patterns as well as vessels covered with rocks found in the desert. Esther Kleinkauf shared several taka-dai braid samples she created while at the American Kumihimo Society Gathering in Florida.

Greta Ankeny, President -Free Table

There is a free table with items available (and distinguished from other tables with items on them!)

Mary Berent & Jenni Jimmerson Co-Vice Presidents

COE Party

On Saturday, November 10 at Anne Oglevie's house in Weiser there will be a party to celebrate Rebecca Winter and Cynthia Newman's latest achievements of receiving their COE's from the Handweavers Guild of America. Please RSVP. There is information about carpooling being circulated in the groups.io email listserv.

Mini Workshops

There are two upcoming mini-workshops. On February 16 at Mary Berent's house there will be a workshop on the Fiberworks software. There will be a warping workshop at Anne Oglevie's house in April or May.

Spinning Workshop

Judie Overbeek of Kalispell, Montana is doing a spinning workshop April 27-28. The cost of the workshop is \$130. There are currently 14 members who have signed up for this workshop. If you are signed up you need to make sure to pay.

December Potluck

The December meeting will be a potluck at Penny Schraufnagel's house. Please wear a handmade fiber item to this event.

Greta Ankeny, President -Library

Remember that because the December meeting will be at Penny's house you cannot return items at that meeting. Make sure to contact Melanie Smith to check out books in December.

Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

If you are new to the guild, please join! Benefits of membership include utilizing the library, attending workshops, and many other resources. New directories for members are available.

Rebecca Winter, ANWG

The next ANWG conference will be in Prince George, British Columbia. The next HGA conference will be in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

Please send info for the newsletter. We try to publish the newsletter two weeks ahead of the meetings.

Vila Cox, Webmaster

A Permission Form was distributed for members to sign. This release form gives the guild permission to display photos including projects by members and pictures of members on the website. Images of members and their projects will only be put on the website once signed copies of the forms have been received.

Vila Cox, Equipment Rental

The equipment for rent is in the library. Contact Vila ahead of time if you plan to rent equipment at a meeting so if someone else has checked it out she can remind them to return it for you.

Vila Cox, Treasurer

We are on budget. A more detailed budget report will be distributed at the January meeting.

Janet Stanger, Events Coordinator

The next local event is the Fiber Train Festival in May in Nampa. Please send Janet information you have about other local fiber related events. The Dry Creek Festival was a success and the organizers appreciated the guild's involvement.

Greta Ankeny, President -Sample Exchange

This month's sample is dimity weave by Greta from the Hargrove book. There are still some months no one has signed up for. Please consider volunteering to produce the samples for one of these months' exchanges.

Greta Ankeny, President -Study Groups

Information about the Study Groups is available in the newsletter.

Vila Cox, Treasurer -Weaving Intensive

The Weaving Intensive will be held in January at Stevens Henager College in Nampa. This year's theme is fractals and undulating twills. The cost is \$25.

Vila Cox -Program

Vila Cox led a fascinating program on fractals and undulating twills.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary

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