

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
December, 2024



## December Program: Holiday Potluck

Welcome Winter. We have already seen snow in the Treasure Valley, so I hope you stay warm with a handmade scarf, shawl, or blanket. This month our meeting will be held on December 7th at the Fairview Terrace Community Center. Turn at the Guadalajara Restaurant and drive straight back to find the Center. Parking may expand to the lot for the restaurant. We are coming together to have a potluck and enjoy each other's company. Please bring a dish for people to share and your own table service (plate, fork, etc.). I hope to see you all there! ♦ Jenné Schiffhauer, Vice President, Program Coordinator

## Calendar of Events

### Regular Meeting:

December 7, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

### Program ~ Holiday Potluck

At the Fairview Terrace Community Center,  
700 E. Fairview Avenue in Meridian.

Next meeting - January 4, 2025 - at the Church

### Study Groups:

December 4, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group

11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore  
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

December 10, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

Dec. 12, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns

December 15, 2024 ~ Paper Study Group

1:30 p.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

December 17, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Kelly Sandusky

December 31, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom link later in this Newsletter

Tapestry Study Group

Will not meet in December, due to the  
Holidays

### Workshops:

January 18, 19, & 20, 2025 - Weaving Intensive

April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving, with Connie  
Lippert



## Workshop Information

An update on the Connie Lippert Wedge Weave Tapestry Workshop, April 11-13, 2025.

We now have 11 people committed to taking this class, with one space is left at this time. We do have a waiting list.

When we have 12 people committed, the plans can go forward with Connie and her travel plans. At that time an amount for each participant will and can be determined. Contact Jenni Jimmerson with any questions.

♦ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President, Workshop Coordinator



## New Study Group ~Paper

We have talked about this long enough - time to take action! Let's meet at my house for an organizational meeting on December 15, at 1:30 p.m. This would make our meeting on the third Sunday of the month. We can discuss our focus, how we wish to proceed, and move forward from there. Topics we might choose to study may include: paper folding, paper weaving, book binding, paper making, junk journaling.

I am happy to Chair this Study Group, if you all wish it to be so. I'm excited for this study group to become active.

♦ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair



## President's Corner

This time of year is always so busy with all manner of tasks and obligations. I am so, SO pleased to see that so many new weavers have taken time out of that busy schedule to attend the Beginning Weaving Workshop! What a wonderful experience to learn something like weaving in the company of others in the same boat and learning at the same time! I can only hope that weaving will continue to be important enough in your lives to put it high up on your list of priorities. Congratulations on becoming weavers!!

❖ Mary Berent, President

## December Sample Exchange

Hi, everyone, our December sample comes to us from Cindy Griewe. Cindy has brought us a little sparkle for the holidays. She blended wool roving with sparkles. She spun it long draw then chain plied it into a lovely three ply yarn. Thank you Cindy for sharing a great idea for the holiday season with us!

If you would like to share a sample of your creativity with the guild please contact me.

❖ Christie Farrin, Sample Chair

## January Weaving Intensive

How is your study of Borders coming along? I feel like lately my working with drafts is all about Borders. I see them everywhere. What will you create for the Intensive?

We already have a few signed up and the excitement is building. Pat Dayton is collecting fees and sign-ups. See the flier at the end of this Newsletter for details. Bring your fees to the December meeting, and ask us any questions you may have.

Remember we will be receiving your study information by the January 4th meeting, or anytime before. If you have this prepared already, bring to the December meeting, as well, and give to me, Rebecca. Include all your details so we can print and create the binders for all the participants.

❖ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Co-chair

## Mitzi's Annual Black Friday Open House

Annual Open House on Black Friday and the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

November 29 & 30. 11am till 3 pm.

2580 N. Maple Grove Rd. 208-340-9775

❖ Mitzi Meyers



## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

The spinning Study group is meeting Wednesday, December 4, at 11-2. We are still at the Rubaiyat bookstore in Caldwell. The address is 314 S. 6th Ave. We look forward to seeing everyone!

❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Lace Study Group

The Lace Study Group will meet on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at Raelene Viste's.

❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

The December meeting, on the 12th, will be at Lunatuc Fringe Yarns at 6 pm. We will be studying Borders. There will be a holiday celebration, so bring snacks to share.

