

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

February, 2010

Calendar of Events



February 6, 2009 - Board Meeting
Moxie Java, 1122 S. Vista, Boise
10:00 am

February 6, 2009 - Guild Meeting
Boise Historical Museum,
Prospector Room
11:30 am - Business Meeting

12 noon - Social time

1:00 p.m. Program

**The Tale of a Quest for the Ultimate Rug and
the Battle with the Swedish Counter-Marche,
as told by Ivy DeHart**

February 11, 2009 - Spinning Study Group
At Maralyn Larson's Club House
6:30-8:30 p.m.

February 16, 2009 - Day Weaving Study Group
At the home of Irene Chandler
1 p.m.

March 6, 2009 - COE Study Group
Moxie Java, 1122 S. Vista, Boise
10:00 am

March 26, 27 and 28, 2010 - Weaving Workshop
There Must be 50 Ways to Weave your Color,
with Ruby Leslie
There are Still Openings. Come Join Us.
See flier in this Newsletter

Informal Spinning Workshop

We are planning an informal Spinning Workshop for April 17-18 in Boise. This will be a leaderless workshop where we will be playing with drum carders and spinning Beehive Yarn. We will give a demonstration of different techniques, then spinners will be able to play and spin. If you have a drum carder you can lend us for this event, please let us know. Contact Lynn Ruggles (375-9172) for more information and to sign up for this event.



February Program:

The Tale of a Quest for the Ultimate Rug and the Battle with the Swedish Counter-Marche, as told by Ivy DeHart

As you might have guessed this tale will have something for everyone who has ever considered weaving that beautiful wool rug you saw once upon a time. In my case the desire has been there for twenty years and was given new life by the Jason Collingwood workshop. It can be done and perhaps my journey and the lessons learned there will make your journey that much quicker and easier. All you need to bring is your imagination, experience and ideas to add to the tales told. An excellent sense of humor always helps when one is considering such a quest. Thank you HGBV for giving me a set destination point and timeline to hurry me onward.

Weaving a rug on a Conter-Marche (dragon) loom will also be discussed. Is it the ideal rug loom? I will let you know what I have discovered in the process of taming it. See you in February.

❖ Ivy DeHart



Guild Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2010

The Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley meeting of January 2 was called to order at 11:35 AM at the Idaho State Historical Museum by Vice-President Cece Stricklin, standing in for President Al Hayden, who was ill.

Members present were Marita, Cindy, Irene, Katrina, Cece, Penny, Rebecca, Mitzi, Ruth, Vila, Mary, Ivy, and Lynn.

Cece asked Mary if she were in charge of the upcoming COE celebration, and received an affirmative answer.

Cece reminded the membership that there is still time to sign up for the intensive, and to correspond with Al on questions, etc. Also, the March Workshop on Color does not have quite enough taking the class to cover expenses. Thirteen have signed up, and fifteen are needed. Non-members who are interested may be offered the opportunity to attend. Mary noted that the teacher, Ruby Leslie, is a very good speaker, not easily distracted, and the class should be very interesting.

Cece asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Cece, Mary, and Vila volunteered.

Cece then asked for volunteers for the Challenge Committee Chair. Vila volunteered, to be helped by Ivy and Lynn. Cece mentioned her New Year's goal, which is to keep at least 2 of her three looms busy, and her first step of winding a warp for one of the looms. Good goal for all of us.... start weaving or spinning if we are not already doing so.

Gold bag was presented by Penny, and accepted by Cindy. It contained coasters made of folded fabrics and coffee bookmarks. Penny also passed out Shirley Sterling's white paper 3 dimensional stars. These were one of Shirley's last projects. A book about spinning was donated to the Library, and a folder of 8-shaft patterns to Irene.

Treasurer's report by Irene: We still have money.

Show and tell included Lynn showing two skeins of yarn spun on a Schacht Wheel, one of which won honorable mention in the Schacht Spinning contest. One skein was of mohair and silk, the other contained 6 different fibers. The winner of the Schacht contest made handspun yarn including peacock feathers, and 20 contestants got honorable mentions.

Mitzi showed pink chenille scarves, and told of selling some items on Facebook to High School age people.

