



Connecting ♡ Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
February, 2011

Calendar of Events

February Program

February 5, 2011 - COE Study Group
Moxie Java, 1122 S Vista, Boise
9:30 to 11:00 am

February 5, 2010 - Guild Meeting -
Boise Historical Museum
at the **Adelmann House**
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12 noon - Social time
1:00 p.m. Program - **Sewing Machine
Maintenance**, by Rebecca Winter

February 10, 2011 - Spinning Study Group
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
6:30 - 8:30pm

February 21, 2011 - Day Weaving Study Group
Studio Home of Rebecca Winter
1012 East Third Street, Meridian
1:00 pm

March 12, 13, 14, 2011 - Weaving Workshop
Extreme Warp Makeover, by Robyn Spady
All are welcome to all events!

Are you intimidated by the thought of taking your sewing machine apart and oiling the appropriate parts? Does the thought of adjusting your tension give you pause? Fear no more!! For our February meeting Rebecca Winter will present a program about **Sewing Machine Maintenance**. She will share a list of things you **CAN** do on your own without sending your machine to the repairman for servicing.

She has decided, with apologies to those who volunteered, to bring her own sewing machines to demonstrate on. Space is limited and fairness prevailed.

Plus, there may be time to talk about tips for sewing handwoven fabrics.

◆Mitzi Meyers



Ramblings of the President

Hello spinners and weavers:

Our guild has some great opportunities for learning, and if you haven't checked out the variety of study groups and workshops available to guild members, I would encourage you to do so. They are a great way to expand your knowledge and fine tune your skills as well as an opportunity to get to know other spinners and weavers.

I hope you will join us this month for Rebecca Winter's program on sewing machine maintenance. I have to admit that I forget to keep up on my machine maintenance and my machine will lay idle for a long time, gathering dust and then suddenly, I take it out for a sewing sprint (I believe in sewing full throttle). The older I get, the more I can relate to how my machine must feel when I do that. Perhaps more attention to the care and feeding of my sewing machine are in order, I will be taking notes.

I hope to see you soon,

◆ Cynthia Newman, President

Intensive a Huge Success

Once again the Intensive was a great success. This year's fourteen participants explored a variety of Double Weave options and learned more about weaving in general.

On the last day we decided upon the topic for next year. In 2012 we will study Color Harmonies. Each loom will be warped with a minimum of three hues, shades and/or tints. White, black, gray may be in the warp, but do not count as one of the three. Painted warps are OK.

Plan on attending the next Intensive. It is a wonderful three days of learning more about weaving and enjoying the company of fellow Guild members. It is a very inexpensive way to experience a weaving workshop.

◆ Vila Cox



It is Time for Nominations

Nominating Committee...yes it is that time of year again. As in most groups it can be a struggle to get people to jump into the FUN, and commit to a board position. Especially if you are new, this is a great way to get to know the ins and outs of the guild, and learn the people too! Please call Mitzi 340-9775 if you are even thinking of maybe volunteering. The duties of each position are outlined on the website under policies and in the by laws, and there are plenty of mentors that will help you with any questions. THANKS for all you all do!!!

◆ Mitzi Meyers

There Is Still Room In the Robyn Spady Workshop

March 12, 13, 14, 2011

Contact Kathy McGowan

UFO Program

UFO = Un Finished Objects: those craft/art things you started sometime ago that live in the back of the closet or drawer. Only about 4 months left to finish those



UFO items, so get busy fiber friends...

March Program

On March 5th Kathy McGowan will educate and excite us with all she has learned about Ikat. This is a very interesting technique that can add a huge dimension to your weaving projects with a little bit of work.

Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Al Hayden, who will share with us a sample of dyeing. He created **Rust** using the basic primaries, and will include multiple DOS (depth of shade).

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 to participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chair.

◆ Rebecca Winter



10th Annual
GARDEN VALLEY FIBER FREAKS
WINTER BLUES SPIN-IN

Sunday, February 13, 2011 Crouch Community Hall
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Oil your wheel and get out your fiber! It's almost time to spin away the winter blues!

The annual Garden Valley Fiber Freaks Winter Blues Spin-in will be held Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the Crouch Community Hall, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. All spinners and drop-ins are welcome. Please bring a sack lunch and finger food dish to share (no crock pots, no cooking allowed). For your convenience, soup, sandwiches and finger food items may be purchased across the street. Also bring a fiber related, wrapped white elephant gift. Bring your show and tell items. And bring news of other workshops, spin-ins and fiber conferences.

