

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2019

December Christmas Party and Potluck

If it's December, it means Pot-Luck! We will be meeting at the home of Kathy McGowan. Find directions to her home below. The Party includes our annual potluck, so please plan to bring a dish to share. And bring your holiday cheer for a time of sharing the day with your fiber friends.

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

December 7, 2019 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting & Show-and-Tell
12:30 a.m. - Program: **Christmas Party and Potluck**
At the Home of Kathy McGowan

Study Groups:

November 21, 2019 - Rug Punch+ALL Meeting
1-4pm
Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

December 10, 2019 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Vila Cox's Home

December 12, 2019 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Melanie Smith's Home

December 17, 2019 - Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m.
Cheri Byrnes' Home

December 19, 2019 - Rug Punch+ALL Meeting
1-4pm
Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

December 31, 2019 - Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m.
Rebecca Winter's Home

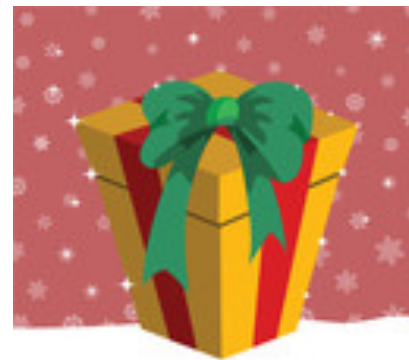
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Special Events:

January 18, 19 & 20, 2020 - Weaving Intensive - "From Profile to Block Weaves" - See Flier on pages 5 & 6.

March 21 & 22, 2020 - Spinning Workshop by Gayle Vallance - See Flier on page 4.

June 12, 13 & 14, 2020 - Weaving Workshop, "Double Rainbows," by Jennifer Moore



Jennifer Moore - Double Weave Workshop, "Double Rainbow"

June 12, 13 & 14, 2020

Please send in your check to Jenni Jimmerson or Anne Oglevie for the Double Weave workshop in June, 2020, to secure your place.

See the November Newsletter for further information.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson & Anne Oglevie, Vice Presidents



Directions to Kathy's: The address is 3496 Holl Drive. If coming from Boise, go north on Hwy 55 and turn left on Beacon Light Road. In 9/10 mile turn right onto Holl Drive. Our house is the 6th on the right. If coming from Nampa or Meridian, go north on Eagle road. Turn right onto Beacon Light Road. In 9/10 mile turn left onto Holl Drive. Our house is the 6th on the right.



From Your President

Words from your President,

We were fortunate to attend the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Makeover Conference in Woodstock, Ontario during the middle of October. We stumbled upon this Conference as a potential extracurricular activity during our yearly family visit to Canada.

The theme of the Conference was "Makeover." The theme was very evident in classes, during meals, and on treatments of old projects. The biggest evidence of a Makeover was represented in the presentation by the keynote speaker - Jane Stafford.

There was a concurrent fiber festival at the nearby fairgrounds with the ever-present yarn, thread, knitted/woven garb and fleeces for sale. To us, this seems to be the normal activities usually present at these things. For the majority of us in the States and Canada, weaving or spinning is something to be done for fun, an interesting hobby. Jane Stafford reminded us that for some, weaving and spinning are things that are done to make a living.

This conference is Jane's last conference as she will be retiring from this aspect of her work. Since 2016, Jane has been traveling to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to work with this group that was founded in 2004 by Kathy Marshall, a fellow Canadian from Beaver Lodge, Alberta. The project has been guided by 3 core values: sustainability, innovation and caring for each other. Jane shared her story of dedication, hope and love that has been occurring in this village's "Makeover."

Jane is a gifted speaker and the emotion that she feels toward this project traveled to each one of us that were spellbound for a hour viewing pictures of these weavers and spinners. It was a great reminder that weaving and spinning has the ability to enrich our lives by reducing stress, enabling creativity and creating friendships, but also to better the world around us.

Weaving gives them the pride to not to see their poverty.

Looking at some of the woven items Jane brought back, it is humbling to see that it was made on their looms, and I do not have the skill or talent to make something as nice on my high tech loom.

