

# Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley  
February, 2019

## February Program: Designing Handwoven Clothing My Way,

by Jenni Jimmerson

There are so many decisions and calculations to be made on the path to a completed handwoven garment. Jenni has been making garments off and on for the last thirty years. She will be sharing her experiences and progression from (maybe that first garment) to her current creation. There will also be some design, cutting and sewing tips. Come join us for another inspiring program.



## Calendar of Events

### February 2, 2019 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: **Designing Handwoven Clothing My Way**

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,  
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

### **Study Groups:**

January 24 , 2019 - Rug Punch Meeting

1 to 4 pm

Jinks' Boise House, 12030 Savage Dr.

February 12, 2019 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

Vila Cox's Home

February 14, 2019 - Spinning Study Group

6:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's Home

February 19, 2019 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 a.m.

Jenni Jimmerson's Home

February 22 , 2019 - Rug Punch Meeting

1 to 4 pm

Jinks' Boise House, 12030 Savage Dr

### **Workshop:**

April 27 & 28, 2019 - Judie Overbeek Spining Workshop

### **Mini-Workshops:**

February 16, 2019 - Computer Weaving with

Fiberworks PCW, by Mary Berent

April 13, 2019 - Sectional Warping and Using the

Warping Wheel, by

Anne Oglevie &

Mary Berent



## Winter Blues Spin-In

Greetings Spinners and Happy New Year!  
**Winter Blues Spin-In** is scheduled for **Saturday Feb 9th 2019** at the **Community Hall** in Crouch, Garden Valley Idaho.

Once again we are pleased to invite fiber arts interested folks for a day of enlightenment from 10AM to 3PM. Vendors entry 9:30AM .

- A \$5.00 Door donation and a \$10.00 Vendor donation is requested.
- Potluck goodies and finger food to share or local eatery options.
- Optional Gift Exchange of fiber related items with charm :-)
- Directions upon request ~ Thank you ~ Happy Spinning.
  - Georgianna Goetsch [payettegeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:payettegeorge@yahoo.com)
  - Jinks Hunter [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com)

## The May Yarn and Equipment Sale

### **Will include a Silent Auction!**

We will have the annual Yarn and Equipment Sale in May as usual, but this year we're adding a new feature!! A Silent Auction!! This will be donated items and the committee may bundle or repackage them into silent auction treasures! Please donate any items for the silent auction to either Mary Berent or Jenni Jimmerson before the May meeting. It can be anything fiber related. The entire sale price of the auction will go to the Guild.

- Mary Berent, Vice President

## 2019-2020 Directory Sample

For the last two years we have had a sample on the cover of our Membership Directory. For this next year we would like to open the opportunity to create the sample to the entire Guild.

There are specific parameters required for the samples, because of the construction of the booklet.

- The fiber sample needs to be flat and made with fine yarns or threads. An example of yarn size would be 10/2 cotton or finer.
- The sample needs to be pasted inside the window cut into the Directory cover.
- We also request you provide construction instructions to be printed with your sample, such as weaving drafts or pattern instructions.
- Remember your sample will be representing the Guild, and we ask they be clean, finished, and of good quality.
- Know also we print from 70 to 80 Directories.
- We will open this sample to any fiber method, as long it meets these parameters.

If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity, I will add you to a list. I would also be willing to discuss your proposal for the samples, and how they might work best for the Directory.

The most equitable method of selection of the person who will provide the samples would be to draw a name from a hat.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting, if you would like to add your name to the list of those interested in providing the 2019-2020 Directory sample.

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

### From Your President

Happy New Year! Have you been able to enjoy some quality crafting time during this winter season?

Reading the messages being sent out on the Groups.io site, it sounds like gatherings have been taking place as well as more being planned. The events many of you are involved in sound exciting and fun. The weavers gathered on January 19-21 at Stevens-Henager College in Nampa. It sounds like the spinners are planning an event in Crouch to fight the winter blues.

Let's keep the ideas flowing and the gatherings coming together as we learn and challenge one another to improve our craft skills.

Hope to see many of you on February 2 at the Guild monthly meeting. We will want to hear about the activities that have taken place and see all of the 'shares' that have been created since our last gathering.

- ◆ Happy Crafting, Greta Ankeny, President

## Policy Update

The Guild maintains some important documents. Our By-Laws are required by the State for our process of incorporation. They are a legal document which remains static, for the most part.

