

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
February, 2017

February Program: Add Sparkle to your Fiber with Beads

In February, Esther Kleinkauf will be telling us how to use beads to create handmade items with extra flair. She said she will discuss and display a number of ways that beads can be used to embellish our fiber arts, or can be made into projects by themselves. ♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

- February 4, 2017 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Add Sparkle to your Fiber with Beads, by Esther Kleinkauf**
At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise
- Near State Street & 23rd
- We will be meeting in the Banquet Room

- February 1 & 15, 2017 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- February 4, 2017 - COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting
- February 9, 2017 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- February 11, 2017 - Winter Fiber & Equipment Clearance Sale
10:00 am until 2:00 pm
At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
- February 14, 2017 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox's Home
- February 21, 2017 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Melanie Smith's Home
- February 23, 2017 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cindy Schafer's Home

- March 10,11,&12, 2017 - Weaving Workshop, "Forgotten Weaves," by Margie Thompson
- April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 - Spinning Workshop, "Take Control of Your Spinning (Drafting) and Plying Techniques," by Sarah Anderson

{See the fliers on pages 5 & 6 for Workshop Information}

Workshop News

Weaving Workshop

The deadline is fast approaching

- to sign up for the "Forgotten Weaves" workshop with Marjie Thompson. The workshop will be March 10, 11 & 12, 2017. The deadline to sign up is February 10. We need 12 participants total by that date to hold the workshop. We have a little over half that number signed up to date.

This is going to be an awesome workshop full of fabulous weave structures and lots of information about the history of weaving in the Europe and North America. Please send your registration form and check to me using the attached flyer.

Spinning Workshop

It is also time to sign up to learn to "Take Control of Your Spinning" and "Plying Techniques" which will be taught by Sarah Anderson. The 3-day workshop will be April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 at Stevens-Henager College in Nampa.

She is an excellent teacher and I think you will enjoy and learn from her at this workshop. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President



Winter Fiber and Equipment

Clearance Sale!

The Guild will be having a fiber and equipment sale on February 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Church.

These are items that have been donated to the Guild that we have decided we do not need to keep for our own use. Items include

spinning fiber (wool, silk, alpaca, mohair, flax, cotton), handspun yarn (worsted to bulky weight for knitting or weaving), and a variety of tools and equipment (rigid heddle loom, inkle loom, Ashford Lazy Kate and bobbins, spindles, umbrella swift), small sheep/weaving related items, several handmade baskets. Too many to list! Items will be priced 30-50% less than retail so come and stock up!

If the weather is bad, we will post info on the Yahoo Group if the sale is postponed.

From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

This winter has been an adventure! Record snow, postponed guild meetings, wonderful Intensive, new guild members, and some things we don't want to think about any more. It is so much fun to get together each month and see what everyone has been working on. It was great to have new and returning faces at the recent meeting. I'm looking forward to the rest of the journey this year with the upcoming workshops, getting together for study groups, and more inspirational shows-and-tell at the meetings. ♦ Vila Cox, President

Spinning Study Group

It's February, time for our annual fruit potluck at our spinning study group. I'm not sure if you are like me, but I sure do miss our spinning study group! Let's hope the weather will finally give us a break so we can have some spinning fun on February 9th at Maralyn's club house, at our usual time. Bring some type of fruit to share and don't forget your wheel, spindle or other current project.

Also, plans are in the works for a big Christmas in July event so look for more details to come. As usual if you have any question just let me know. See you on the 9th. Melanie yarnsntreads@aol.com

♦ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair



January Program

Unfortunately, Mary Berent was unable to attend the meeting on January 21 and present the program on Mary Meigs Atwater, her life, her publications and her influence on weaving. Thanks to Rebecca Winter and Linda Morton-Keithley for sharing their copies of Mary Meigs Atwater Recipe books, and the Shuttlecraft Book of American Handweaving, and the copies of her monographs on Handweaving.

♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President

February Sample News

Editor's Note: This month we will not be having a new sample. It is a reflection of all the hard work we have all been putting in with life events and the snow. And no worries, there is plenty of time for more fiber art.

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.

Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ Spinning Study Group

February 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article for details.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The next meeting of the day weavers study group will be at the home of Melanie Smith on Tuesday **February 21st** at 1.30pm

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

Cindy Schafer will host the Rug Punch and Needle Punch group on Thursday, **February 23**, at 1pm until 5pm.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **February 4**, before the

Regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace

Meets **February 14**, 10am at Vila's.

Website

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

Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612 & Julie Gerrard 342-8562
- Secretary: Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
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- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
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- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324

Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2017

Budget discussion

The board met at 10:00 a.m. Present were Vila Cox, Lily Lee, Julie Gerrard, and Rebecca Winter.

Vila had met with Kathy, the Treasurer, to go over the accounts. They reviewed the budget and wanted to bring a few revisions to the Board. There has been more money going out than coming in for the past couple of years. The two main points were, 1.) the workshop was showing a higher amount for the income than what the expenses were, (Our policy on workshops is that they should pay for themselves.) and 2.) perhaps we could manage the yearly line item for the self insurance in a different way.