The January meeting will be at Sherry Bittner's studio at 6 pm.

❖ Sherry Bittner, Study Group Chair



### Tapestry Study Group

We have decided to not meet in December, due to the holidays. Look for meeting information for resuming our meeting in January.

- ❖ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving Study Group will be meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Sandusky's home at 10:30am. All are welcome to join in with sharing and learning. Contact Jenni Jimmerson with questions.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

### Garment Study Group

The next Garment Study group will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 10.30am. We will meet at the home of Rebecca Winter. Everyone is welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

### Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet at 2pm every Thursday via zoom. We work on our projects, help each other with project questions and chat about whatever comes up. We feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff. We're very flexible - please feel welcome to join us.

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVI4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzlzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair





2025 Weaving Intensive Study Group  
 Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
**Borders**

A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant  
 Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - **January 18, 19 & 20, 2025**  
 9 AM to 5 PM - Location: To Be Announced  
 Fee - \$35.00 - A Great Value!

- Choose a favorite Border Design to share with the group.
- This will be our usual “teacherless” workshop. We each have the opportunity to be the expert in our chosen area of study.
- Mentors are available prior to the workshop to help you prepare!
- For this workshop each participant will warp their loom using their chosen border design. This will be a round robin workshop. Each person moves from loom to loom weaving samples on as many as they wish.
- The weaver may also choose any yarn that would be appropriate for the draft and design. The weaver will also provide all the materials needed to weave samples on their loom. Calculate your warp length by the number of possible samples needed. Generally, if you are planning about 6-inch long samples, 4 to 5 yards would suffice. Warp width would also be best at about 6 inches, or a width needed to show your design.
- At the beginning of the workshop, the weaver will present their Border Design study to the group, and give instructions for weaving. Plan for the presentations to be about 8 to 10 minutes. If you need a basic outline of what to say, this resource is available.
- You may wish to weave your own sample ahead of time so you can teach us from experience how this sample works, since this is a Study Group. Another possibility would be to cut your sample from the loom and retie. This would give the opportunity to show finishing methods applicable to the sample.
- We recognize, and also value, the camaraderie and social aspect of the Intensive. We envision this opportunity to have great potential for experimentation and learning. Just think of the benefit of three days of discussion and exploration with others of like mind.
- Printable project plans and draft sheets (electronic or hard copy) will be submitted no later than January 4, 2024. Each participant will receive a binder containing all of the plan sheets and drafts.
  - ~ **Please include all information required for reproducing this cloth.** This includes 6 things - threading, tie-up, treadling, yarn, sett, and colorway.
  - ~ We need more than just a .wif file.
  - ~ Additional notes about what you learned are also wonderful to have. There are Weaving Record Sheets available in the Library and on the Guild website [HERE](#).
  - ~ Send your Instructions and draft in printable form to Rebecca Winter by January 4, 2024.

The Fine Print:

- ★ The workshop is open to guild members. If non-members wish to attend the Intensive, we invite them to join the guild.
- ★ There are Guild Looms available. No rent is assessed for Guild Workshops or Intensives.
- ★ Keep this information available, as it is the only pre-workshop information you will receive.
- ★ Your payment of the fee is your confirmation for participation in this event.
- ★ The Guild will accept cancellations with a refund through January 4, 2024. After this date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.
- ★ Bring sack lunches, drinks, snacks to share as you wish.

Return the following information with your fee to Pat Dayton.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fee amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# 2025 February Fun and Fabulous Fashion Show

Hi Everyone!

On February 1 at the regular guild meeting, we will be having a fashion show to highlight our talented members' creations. Start thinking now of what you would like to model for the show. It can be anything you have created. Come with a sense of fun to model your hat, shawl, rug, coat, socks, dishcloth, or any other handmade item! Or just come to the meeting and enjoy the show!

We have found a local radio announcer to be our MC. She is not a weaver, but will appreciate the craft. We are asking guild members to donate handmade items for a thank-you basket for the announcer in lieu of payment. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let Jenne or Katzy know.