There is a \$5 donation for spinners, \$15 donation for vendors. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided.

Directions: From Boise take Hwy 55 north to Banks (19 miles north of Horseshoe Bend), turn right onto Hwy 17 towards Loman. Take a left turn (9 miles up river) into the town of Crouch. Bear right when you get to the center of town. The Community Hall is next to the Trading Post and across the street from the Merc. Come early and have breakfast at one of the local restaurants. Enjoy the snow and lovely ride up, but drive carefully. For further information call Jo 462-3797, Kathy 462-8092, Georgianna 462-3709 or Margaret 462-8014.

Directory Corrections and Additions:
Welcome New Members!!

New Email:

- ❖ Jean Zaske, zaskeins@hotmail.com
- ❖ Cindy Schafer, c1schafer@yahoo.com

Renewed:

- ★ Joan Sheehan, 1012 N 23th St., Boise, ID 83702, home-208-794-6049, spnrjoan@yahoo.com
- ★ Kim Cran, 4173 N Beaham Place, Meridian, ID 83646, home-208-887-3860, kim.cran@gmail.com

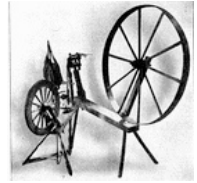
New Members:

- Mary Sheets, 1099 E Borzoi, Meridian, ID 83642, home-208-887-9611, cell-208-867-8573
- Fae Riegert, 4077 Patel Dr., Meridian, ID 83646, home-208-887-3700, paperjockey@gmail.com, work-208-333-8965, cell-208-870-4189
- Mina Boss, 1216 Vista Dr, Emmett, ID 83617, home-208-365-6167, minagboss@hotmail.com, cell-208-365-8094
- Robin Dougal, 16737 Boehner Rd., Caldwell, ID 83607, home-208-230-1883, robros1@yahoo.com, cell-208-608-0116

Study Group News

♥ **Spinning Study Group**

The Spinning Study Group will meet at Maralyn's Clubhouse on Feb 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The color this month is **Mary Berry Red**. Contact either Maralyn (888-2650) or Lynn (375-9172) for more information. Non-spinners are welcome!



If anyone would like more instruction in learning to use handcards, I will be happy to meet with you individually to help you out.

❖ Lynn

♥ **Day Weaving Study Group**

We will meet on **February 21** at 1 p.m. at the Studio home of Rebecca Winter, at 1012 East third Street. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ **Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group**

The COE Study Group will be held on **February 5th** at.

As usual, everyone is invited, for information call Mary Berent 939-8906.



Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2011

Present: Rebecca Winter, Janet Stanger, Al Hayden, Cynthia Newman, Kathy McGowan, Penny Schraufnagel, Mitzi Meyers, Irene Chandler.

Meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Newman and she announced that Judy Tallent will be taking over the duties of Librarian.

Treasurer's report: Irene reported that there has been no activity, so there is no financial report. She reminded the board there was a vote to pay an \$80.00 stipend to those hosting the workshop instructors, if needed.

Secretary had no report, but asked Al to keep an eye out in the mail for the notification card from the state, reminding us it is time to renew our nonprofit status.



Membership: Penny Schraufnagel reported that we currently have 48 members with the possibility of 2 more today. A man and wife couple had contacted her about joining requirements and they are supposed to be at today's meeting.

ANWG: Rebecca Winter reported that the registration is available on the ANWG web site for the biannual conference. We also passed around a class catalogue to look at. The catalog is available for down load from the ANWG site.

Rebecca had no report for the Newsletter.

Rebecca reported the **Day Weaving Study Group** meeting has been cancelled for January. The original date fell on the intensive workshop and moving it forward a week caused everyone to feel rushed, so the meeting was cancelled.

February's general meeting **program** will be on Sewing Machine Maintenance.

There was a discussion on the **Guild equipment** which is stored at Mitzi's. She asked the officers about the guild's handcards. They are listed on our equipment list, but they are not inventory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination committee was formed. Members are Mitzi, Rebecca and Janet. The slate of Officers is due in March.

It was brought up for thought: 1. Scholarships -- Does the guild want to make monies available to people to help pay their way to work shop. What will be the criteria and what will they have to do to repay the money. 2. It was brought up to think about an endowment fund.

