

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
January, 2021

~ ~ Zoom Meeting for January 2, 2021 ~ ~

## Tour de Fleece - the Grand Challenge

The deadline is just about here for you to get those Grand Challenge pieces turned in. You can either mail them to me or drop them by, but they need to be to me before January 2nd. So far I am really impressed with all the creativity. Also, be sure to join the Zoom meeting so you can see all the great pieces and get the directions on how to vote for the winners. All prizes will be awarded at the February meeting.

◆ Melanie Smith, [yarnsthreads@gmail.com](mailto:yarnsthreads@gmail.com)



## From Your President – A Last Word from your President in 2020

This will be one of those years to remember. Glad we were able to continue to have meetings although they were online. Some of the groups met in person by using the proper procedures, sounds like that went well for them. I was able to attend 2 weaving group sessions this summer that were held outside with plenty of space for all. Nothing like being able to see each others for real. Now that the Guild has a Zoom account, we can meet from the comfort of our homes, don't pay attention to the fridge as it calls out to you.

Winter Solstice is here - winter starts and the days start to get longer, yeah. Inside fibre projects are started, some completed and others thrown on the pile to be completed. Funny how that pile just stays the same, I have towels that need finished so I can use them or give them away. I look at the pile all of the time and say, soon. Occasionally I will add to it.

I hope all of you have been well and keeping engaged with friends, family and projects. I know things are worse with the virus, but hey, it gives us an excuse to stay home and work on our fibre projects. Keep in contact with the phone, Skype or FaceTime or Zoom. Visit that way. With the holidays here, make time to relax, breath deep and enjoy the luscious smells coming from the kitchen.

Finally, stay healthy, wealthy and wise and fibre on.

◆ See you in 2021. Doug Ranck, President





## TWILL IMMERSION

### a three day workshop By Mary Berent

Twill is usually the very first threading on the very first project new weavers learn. Some mistakenly think that it's something to move away from as they know more. There is SO much to learn about twill. We will be looking at network twill, advancing or skip twill, M & W twill, undulating twill, plaited twill, twill blocks, combination twill, extended twill and of course, straight, point and broken twills! Two days will be a round robin workshop so you will get a chance to weave on various twill threadings, but you will spend one day on your own loom trying different treadlings and perhaps tie-ups. Lectures will start at the beginning about what makes a twill a twill, and continue through really learning how to construct your own twills, invent or modify tie-ups, add attractive borders to your patterns, and how to combine different twills for your own unique designs. We will talk about reducing and increasing the number of shafts/ harnesses needed for patterns and the huge diversity of what you can do with the shafts/ harnesses you have. Join us for a very full three days of twill fun.

This workshop is intended for beyond beginner (can warp a loom from written instructions) through advanced weavers. Participants will come with looms pre-warped. A \$25 lab fee per participant will cover a binder for samples, notes and about 45 pages of handouts. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. The drafts for your warp will be provided by Mary.



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- ★ The Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley is hosting this workshop on **March 19, 20 & 21, 2021.**
- ★ Registration is open to members of the Guild.
- ★ We will be following the Virus Guidelines as outlined in the additional information sheet.
- ★ We will need a minimum of 10 participants by February 15, 2021. If there are more participants, there may be the option of refunding some of the cost, as Guild policy states workshops merely support themselves.
- ★ The workshop will be held at the Bowmont Church Gymnasium, south of Nampa.
- ★ The workshop cost is \$150.00, plus the additional \$25.00 lab fee.
- ★ Participants will come with looms pre-warped, and will provide enough weft for weaving the warp.
- ★ Please return this form and your workshop fees to Mary Chown at P.O.Box 1162, Donnelly, Idaho 83615.
- ★ Cancellation of your participation in the workshop will be managed on an individual basis. Finding another participant to take your place would be the best scenario.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Table or Floor Loom (circle one) & # shafts: \_\_\_\_\_

## Covid-19 Safety Measures for the Twill Immersion Workshop

At the time of this writing COVID-19 is surging in our communities and gatherings of more than 10 are prohibited; this may change by the time we hold the workshop. Based on CDC guidelines and Idaho State recommendations, we suggest wearing masks during this workshop. We also recognize individual circumstances and encourage attendees to maintain their health and safety in the way they are most comfortable.

The following safety procedures will be in place:

- Loading into, and out of, the gymnasium needs to be managed to spread participants out. Details on how to manage this will be decided at a later time, but if urgency is required for either scenario, please let the committee know.
- We will provide a box of masks, non-latex gloves, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and wipes. Feel free to bring your own.
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- We will mark the floor with blue tape where looms are to be set up, 6 feet apart.
- Bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks; signs will be posted for maximum occupancy in the kitchen.
- If possible, please bring shuttles that can be wiped down with disinfectant wipes. If you don't want your shuttles wiped down, please post a sign at your workstation and provide an alternative.
- Most importantly, have fun. This workshop is a rare opportunity, especially in this current environment, to engage and learn from one of the top instructors in the nation. Make the most of it

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### Officers and Chairs



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- COE Study Group: Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox
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### Website

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

<https://boiseguild.groups.io/g/main> - Sign into your personal [groups.io](https://groups.io) account.

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### Special Events:

- March 19, 20, & 21, 2021 - Twill Immersion, by Mary Berent
- October 18, 19 & 20, 2021 - Double Rainbow Workshop, by Jennifer Moore

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes for Guild Meeting December 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by president Doug Ranck at 11:07.