Here are the Guidelines for entrants:

1. Please model your own creation. If you choose not to, please find a substitute to show off your creation.
2. Walk slowly, smile, turn and stop several times while going down the runway.
3. Fill out an index card to hand to the announcer as you enter the runway. The card should have the following information CLEARLY written out so the announcer can talk about your wonderful creation. Consider writing your name phonetically to help the announcer.
  - Your Name:
  - Name of your entry:
  - Description (50 words or less) (Please include Fiber Content, Technique, what is it and what makes it special?)
4. Entrants may submit up to 3 items.
5. Participants and Donors of the announcer handmade basket items will receive prizes provided by Lunatic Fringe Yarns.

We can't wait to see what we all come up with! It is going to be a lot of fun!

Brought to you by the hard work of the members of the Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley; and Katzy, Jenne, and all the Lunatics at Lunatic Fringe Yarns!



## Board Meeting Minutes ~ November 2, 2024

Members present:

President – Mary Berent

Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson

Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky

Secretary – Dyan Lay

Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe

Past President – Rebecca Winter

Rose Torres

Members absent:

Vice President – Jenné Schifffhauer



### President's Report

- Atropos Textiles
  - Discussion about the new fiber studio at 520 S 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho 83605.
- ANWG Guild Booth
  - Guild needs to get a volunteer to coordinate the ANWG booth.

### Treasurer's Report

- Kelly Sandusky reported that a little PatAnn Fund money was used for Rebecca Winter's October 2024 Shadow Weave workshop.
  - The PatAnn Fund currently has about \$6,000 to use towards educational programs.
- The Guild's CD is coming up for renewal, and the Board agreed to reinvest the money into a new CD.
  - Dyan Lay moved to invest another \$10K into a new CD, Cindy Griewe seconded, unanimously in favor.
- The Zoom account was renewed for another year.
- The annual ANWG membership was paid.
- The annual PO box payment was made.
- Membership Directory
  - Rebecca was reimbursed for her costs of printing this year's directory.
  - Color ads are proving problematic to print, and there was discussion of using a commercial printer next year.
  - The 2024-2025 directory cost \$505 to print, and per policy, should be done by September 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
  - Discussion ensued, and a decision will be made at the January 2025 Board meeting on what to present to the membership:
    - Option 1: to print the Membership Directory as usual, using perhaps a commercial printer
    - Option 2: to print a smaller handbook and provide a digital address list
    - Option 3: move to an all-online Membership Directory and Handbook
  - A suggestion was made to change the directory due date to August, try that for a year and then revise the policy accordingly.
  - A suggestion was made to make the end of June each year the hard date for membership renewals for inclusion in the Membership Directory.
  - The Board will present their recommendation to the Membership for their vote at the February 2025 meeting.

### Secretary's Report

- Dyan Lay reported that the Website Committee will present at the January Board meeting options for membership and workshop payments through the Guild's website.
- Kelly to be added to the Website Committee.

## Vice President's Report

- Jenni Jimmerson spoke about workshops:
  - There was a small surplus from Rebecca's October workshop; Jenni plans to use some of this money for a thank you goodie basket for the staff at the clubhouse venue.
  - Julie Gerrard remains the liaison to the Eagle Fire Department.
    - The fire station is a wonderful facility but sometimes problematic to coordinate.
  - Jenni will circulate at today's Regular Meeting an interest sign-up sheet for the April 11-13, 2025, Wedge Weave Workshop by Connie Lippert.

## Membership Chair's Report

- Cindy Griewe reported that there are 92 members as of this morning.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 4 at 10AM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

## **Regular Meeting Minutes ~ November 2, 2024**

### Call To Order at 11:32AM

- Present were 45 attendees: Mary Berent, Dyan Lay, Cindy Griewe, Kelly Sandusky, Rose Torres, Julie Gerrard, Lisa Baker, Nancy Alzola, Mary Anne Davis, Robin Conrads, Janet Stanger, Suzanne Price, Kathy McGowen, Sheila Miller, Pat Dayton, Sara Ann Marcus, Peggy Bale, Katzy Luhring, Connie Griffin, Tom Thompson, Jean Zaske, Linda Morton-Keithley, Irma Atkinson, Esther Kleinkauf, Jamie Landry, Alyssa Bangs, Mary Donato, Brenda Hatch, Rebecca Winter, Christie Farrin, Joy Shaffer, Jenni Jimmerson, Hanna Meinikheim, Dawn Rose, Marita Turner, Emily Wall, Mitzi Meyers, Zena Zaleski, Raelene Viste, Jeannie Phillips, Tasha Denegal, Susan Inouye, Bob and Liam Reinhardt, Cynthia Newman and Tessa Stone.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent with introductions and four new members in attendance.