Board Meeting adjourned.

◆ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



Guild Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2011

Adelmann House

Present: Rebecca Winter, Janet Stanger, Al Hayden, Cynthia Newman, Kathy McGowan, Penny Schraufnagel, Mitzi Meyers, Irene Chandler, Mary Berent, Cindy Schafer, Mary Sheets, Mitzi Meyers, Lynn Ruggles, Ava Lutteman, Pat Ann, Julie Gerrard, Rena Lute, Robin & Gordon Dougle, Judy Tallent, Ushi Shambaugh, Mena, Vila Cox, Marita Turner, Melanie Smith, Carol Freeman.

Meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Newman.

VP Kathy McGowan reported the Robin Spady workshop is March the 12th, there are still plenty of spaces available. It will be held at the Caldwell Library. Robyn comes from the Seattle area and her workshop topic is Extreme Warp Makeover. There was discussion on doing a spinning workshop in 2012.

VP Mitzi Meyers reports that January's program is hand carding, February's meeting is sewing machine maintenance and March's program is ECOT dying.

Treasurer's report: Irene reported that there has been no activity. We have a balance of \$3,667.80 and have 1 \$30.00 check outstanding.

Membership: Penny Schraufnagel reports that we just had 2 new members sign up which brings our membership to 50.



ANWG: Rebecca Winter reported that the registration for the biannual conference is up on the ANWG website. We also passed around a class catalogue to look at. The catalog is available for down load from the ANWG site. The conference is in Salem, Oregon, and is the last few days of May through the first few days of June, 2011.

Rebecca had no report for the **Day Study Group** and no report for the **Newsletter**. She also reminded everyone if you need to have something put into the newsletter that she needs to get it by the 15th of the month. The Day Study Group has been cancelled, to resume the 3rd Monday in February. Meeting will be held at Rebecca's house.

Rebecca also explained the **sample box** to the new members. The draft sheets can now be found on our yahoo group web site and the yarn sheets and calculation sheets will be available on the yahoo site soon.

Vila Cox reported on the **Intensive Study Group**, to be held January 14, 15, and 16th at the Caldwell Library. Topic is Double Weave. She still needs several peoples' drafts, ASAP to get your notebooks together on time. Cost is \$30.00 and is from 9-5 each day.

The **Spinner's Study Group** meeting has been cancelled for January, but will meet again in February at the clubhouse of Maralyn Larson. The study will be on color, and the color for February will be announced.

The COE Study Group is held every other Month at Moxie Java on Kootenai and Vista. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

There was a discussion on the guild equipment which is stored at Mitzi's. She was asking the officers about the guild's handcards. They are listed on our equipment list but they are not inventory. Mitzi found the handcards stored in our cabinets at the Adelmann house.



NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination committee was formed. Members are Mitzi, Rebecca and Janet. If you want to help on the committee let Cynthia know: and if you have someone in mind for an officer let one of the committee members know. The slate of Officers is due in March.

It was brought up for thought: 1. Scholarships -- Does the guild want to make monies available to people to help pay their way to workshop? What will be the criteria, and what will they have to do to repay the money? 2. It was brought up to think about an endowment fund.

Mitzi has information on someone who is selling wool for a dollar a pound. They had bought a bale of wool you get almost a ton of wool in a bale. If you are interested in this get ahold of Mitzi.

Irene brought **Gold Bag** and was won by Julie Gerrard. She won 3 skeins of yarn.

UFO's: Cindy Schafer brought in a Christmas tree skirt that needs to be finished.

Show and Tell:

- Pat Ann brought in some yarn that she had made.
- Rebecca Winter brought samples of the 16 scarves she made for her family for Christmas.
- Julie Gerrard brought in a little Pendleton bag and a charm bracelet with spinning wheel charms.
- Marita was wearing her Merino wool and alpaca socks she had knitted.

- Mary Sheets brought a shawl made of Merino wool and silk, a bag she had made from red heart yarn, a sweater from home spun yarn, and a pair of fingerless gloves.
- Rena Lute brought rovings from New Zealand. They are called slivers there.
- Cindy Schafer brought in some wool trimmings that she had questions about. The fiber had very long Hairs.
- Mary Berent brought in some home spun yarn she had made with Pat Ann's purple rovings.