But enough of that, it's good to be home and playing with the stuff we learned and purchased.

See you at the potluck. Fibre on. people.

◆ Doug Ranck, President

A Big Thanks to Mary Berent for the November Program

A BIG thank you for Mary for the program in November on Profile Drafts and Block Weaves. It is a topic that can be confusing and one that many have avoided. However, our Intensive this coming January is on the topic and Mary did a wonderfully clear explanation. If anyone needs extra help please contact any of the "expert" weavers in the guild. It is a great study group that everyone who wants to weave is welcome.

◆ Anne Oglevie, Vice President



New Year's Day at Mitzi's

- ❖ Bring in the new year with style, 11am to 4pm, New Year's Day ~ 2020!!!
- ❖ 2580 North Maple Grove Road between Northview and Ustick.
- ❖ Please bring something to eat to share.
- ❖ You don't have to be a spinner :))) Come on by and check us out!
- ❖ Please let me know if you plan to be here so I can make plenty of room. When parking just pack those cars in; don't park on the street.
- ❖ Mitzi 208-340-9775

Day Weaving Study Group Christmas Towel Exchange

We are having a Towel Exchange at the December meeting of the Day Weaving Study Group.

The parameters for the towels are general and the goal is to make the exchange as equitable as possible. Towels will be:

- Handwoven by you.
- A good size, like most kitchen towels.
- Made like one you would like to receive and use.

So start your planning and weaving now for this fun event. The December meeting will be held at the home of Cheri Byrnes on December 17.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Library

Since we will not be meeting at the church and our library will not be open this month, if you need any materials just send me an email or give me a call. I can pick it up for you and bring it to the meeting. See you all then.

◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian



Spinning Study Group

It's time once again for the annual Chocolate Potluck and Fiber Gift Exchange. Everyone is welcome to join us on December 12th at 6:30 PM at Melanie's home. Bring your wheels, spindles or charkha, and something chocolate to share. Also, bring a wrapped fiber fun gift that has the value of around \$20, if you would like to participate in the exchange. This is not a white elephant; bring some fiber you would be thrilled to spin. We will resume our fiber study in January.

Please RSVP at yarnsnthreads@gmail.com.

If you have any questions just let me know.

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The Garment Study Group will be meeting Tuesday, December 31, 10:30-12:30 at Rebecca Winter's home in Meridian. This group will be meeting on the fifth Tuesday of any month which has a fifth Tuesday.

If you have questions about sewing with handwoven fabrics this is the group that will help find you answers! All Guild members are welcome.

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

November & December

Rug Punch + ALL Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 21 & December 19, and continuing every 3rd Thursday

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

Focus: We always encourage the arts of rug and needle punch and welcome folks interested in learning this craft. We also want to reach out to the enthusiast of any sort of craft/art in fiber or other medium to join us. We welcome spinners, knitters, stitchers, tatters, crocheters, etc. We also think it would be fun to feature a different craft/art each month.

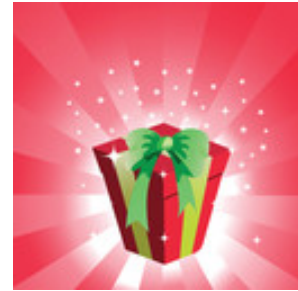
◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

December Sample

The sample for December is handspun Corriedale wool by Pat Ann. It is a beautiful natural 2-ply yarn. Pat washed the fiber in liquid Tide and spun it from the locks.