The background on the self insurance is that when we moved the Library and addressed the issue of insuring it, this money was to be designated in the annual budget. Because we have enough money in the bank to replace the library and equipment we now have the opportunity to retain this savings for the purpose of self-insurance, alleviating the designated funding from the annual budget.

Julie mentioned we will also need to discuss a location for our June meeting. She has found a potential instructor for next year's weaving workshop.

- Respectfully submitted by Lily Lee, substituting for the Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2017

Introductions

Vila, Julie, Lily, Melanie, Irene, Christine Brady (new member), Linda, Marita, Rena, Jenni, Rebecca, Penny, Lynn, Cindy, Ivy, Janet, Mitzi and Karen Rainwater rejoined the guild.

VP Update from Julie Gerrard

Workshops coming up:

- Marjie Thompson -Forgotten Weaves sign-up deadline 2/10
- Sarah Anderson -Take Control of Your Spinning signup deadline 3/1

It is your policy that workshops be self-supporting financially. Costs which need to be covered include instructor's travel expenses, venue, etc. Plus, we need enough people to enroll to cover the costs or the workshops will need to be canceled. If you sign up for a workshop your check will not be deposited until just before the workshop.

February Program: Esther Kleinkauf *Add Sparkle with Beads*

Need to find a location for the June meeting (6/3). Penny Schraufnagel volunteered to host.

Nominations Committee was appointed: Janet, Cindy, Vila

Vila said she would prefer not to serve as President next year, as she has now done two consecutive terms.

List of Board Member Positions and brief description of duties were given: President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair. Please consider volunteering, and becoming more involved in the Guild.

ANWG Update from Melanie Smith:

Over 400 participants have already registered for this year's ANWG Conference. The Conference will be in Victoria, BC, and this year's theme is "Tread Lightly." The online system crashed during the workshop registration period but ANWG Board Members resolved the issue.

Show and Tell

12 people in attendance participated. Great binders from the Intensive!

Business Vila Cox, President:

Vila briefed members about the budget issues, explaining how library self-insurance could be removed as a budget line item if we retain necessary funds in the savings account to cover the value of the library's assets.

Motion was made:

Julie moved to designate necessary reserve funds in the savings accounts to cover the value of the library's assets, which will be our self-insurance fund.

Discussion:

Penny: Sounds good.

Irene: Does it all need to be untouchable if we do this? She wondered about having a specific amount.

Rebecca: We need to know a more precise value of the library assets to finalize the reserve amount for self-insurance.

Melanie: Explained process of CD funds, mentioned future revenue issue with members over 70 not needing to pay dues.



Rebecca and Vila: Explained the history of the guild's choice to be self-insured.

Julie: Explained that in a worst-case scenario of a total loss of all library assets the guild would not and could not necessarily replace every item with an exact match.

Cindy: What are our largest costs?

Vila: Rent, in short, with further explanation of budget issues.

Motion passed.

Ivy: Church remodel update?

Vila: The Fireside Room is being remodeled to partially become offices, which will probably reduce the size of the Fireside too much to accommodate guild meetings, considering the size and amount of furniture in the room. We will probably meet in the Banquet Room, which is about \$5 more per month to rent. The Church wants to continue a positive working relationship with the guild.

Membership Chair Rebecca Winter:

Two new members, bringing the total guild membership to in the mid-50's.

Librarian Cindy Schafer:

One new book Next Steps in Weaving, Vila highly recommends, as it was invaluable to one of her students in self-directed learning.

Three new DVD's.

Whoever checks any of these items out first must write a review of them for the Newsletter.

Equipment Committee Chair Lynn Ruggles:

February 11th Fiber and Equipment Sale 10AM-2PM cash or checks only, pricing below retail. Check Yahoo group for any needed updates due to inclement weather.

Event Coordinator Janet Stanger:

January is National Craft Month

Interweave Fiber Festival in Loveland, CO March 30-April 2, founded by Interweave magazine.

-lunch break-

Program:

In lieu of the scheduled program Rebecca Winter and Linda Morton-Keithly shared examples of the historic periodical *Shuttlecraft Guild Bulletin* and discussed the origin and history of the Shuttlecraft Guild.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Lily Lee, substituting for the Secretary

Photos from the 2017 Texture Weaving Intensive





“FORGOTTEN WEAVES” A Weaving Workshop by Marjie Thompson

Marjie Thompson, chair of The Early Weaving Books and Manuscripts study group, enjoys studying early weaving books and manuscripts from the 16th to early 20th century as well as handwoven textiles from Europe and North America. She states that though the drafts for the workshop are old weaves, all are applicable for today’s weavers for everything from scarves to table linens and clothing. She stresses that point, though many will be woven in traditional colors as samples.

Dates and Time: Friday through Sunday, March 10, 11, & 12, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$235 includes \$15 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$260 includes \$15 materials fee

Participant’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Loom: _____ Number of Harnesses: _____

Are you willing to warp your loom with 20/2 cotton? Yes _____ No _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Julie Gerrard, 6667 W. Tobi Drive, Boise, ID 83714. The deadline to sign up is February 10, 2017.