### Show and Tell

- Kelly Sandusky showed her 5/2 cotton huck piece.
- Rebecca Winter presented a shadow weave shawl and several handmade books.
- Rose Torres brought several green woven samples and completed leg warmers.
- Suzanne Price held up a fabulous butterfly tapestry.
- Jean Zaske showed handwoven kit woven towels, washed with baking soda so the color darkened.
- Jenni Jimmerson wore her shadow weave vest.
- Katzy Luhring's tell was that a lady in Fruitland is selling her looms.
- Mary Donato attended a Nancy Hardwick workshop several years ago and showed several tapestry pieces as well as a tapestry polar bear.
- Julie Gerrard brought her shadow weave workshop notebook.
- Cindy Griewe held up three tapestries that she completed: whale tale, red rocks and arches.
- Jamie Landry showed a knitted sock and her pattern magnet board.
- Hanna Meinikheim presented knitted baubles, a wee white rabbit and bear; she shared that she uses free and paid patterns from Pinterest.
- Nancy Alzola brought a lovely blue scarf.
- Irma Atkinson showed three pieces: a rigid heddle purple scarf, a power sander felted scarf and a drunk ladybug scarf.
- Linda Morton-Keithley demonstrated a leather and woven purple bag.
- Marita Turner presented a chenille scarf.
- Mary Anne Davis showed a red, white and black knitted scarf.
- Connie Griffin passed around a circular sock and Kitchner stitch.
- Sheila Miller presented the softest green, pink and white knitted piece done in stockinette stitch.
- Robin Conrads brought an overshot table runner in a Maltese cross pattern and several bordered women pieces.
- Tessa Stone showed her crocheted shawl.
- Zena Zaleski spun thin roving yarn that she passed around.
- Raelene Viste added her delicate lace to a handkerchief.
- Emily Wall brought prepped batts of washed and carded fleece.

- Brenda Hatch told of the Tidewater Yarn Shop in Waldport, Oregon and shared a key card she had purchased.

#### Business

- Mary announced a new fiber store, Atropos Textile Studio, in Caldwell, Idaho at 520 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, atropostextile.com.
- Jenné Schiffhauer has organized the December potluck at Brenda Hatch's clubhouse, the Fairview Terrace Community Center. The guild meeting and annual potluck will be held at 700 E. Fairview Avenue in Meridian. At the Fiesta Guadalajara Restaurant on Fairview Avenue, turn north and go straight to the community center. There are a few parking places at the community center with overflow parking at the restaurant. If possible, please carpool to save on parking places. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to share with the group.

#### Board Reports

- Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson
  - Rebecca Winter's Shadow Weave Workshop in October was a huge success.
  - Jenni passed out a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in taking Connie Lippart's April 2025 tapestry workshop. The workshop takes all looms: floor, table and tapestry. Her weaving style is derived from Navajo weaving.
- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
  - The Guild has money.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
  - Dyan reminded members to sign the meeting's sign in sheet.
- Membership - Cindy Griewe
  - Cindy announced that four more members signed up this morning making our current membership total 96 people.
  - Mary spoke to new and current members that all the Guild's many study groups are listed in the monthly newsletter.

#### Committee Chairs

- Outreach – Janet Stanger
  - Janet thanked all the volunteers who participated in the Renaissance Faire, Western Idaho Fair and Old Farm Day demonstration events.
  - Volunteers included many spinners, and Janet urged non-spinners to volunteer as well.
  - She is also working on setting up demo opportunities for 2025.
- Beginning Weaving Study Group – Robin Conrads
  - Robin announced that today is the last day to sign up and pay for the November Beginning Weaving Workshop.
  - For loom rentals for the workshop, talk to Brenda Hatch, Guild Librarian.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11PM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