Be sure to pick up your sample to see the beauty of this handspun yarn.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



Officers and Chairs

- President: Doug Ranck
- Vice-Presidents: Jenni Jimmerson & Anne Oglevie
- Secretary: Lily Martina Lee
- Treasurer: Vila Cox
- Membership Officer: Dagmar Rapp
- Librarian: Melanie Smith
- Web Master: Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange: Julie Gerrard
- Outreach Committee: Janet Stanger & Dyan Lay
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith
- Weaving Intensive: Joan Sheehan & Connie Griffin
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox
- Garment Study Group: Greta Ankeny
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox
- Rug Punch & All Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell & Jinks Hunter

Website

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



Spinning Workshop by Gayle Vallance

March 21 & 22, 2020

Cost ~ \$130 + \$40 supplies

Location ~ The Boise Home of Jinks Hunter

The workshop with Gayle Vallance is filling fast! If you want to attend this workshop and have not contacted me yet - do so right away so your name will be on list! jehunter101@gmail.com Include your name, number, and email. Or call 208-867-2953. We need checks by Nov 30 to secure your seat (will be not be deposited until April).

This workshop is open to guild members-only through Nov 30, 2019. Then the workshop will be opened up to the local spinning community, with guild membership a requirement.

Here are the classes we will choose from:

Spinning for Consistency of Grist and Twist: 1 day is best, but I can teach the basics in 3 hours.

Spinning Long wools for luster: ½ day

Woollen Spinning: ½ or full day. Preparing a hand carded rolag for easy spinning. Traditional woollen longdraw and cotton longdraw. Fibers include short wool, cotton, exotics.

Best of Bast: 1 day. A study of the stem fibers and how to prepare, spin and dye the fibers. Includes flax, hemp, bamboo bast, ramie.

Viking Spinning and Weaving: (1 day) A study of the spinning and garments recorded in archaeological remains. Scandinavian wools covered in morning, Flax and hemp in afternoon.

Some more info:

We are hoping to fill the classes with folks who sign up for both days. Max is 18.

Once we reach the minimum number of 12, we may have a few seats open for one day attendance for those who can only attend one day or may have an interest in only one particular class.

Jinks took a couple classes from Gayle Vallance this past summer - learned a lot and liked her teaching style. Gayle has agreed to come to Boise and share her knowledge with us.

Gayle Vallance lives in Fernie BC. Gayle teaches at conferences around North America. She earned a Master Spinner Certificate at Olds College, Level I of the Certificate of Excellence (Spinning) through the Handweavers Guild of America, and the basic level of the master weaver program through the Guild of Canadian Weavers.



2020 Weaving Intensive Study Group Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley From Profile Draft to Block Weave

Saturday, Sunday and Monday
January 18, 19, and 20, 2020
9 AM to 4 PM

St Luke's Nampa, 2nd floor Warhawk Room
9850 W. St. Luke's Drive
Nampa, ID 83687

Fee - \$30.00

[Directions/Map](#)

**Registration starts November 2nd. Turn in paperwork by December 15th.
No refunds after January 3, 2020.**

The intensive workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Come join us and explore the wonderful world of Profile Drafts and Block Weaves in a workshop setting with Guild members. It will be a great three days of learning, weaving, and friendship! The Weaving Intensive is open to members of the Guild. If a non-member wishes to take the workshop, we invite them to first join the guild.

What is the Weaving Intensive?

The Intensive is a "teacherless" 3-day workshop. At the beginning of the session, each person will describe what they have put on their loom and explain a bit about the profile draft they chose, how it became a block weave and describe their weaving plan. Participants will then 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.

<p>Before the Intensive~~ Important !!</p> <p>Fill Out the Weaving Record Sheet: Pick a Profile Draft, transform it into your Block Weave and include the full draft you designed. Include your weaving plan on this page. Mentors are available, please ask if you would like to discuss your ideas or need assistance!</p> <p>Prepare Your Handout: 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.</p> <p>Your weaving record sheet, full weaving plan and handout need to be turned in to Connie Griffin or Joan Sheehan by December 15, 2020, so that copies can be made, and notebooks prepared. Please email these documents, including .wif files, to Connie or Joan.</p> <p>If that's not possible, please mail them or make other arrangements. If you've missed the deadline you will have to print out 20 copies for all participants to insert into their binders.</p>	<p><i>A checklist for you-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A loom warped with yarn appropriate for weaving the draft and ready to go with the selected Profile Draft or Block Weave. * Full draft information about the Profile Draft, Block Weave and weaving plan * Shuttles and weft yarn to be left at the loom for others to use when weaving their samples. Extra weft yarn for experimentation is welcome! * Your favorite way of marking your samples: masking tape or tags. * !! Important! A thick yarn or fabric strips to weave in between samples to separate them. * Scissors, notepaper, pen, needles for hem stitching, weights, post-it notes.
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January 2020 Weaving Intensive Registration Form

From Profile Draft to Block Weave

Registration begins November 2nd, 2019. Paperwork is due by December 15th. To complete registration online, but not payment, click [here](#).