Then quite a few years ago, we lamented that some of our processes which worked so well were being lost as we shifted from old officers to new officers. We decided to write these processes down. They became our Policies, Job Descriptions, and a few other Informational Guidelines. These documents can be changed as the Guild wills, because they are merely what works for us as we sustain and foster our Purpose. As we grow and create better processes, the documents need to be updated. The last update occurred in 2012.

Your Board has recently reviewed the Policies and Job Descriptions. Updated copies will be presented at the February meeting. We will not be printing copies for each member for the February meeting, because all together they consist of about 50 pages. We intend to publish them on our website, so they will be easily accessible to all members.

Our Policies and Job Descriptions are always works in progress and are living documents - a way to record all the wonderful things we do.

And remember, if you are asked to serve as an Officer or Chairperson, the first thing to do would be to read the By-Laws and the other documents related to your role in our volunteer organization.

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, Historian

## January Program

The program called "4-8-12 Shafts, Is More Better," presented by Mary Berent for the January meeting, was excellent. The power point slides and handwoven samples gave wonderful examples of what is possible with more shafts. We were all inspired by Mary's enthusiasm and competence in mutli-shaft weaving. Thank you so much, Mary.

- ◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President



## Library Updates & Book Reviews

With all the interest and excitement with the Spinning Study Group, I thought I would bring you some book reports on some neat little spinning books that are often over looked in our library. Back in the day Bette Hochberg wrote some really cool, and dare I say under-appreciated booklets on spinning and fiber. The first being *Handspinner's Handbook*, followed by *Handspindles*, *Spin Span*, *Sun and Fibre Facts*. Each of these small books gives great information on all things spinning and fiber. Each book has no more than 70 pages so they are a quick read. They are easy to understand even though packed with great technical information. They are also full of great pictures and illustrations. Below are a brief overviews of each of these gems.

*Handspinner's Handbook* - A great over all guide to spinning from start to finish. There is information on how to spin, on carding, and an overview of fibers from wool to ramie.

*Handspindles* - A great overview of all things spindle related. There is great history of spindles and tons of pictures and illustrations of spindles from around the world.

*Spin Span Spun* - This book is packed with history and folklore of spinning and fiber. I highly recommend every lover of all things fiber to read through this gem.

*Fibre Facts* - Is packed with great information on fiber and yarns, including properties and structure and other fun information on fiber and yarn. This is a great read for not only spinners, but weavers too.

I hope you will take some time this month to check out one of these little gems from our library, and that you will enjoy them as much as I have over the years.

If you have any library items checked out please remember to bring them to the next meeting.

◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

## Rug Punch Meeting

New to Rug or Needle Punch ? We can help you get started. Or bring your knitting or spinning. Or just stop by to visit. We will meet on Thursday Jan 24 and Thursday Feb 22, from 1 to 4 pm, at Jinks' Boise House, 12030 Savage Dr.

◆ Jinks Hunter & Pat Day Hartwell



## Spinning Study Group

Wow! Did we have great time learning about Black and BFL fiber at last month's meeting?! I know I am looking forward to seeing and hearing what everyone thought about their sample of fiber they took home.

It's not too late to join in on the fun - just email me and I can give you directions to my home. Our next meeting will be February 14th at 6:30 p.m. at my home. This will also be our annual fruit inspired potluck. So plan to bring a fruit item to share. Also this month I will do a demo on cleaning and replacing a drive band. Jinks will be bringing us a new fiber to study, and plan to share your thoughts and spinning of the black and BFL. If you have any questions just let me know.

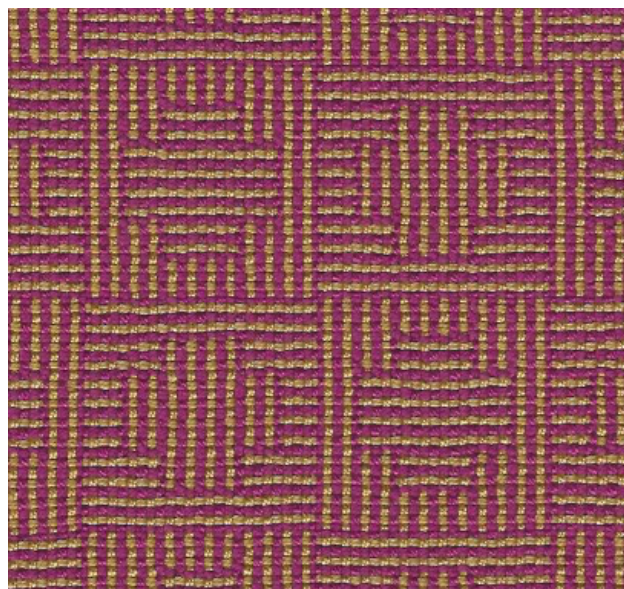
Melanie - [yarnsnthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsnthreads@aol.com)