Rebecca showed an old booklet with work done for the Pennsylvania State College Extension Course. The pages were colored by hand and then shellacked. Original student was Clinton H. Moore.

Lynn said she has scanned and put on CD's a book of dye samples. She gave away two Vogue patterns for bags to Vila and Mitzi, and a how-to book on jackets to Irene.

The meeting was adjourned.

A very interesting program on Artist Trading Cards was presented by Rebecca Winter. She showed her current working inventory of cards, including some with tapestry, handwoven fabric, buttons and other found objects, and quilling paper, and each person present chose one to keep. Some cards she has received in trade with others demonstrated a variety of artistic work, using such things as copper wire and feathers.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Irene Chandler
Substituting for Cynthia Newman



Ramblings from the President

I missed being with you this past meeting, but thought that you would appreciate me not sharing my cold. I appreciate those that filled in for me.

As you can see in the minutes, both the Nomination Committee and the Challenge Committee were filled. We will have words of wisdom from these committees in the next couple of meetings. Well done folks!

We are in the middle of the Intensive 2010. Wow, what a great time we are having. Some solid studying was done by all in preparation for this "teacher-less" workshop. We picked a rather technical topic this year and all of the looms came warped and ready to weave, a big "well done" to all. Why don't you plan to come and join us next year?

The workshop with Ruby Leslie is coming soon, do you have your spot reserved? And next years workshop teacher is already confirmed. The VP's will be keeping us informed of the details.

Check the upcoming events, regular and special in the newsletter every month. These are opportunities to share your knowledge and gain some from others.

-- Al



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Websites

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

Monthly Sample Exchange

The samples available to members at the February 6th meeting are from Cynthia Newman. She wove a very colorful sample of Turned Monks Belt, with supplementary warp.

Warp and Weft
- 100% silk
Cascade Petite,
Henry's Attic.
Black and dyed

Sett - 20 epi

Remember to pull your samples from the Sample Exchange Box at each regular Guild meeting.

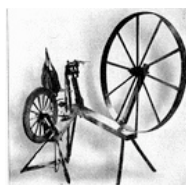
And remember to check your name off the list in each file folder. If you would like participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chair, Rebecca Winter.



Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group meets Feb 11, 6:30 p.m. at Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. Contact Lynn Ruggles (375-9172) for directions.



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving Group meets on the third Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the homes of participants.

Each participant chooses what they want to study. If this is something you are interested in come join us.

The meeting on February 16, will be at the home of Irene Chandler, 2118 Belle Aire., Nampa. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group will meet next on Saturday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the Moxie Java on the corner of Vista and Kootenai in Boise. We will meet from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. All are welcome to participate. Call Mary Berent for more info. at 939-8906.

Free Book

There is an opportunity for everyone to obtain an electronic copy of a book called Pattern and Loom. Don Wagner holds the copyright and he has made it available for all at the following link:

<http://staff.hum.ku.dk/dbwagner/Pattern-and-Loom.html>



Block Substitution Weaving Intensive Wildly Successful



Pictured here are Kathy McGowan, Cynthia Newman, Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Irene Chandler, Al Hayden, Pat Ann, and Julie Gerrard. Missing is Janet Stanger, who had to leave early, and behind the camera is Rebecca Winter.

The recent Weaving Intensive held on January 23 through 25, was a very successful event for the participants. The Intensive functions as a Study Group and it was very obvious to all that there was a great deal of studying done prior to the event.

Our goal for this Intensive was to weave different structures from the same profile draft. It was exciting to see the pattern design appear in damask, rep, spot Bronson, shadow weave, and others. Ten participants attended the Intensive. There were 11 looms available in the round robin format. A Guild Notebook will be organized for anyone to check out from the Library. Take a look there to see our results of this wonderful and challenging study.