Meeting adjourned for the Program on Handcarding.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Guild Officers and Chairs

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Spinning Study Group: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

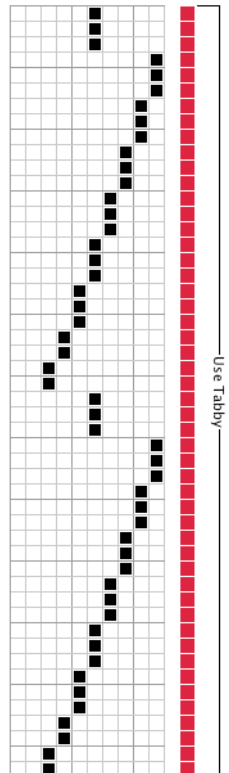
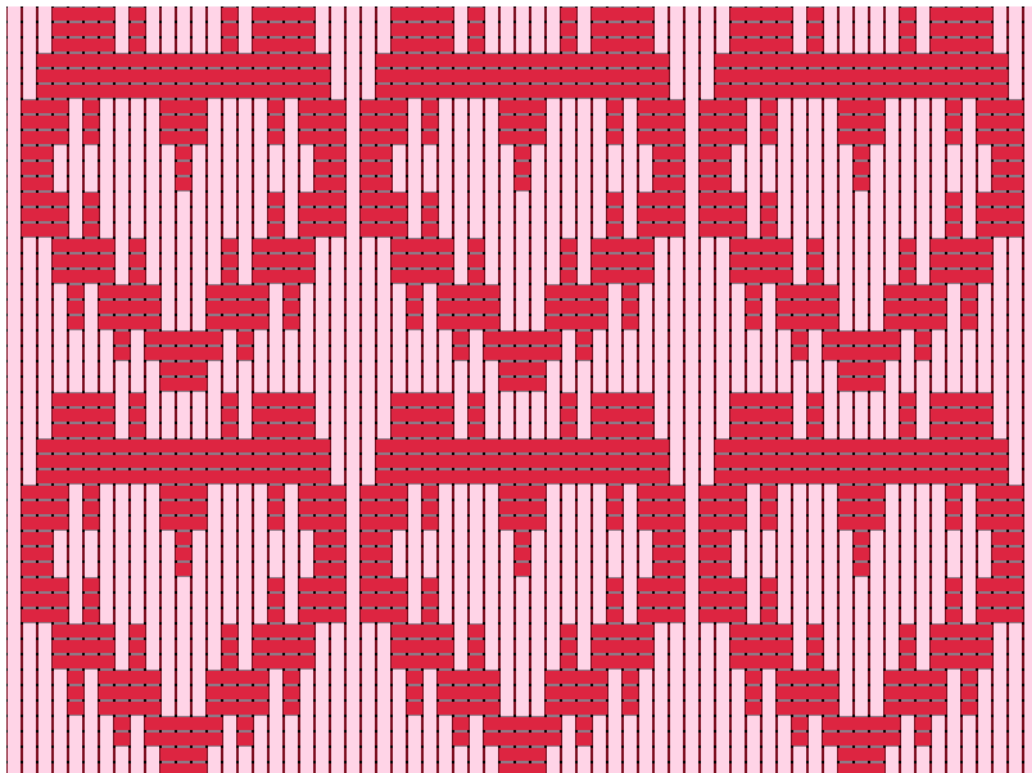
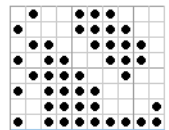
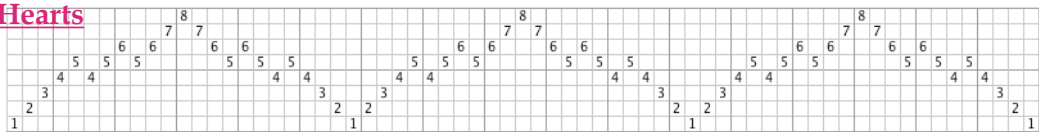
Past President - Al Hayden - 343-7300

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

Overshot Hearts

For February



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The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

February Newsletter Highlights:

- ☀ Program: Sewing Machine Maintenance
- ☀ Robyn Spady Workshop - Next Month!!
There are still openings!! See Previous Newsletters for Information
- ☀ Year Long Program: UFO's
- ☀ 10th Annual Garden Valley Fiber Freaks Winter Blues Spin-In