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

## Sample Exchange News

The sample for February is a Color-and-Weave, Basket Weave, provided by Rebecca Winter. It is a draft from the book by Franz Donat book, *Die farbige Gewebemusterung*, written in 1907. The sample is woven with 5/2 mercerized cotton in the warp and the weft.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



### **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.

## Officers and Chairs

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- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
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- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-459-4324

## Website

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

## Groups-io Link

<https://boiseguild.groups.io/g/main>

Email via: [main@BoiseGuild.groups.io](mailto:main@BoiseGuild.groups.io)



## Minutes Section

### Board Meeting

We used the same meeting agenda as for the December meeting, as many of the items were carried over to January.

Policies: Continued until February.

The order of the general meeting was briefly discussed and it was decided to go back to short introductions with show and tell separate.

Budget: Vila presented figures showing the current year's budget and actual expenses. She also presented a draft budget for next year. The category of dues needs to be raised slightly. The issue of insurance was discussed. Greta and Jenni agree to contact their insurance contacts for additional bids. The current bid from Rebecca's insurance person is \$550 per year and that seems high to all of us. A figure for the insurance cost will need to be included in the upcoming budget. Stevens-Henager asked for proof of insurance in regards to our upcoming Intensive, so this needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Barbara Redman was invited to come to the board meeting to talk about her idea of a guild sale. This is the result of a letter Barbara wrote and asked to have

published in the last newsletter. We had a very good discussion about the possibilities. In Barbara's old guild, Prescott Arizona, they had 3 sales a year and she talked about that, but is not suggesting 3 sales events. Jenni talked about the sale in her old guild, Watcom, Washington. Discussion was general, but covered location, jurying, how many sales per year, and that it would take a few years of effort to be successful. It was left that Barbara would bring up the topic at the regular meeting today and see if there is interest, both in the organization of a sale and those who have things to sell at such a sale.

◆ Respectfully submitted, by Mary Berent, Substituting Secretary

### Member's Meeting

Present: Greta Ankeny, Lily Lee, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Wallene Stoddard, Julie Gerrard, Pat Ann, Penny Schraufnagel, Peggy Jones, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Barbara Redmond, Cynthia Newman, Karen Loughmuller, Jean Zaske, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Cindy Pollock, Denyce Verti, Raelene Viste, Melanie Smith, Dagmar Rapp, Christine Brady, Linda Morton-Keithley, Dyan Lay, Connie Griffin, Nancy Swenson, Fran Yuschak, Esther Kleinkauf, Irene Chandler, Cindy Schaefer, Doug Ranck, Cynthia Newman

#### **Greta Ankeny, President**

*Introductions* As you introduce yourself please share what is your favorite craft?

There is a free table with available items. If you brought something and nobody decides they want it, you are responsible for taking it with you when you leave (we cannot leave things in the church).

*Nominations* A Nominations Committee needs to be assembled. The committee will work together to develop a slate of officers to be voted on in March. This volunteer opportunity is short-duration and usually does not require meeting in person as the work can be done via email and on the phone. Mary Berent, Dagmar Rapp and Dyan Lay volunteered to be on the Nominations Committee.

*Community Outreach* So far Barbara Redmond, Janet Stanger and Lily Lee have volunteered to be on the Community Outreach Committee. While this idea was dormant through the holidays we would like to see the Community Outreach Committee become active soon.

#### **Show & Tell**

Nineteen members had shows and three had tells. Highlights: Christine Brady shared a sample she finished from an Acadian Workshop done on a two-shaft loom. Cindy Pollock completed several large and very soft blankets using a Bird's Eye Twill pattern on her new 60" four-shaft LeClerc Nilus loom! Barbara Redmond shared five rugs woven with T-shirts bought at Saint Vincent by the bag for \$5. She also shared mobius scarves woven with tencel, silk, merino, and rayon from the free table as well as several felted items including wrist warmers and

a bowl. Jean Zaske and Jenni Jimmerson both shared items they wove on an inkle loom. Jean completed thirty-some bookmarks for her husband's fraternity reunion as well as a star ornament. Jenni used her inkle weaving as a frame for a jacket she wove the material for using basket and twill weaves on a four-shaft loom with wool purchased on a trip to Estonia. Peggy Jones shared an impressive UFO (unfinished object), which is a custom REPP weave table runner for a specific mission/shaker style table featuring an ethnic design and fringes with braiding and beads. Doug Ranck also completed a REPP weave table runner that he gifted his mother. His was designed to fit on her old Singer treadle sewing machine table.