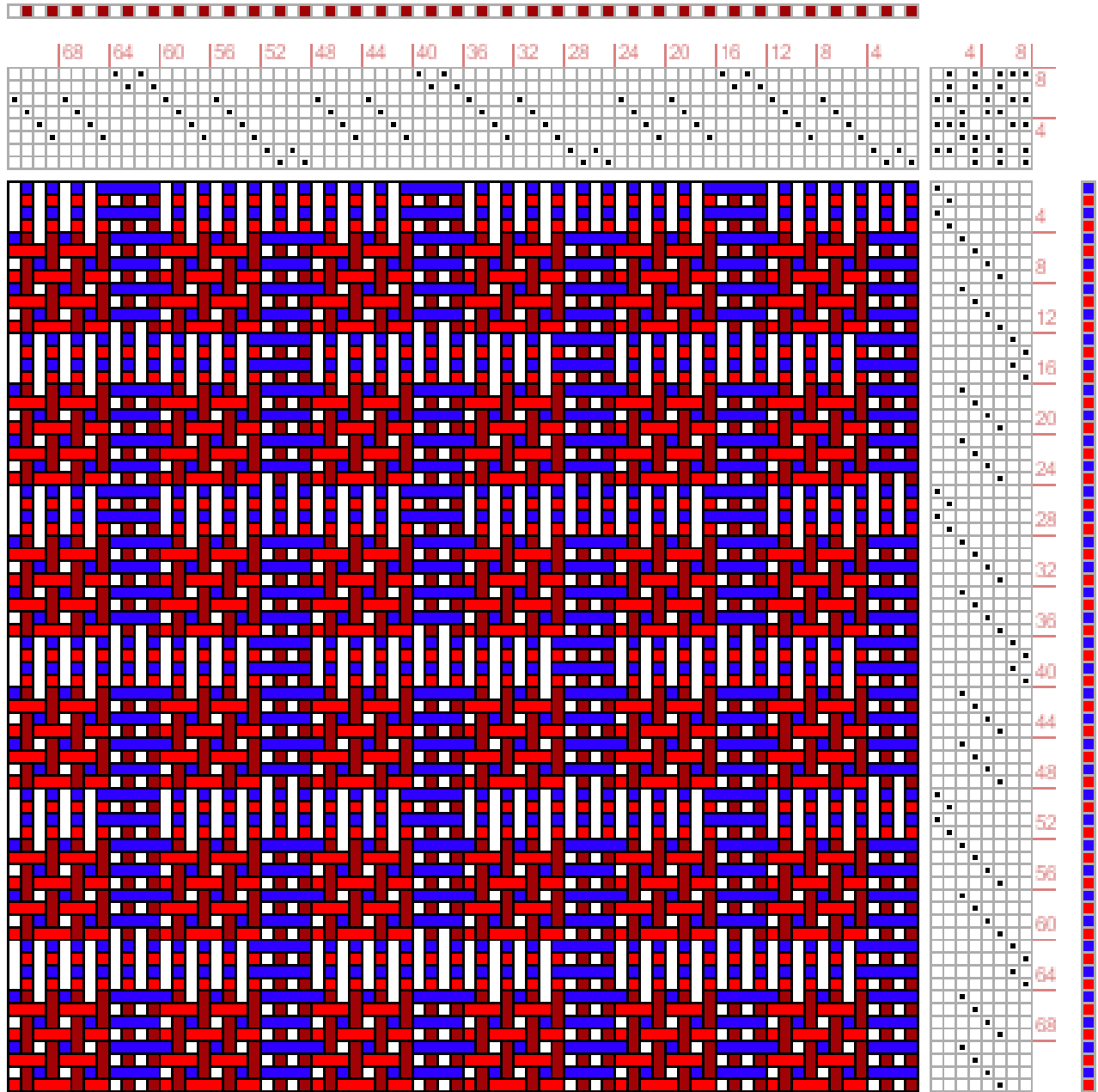
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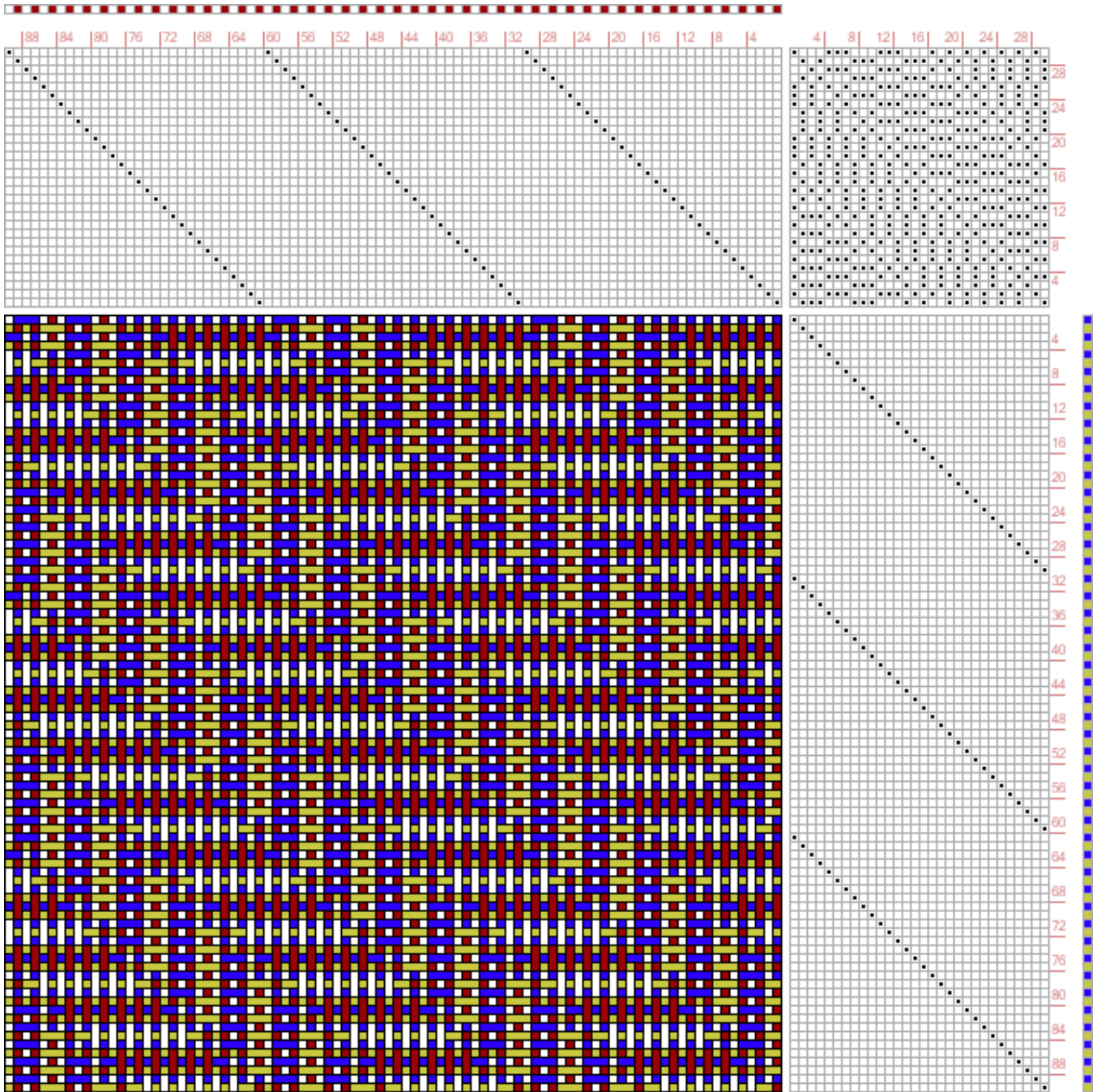


Draft Inspirations

Here are some more color drafts from Bonnie Inouye from the website, <http://www.handweaving.net>. They are from the Oelsner book. Remember, you can go to the website and enter the number to see all the specifics about each draft, as well as download a .wif file.

Draft #62781





There Must Be 50 Ways to Weave your Color

Workshop by Ruby Leslie

March 26, 27 and 28, 2010

9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Caldwell Public Library

Cost: \$220.00



Signup: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Return your form to Cece Stricklin at the next meeting, or mail to Kathy McGowan, 3496 Holl Drive, Eagle, ID 83616

Note: There is no refund after Feb 1, 2010, if you are unable to attend for any reason. It is O.K. for you to find someone else to take your place.

Please mark the loom you are bringing to the workshop:

Table Loom _____ or Floor Loom _____

harnesses on your loom _____



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The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

February Newsletter Highlights:

- ★ Program: The Tale of a Quest for the Ultimate Rug.
- ★ Spinning Opportunity: See page 1.
- ★ Ruby Leslie Workshop is a "Go," with openings remaining: See the flier on page 7.