Make checks payable to Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley. Return this form with your \$30 fee to:

Connie Griffin
11907 W Deschutes Drive
Boise, ID 83709

Joan Sheehan
1012 N. 13th St.
Boise, ID 83702

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

From Profile Draft to Block Weave Draft Choice:

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:

The Guild will accept cancellations with a refund through January 3, 2011. **Cancellations or refunds after that date will not be available.**

If there is a wait list, you may make arrangements with another weaver to take your space. Forfeited class fees will be donated to the guild's general fund. Please stay in touch with Connie or Joan if you need further information!

Fee amount included \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash: _____

Minutes Section

Board Meeting, November 2, 2019

Present: Doug Ranck, Anne Oglevie, Lily Lee, Jenni Jimmerson, Dagmar Rapp, Dyan Lay, Barbara Redmond (joining midway through)

Meeting Planning

The board discussed the recently implemented Show and Tell structure where show and tell segments are interspersed into the agenda topics of the guild meeting. While it does make meeting minute taking a bit more challenging it seems to help with the flow of the showed items being passed around. The board agreed to continue with the new Show and Tell structure.

The board discussed the purchase of a digital projector. This is a continuing process but Mary Berent will have her own projector ready to go for the Program.

Anne Oglevie & Jenni Jimmerson -Co-Vice Presidents

Jenni Jimmerson suggested orienting the chairs at the beginning of the meeting to be in a formation that is conducive to the program. This semicircular formation centered towards the wall upon which images will be projected for the program will reduce the need for members to rearrange chairs between the meeting and the program. The board agreed that this is a good idea.

The board discussed ways to ensure that the meetings progress in a timely fashion. Relying on the Newsletter more for announcements about study groups and upcoming events is one solution the board will implement.

Doug Ranck -President

Doug suggested having refreshments and coffee available at guild meetings to promote the social aspects of the guild. Anne Oglevie noted that this was previously practiced when the guild met at another location. The board agreed that this would be a good idea and discussed creating a Hospitality Coordinator position.

Doug shared with the board that Mary Chown will no longer be pursuing finding a permanent building for the guild. Restrictions with the guild's tax status as well as the challenge of pursuing this work while living two hours outside of Boise were factors in the decision.

Doug shared a card made from an old sample exchange piece that the Ontario (Canada) Handweavers & Spinners Guild had made and sold. This could be a good fundraiser or community outreach option for our guild.

Dyan Lay -Social Media Coordinator

Dyan shared a handout outlining an update on the guild's social media progress. There are currently Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook pages for the guild. The Facebook group still exists and is managed by Melanie Smith and Janet Stanger. Members can now tag the guild in their own posts on these three platforms.

Dyan will be sending out a Groups IO email to collect guild member's handles on these social media platforms for future tagging. There will be roughly two posts per week on these platforms.

Dagmar Rapp -Membership Officer

A question has come up regarding if non-members can advertise events in the guild's Newsletter. The board agreed that if they join the guild, then people can advertise in the Newsletter. A bulletin board still exists where the public could post information to share with the guild. With the guild's new social media presence, people can also tag or share their events with the guild's social media followers. The idea of creating a digital directory was also discussed.

Barbara Redmond -Sale Committee Chair

Barbara shared some updates with the board concerning the logistical planning for the sale. Questions came up about equipment availability. The board identified some available equipment and requested a detailed list of what equipment the sales committee is requesting. Moving forward, the board hopes exhaust efforts to find existing or donated equipment before purchasing new items.