#### **Greta Ankeny, President - Guild Sale Proposal**

There was a letter written to the guild by Barbara Redmond and published in the Newsletter proposing the idea of a guild sale (selling handmade items to the public). The board would like to gauge the interest level of guild members. If sufficient interest is present we would like to assemble a committee of up to seven members to explore the possibility of a guild sale. The guild used to do a sale in the 80's but given the long gap, this new committee will be responsible for developing the sale from scratch. A cursory vote was held and seven members volunteered to help organize a sale. Thirteen members indicated that they would likely have items to sell.

A question came up: in addition to a sale being an event with the capacity of strong community outreach, how else might it benefit the guild? A 20% commission on all sales would be collected by the guild. The importance of timing and location as well as the cost of advertising were also brought up as suggested topics for the committee to consider.

#### **Mary Berent, Co-Vice President**

There are two mini workshops coming up this year. There is a Fiberworks PCW software workshop, which will be held at Mary Berent's house on February 16<sup>th</sup>. You must bring your own laptop with the software already installed to participate. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop on Sectional Warping with a Warping Wheel. This workshop will be free.

#### **Jenni Jimmerson Co-Vice President**

Judie Overbeek of Kalispell, Montana is doing a spinning workshop April 27-28. The workshop will consist of four half-day classes on topics appropriate for beginning spinners such as thick/thin and worsted vs. woolen. More info will be available in the newsletter. There is currently a waitlist to attend the workshop as it is full. If you would like to attend make sure to add yourself to the waitlist.

#### **Rebecca Winter, ANWG**

The next ANWG conference will be in Prince George, British Columbia.

#### **Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer**

The guild now has 69 members! Directories are available for new members. Updates with the contact information for new members are available to stick into existing directories to update them.

#### **Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor**

Please send info for the newsletter. Some hard copies of the newsletter are available to be picked up.

#### **Vila Cox, Webmaster**

We want to put the exciting things we're doing online such as information about workshops. Send Vila website updates to add to the website. Also, permission forms are available for new members to sign to give the guild permission to display their photo online.

#### **Vila Cox, Treasurer**

We are on budget. A more detailed budget report will be distributed at the next meeting.

#### **Vila Cox, Weaving Intensive**

The weaving intensive will be on January 19-21 at Stevens-Henager College. If you are participating you must have your loom warped before the workshop. Even if you aren't participating, members are always welcome to drop in and see what is happening! The building will be locked so you may need to call a member who is in the intensive to get the door opened.

#### **Greta Ankeny, President - Member Support**

The guild will put together a card for Janet Stanger who has been in and out of the hospital as well as a sympathy card for Pat Day Hartwell whose mother recently passed.

#### **Melanie Smith, Librarian**

The library is open! The magazines have been re-organized and updated.

#### **Greta Ankeny, President - Study Groups**

Information about the Study Groups is available in the newsletter.

#### **Program**

Mary Berent led a very informative Program on 4-8-12 *Shafts, Is More Better?* Thank you Mary!

◆ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary





## Sectional Warping and Using the Warping Wheel

One day Mini-workshop  
by Anne Oglevie &  
Mary Berent  
April 13, 2019



Warping with different methods is a good thing to add to your bag of weaving tricks. Not every project works well with every method of warping – and there are MANY methods of warping. We will have two demonstrations during this workshop. One will be for the traditional process of sectional warping using a spool rack, tension box, and sectional beam, pictured on the left. The second will be for using a newer piece of equipment called a ‘warping wheel,’ pictured on the right. The warping wheel uses a sectional beam, but does not use a spool rack or tension box, and uses the yarn straight from the cone. These are two different, but related ways to warp your loom. This one day class will be held at Anne Oglevie’s house, 30 Hill Road, Weiser, on Saturday, April 13, 2019. It will run from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Please bring your lunch and note taking supplies. There is no charge to attend this mini-workshop.



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