Take Control of Your Spinning and Plying Techniques A Spinning Workshop with Sarah Anderson

Fascinated by all things fiber since childhood, Sarah Anderson is the author of *"The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs"* and has contributed to Spin Off, Handwoven and Ply magazines. Sarah's enthusiasm for spinning techniques and constructions has driven her to create an extensive library of different yarn constructions that she loves to share with other spinners. She has taught at SOAR, Golden Gate Fiber Institute, Madrona, NWRSA's Spinner's conference and for many guilds. She lives, spins, knits and weaves in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and a California quail named Boo. (From Fiber Fusion Northwest)

Dates and Time: Friday through Sunday, April 7, 8, and 9, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$240 includes \$50 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$265 includes \$50 materials fee

Participants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

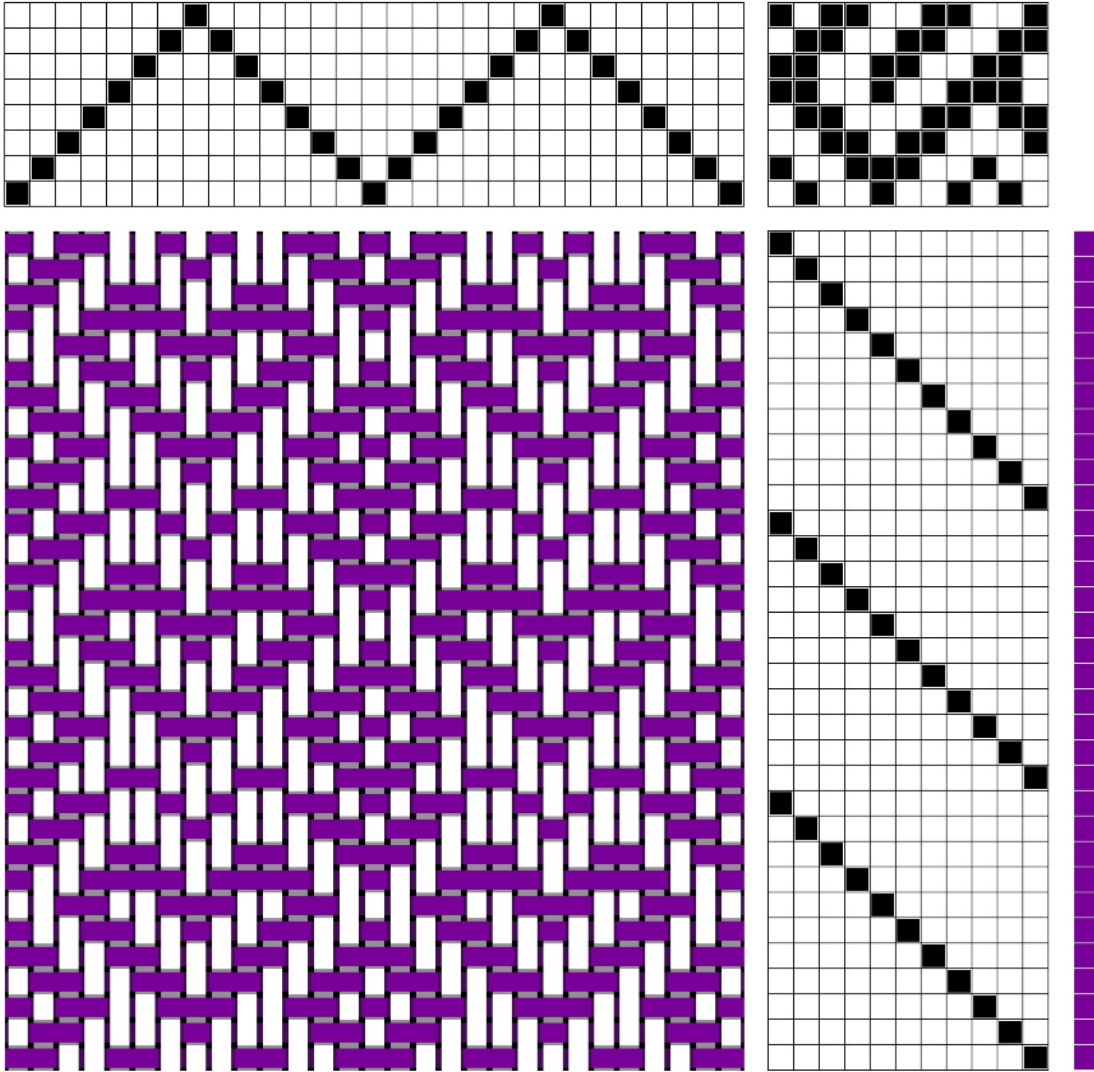
E-Mail Address: _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Julie Gerrard, 6667 W. Tobi Drive, Boise, ID 83714.
The deadline to sign up is March 1, 2017.

Draft Inspirations - Hearts and Flowers

The following draft is from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about the draft, as well as download a .wif file.

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