Members present: President - Doug Ranck, Vice President - Mary Chown, Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers, Social Media Chair - Dyan Lay, Membership - Dagmar Rapp, Secretary - Sally Johnston, Ester Kleinkauf, Connie Griffin, Kathy McGowan, Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter, and Irene Chandler.

Doug brought up the subject of mailing this year's Directory. Rebecca said they are ready to print. The cost will be between \$120-\$150, in addition to the current budgeted amount. All present agreed to mail them out. Mitzi and Mary C. volunteered to help Rebecca with the mailing.



Mary C. reported on this year's programs. There is not a program for today. Upcoming programs are as follows:

- January- Tour de Fleece
  - February-machine knitting
  - March-twill workshop in Nampa
  - May-guild sale
- She is open to suggestions for an April program.

Treasurer's report: Mitzi informed us she had more 13 more membership checks to deposit. We have \$6,601 in our account. She will pay for stamps, P.O. Box, library rent, renewal of our *Handwoven* and *Spin-off*.

Connie volunteered to be our ANWG (Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds) representative for this year, as our current Representative, Joan Sheehan, is moving out of state. Thanks you, Joan for your service in this capacity.

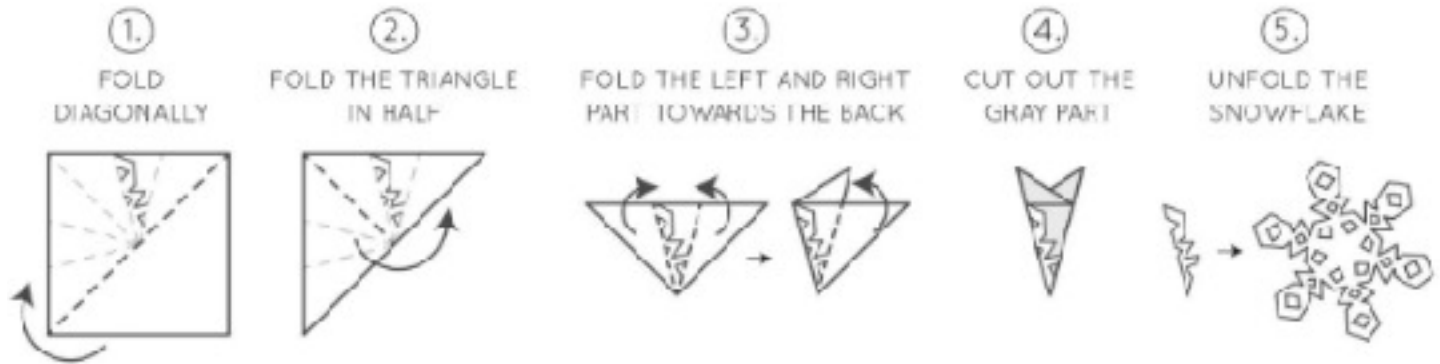
The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

- ◆ Respectively submitted by Sally Johnston, Secretary.



### Make Some Snowflakes

Below are directions for making snowflakes. Remember they have six points, so the folding is a little tricky. Also, find some cool templates at the links below.



- easypeasyandfun.com -

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/how-to-make-paper-snowflakes/>

<https://www.origamiway.com/paper-snowflake-patterns-2.shtml>

<https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/snowflake.html>



Joan Ranck

I participated in the Online International Fiber Festival in November and was fortunate to win a 2 hour workshop with Filipa Carneiro on Portuguese Knitting. The workshop was held on Zoom and hosted by Filipa. She is a knitwear designer and instructor in Lisbon, Portugal and her English is impeccable! She covered casting on, knitting, purling, stranded-colorwork, and yarn overs in the Portuguese Knitting method. She stressed the importance of knowing other knitting methods to help avoid overuse injuries from the repetitive motion of knitting. It is much easier to pearl in the Portuguese method, and I will definitely be mixing that in my normal continental knitting style. I really enjoyed broadening my knitting horizons and hope to have more workshops with her in the future.



Mitzi Meyers

Commissioned shawl being bound off the triangle loom. Also, a commissioned rayon chenille scarf about to be cut off the little van Cleves loom.



Georgiana Goetsch

🎄 Seasons Greetings 🎄 from the South Fork of the Payette ~

Walnut Dye Pot Results ~ Alpaca Lace, Koehler Singles, Rug Wool 🧶



Almost to the end ...



Instant gratification ...



HaPPy NeW Year 🥳



Rebecca Winter

This is a shawl on the loom made from 100% handspun wool yarn. The spinning was done by Penny Schraufnagel. Blessings and thanks to her. It is slow cloth, with a bubble and a kiss of the weft.



## Esther Kleinkauf

I have finished some more Takadai braids. The first photo is of 4 related braids. The first 2 were from the book I am studying from, and the last 2 came to me as a "what would happen if" moment as I was braiding the second one. Numbers 1 and 3 from the left are made with Lunatic Fringe 10/2 cotton. Number 2 is Bambu 7 from Cotton Clouds, and number 4 is silk knitting yarn from Knit Picks. The other braid is one of the most complex I have done to date. It required a change of braiding sequence every time a certain pair of threads made it to the top of the Takadai. At least I didn't have to count hand moves as I had to on one other.