Members Meeting - November 2, 2019

Present: Lily Lee, Peggy Jones, Doug Ranck, Raelene Viste, Barbara Redmond, Cindy Pollock, Cynthia Newman, Dagmar Rapp, Pat Ann, Anne Oglevie, Jenni Jimmerson, Katzy Luhning, Jinks Hunter, Esther Kleinkauf, Connie Griffin, Joan Sheehan, Julie Gerrard, Mitzi Meyers, Rachael Mayer, Wendy Taylor, Sally Johnston, Mary Berent, Marita Turner, Irene Chandler, Linda Morton-Keithley, Peggy Jones, Cindy Schafer, Kirsten Badger, Dyan Lay, Pat Day Hartwell

Doug Ranck, President -Introductions

Members introduced themselves, including what city they are a resident of, their primary fibers process, and any board or volunteer positions they hold within the guild. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Anne Oglevie and Jenni Jimmerson, Co-Vice Presidents

The December meeting will be a holiday potluck at Kathy McGowan's house in Eagle.

There are currently 24 people signed up for the Double Weave Workshop with Jennifer Moore 6 of whom have paid. More information is available in the newsletter.

Dagmar Rapp, Membership Officer

There are currently over seventy members who have paid their membership dues. Please remember to fill out and sign a copy of the updated Photo Release Form. Some members may have only completed the old version but will still need to fill out the updated one. Copies of the form were distributed and Dagmar offered to double-check form completion for anyone who is curious.

Jinks Hunter -Spinning Study Group

Gale Valence, a Master Spinner from British Columbia will be teaching a spinning workshop March 21-22. A sign-up sheet was passed around. A minimum of 12 members will need to sign up in order to run the workshop.

Show & Tell

Eleven members had shows and three had tells.

Highlights- Rachael Mayer showed several small, puffy and textural weavings she completed on her frame loom. Dagmar completed an Olive Leaf sweater. Julie Gerrard shared a long woven piece she completed to use up the warp from last year's intensive. She also shared some souvenirs she picked up during travels following her 50th high school reunion including a Tohono O'odham basket. Pat Day Hartwell also shared items from her travels -two large patterned fabrics from a trip to Africa.

Marita Turner shared two crocheted shawls she made from handspun yarn she made. Connie Griffin shared her first ever handwoven rug! She made it on a two-shaft loom from strips of old chenille bedspread material under the direction of a family member in Montana during an emotional trip to sell family property in North Dakota. Jenni Jimmerson shared handwoven towels. Mary Berent shared a weaving done on a 40-shaft loom (made from tea bag thread of course!) Katzy shared an update on the construction of a new building at Lunatic Fringe. Cindy Pollock shared knitted strawberry hats and three handwoven panels illustrating climate change through complex color work. Mitzi Meyers shared an impressive UFO -a large latch-hook rug she began in 2015 as well as a shawl woven on her triangle loom. Sally Johnston shared her first weaving completed after a 20-year hiatus from weaving. It is a large panel woven in Swedish Rose Path with strips of fabric.

Julie Gerrard, Sample Exchange

This month's sample is handspun yarn by Joan Ranck. All of the needed months have been covered.

Connie Griffin and Joan Sheehan, Weaving Intensive

This year's intensive will take place on Martin Luther King Junior weekend and focus on profile drafts.

Participants will bring their pre-warped loom to the intensive which will take place in a room on the second floor of the Nampa St. Luke's. The cost to participate is \$30. New members are strongly encouraged to take part in the intensive. Registration forms were available.

Anne Oglevie -Co-Vice President

The board is implementing a hospitality program for meetings to provide coffee, hot water for tea, and light refreshments. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign-up to bring snacks to meetings. A Hospitality Coordinator will make coffee and remind members to bring refreshments for the meetings they signed up for. Barbara Redmond volunteered to be the Hospitality Coordinator.

Mary Berent -Program

In preparation for the upcoming Weaving Intensive, Mary Berent gave delightfully detailed program on Profile Drafts and Block Weave.

◆ Respectfully submitted Lily Lee, Secretary

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