

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
December, 2022



The January Program: My Favorite Textile

Seven Guild Members will give a 10 to 15 minute talk about their piece, from construction methods to cultural background to their own personal history with the item. Like last year's book review program, we look forward to hearing from some new voices in this presentation.

◆ Chris Brady, Vice President

Calendar of Events



Regular Meeting:

January 7, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m.

~ **My Favorite Textile, by Guild Members** ~

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
See also the Zoom link from Dyan via Email

February 4, 2023 ~ Next Regular Meeting

Workshops:

February 10 & 11, 2023 ~ Felt Your Dream!

Prefelt Class with Nomadic Design,
by Flóra Carlile-Kovács

April 29 & 30, 2023 Adding Texture to
Your Tapestries using Visual and
Material Techniques, by Katzy Luhring



Study Groups:

January 4, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyats Book Store, 314 S 6th Ave,
in Caldwell

January 7, 2023 ~ COE Study Group

9:30 a.m. ~ At the Church, Prior to the Regular Meeting

January 10, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

January 12, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Marianne Poling

In-person and via zoom

January 14, 15, & 16, 2023 ~ Weaving Intensive Study Group

See the flier in this Newsletter.

January 19, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Cindy Schafer

In-person and via zoom

January 31, 2023 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Mary Berent

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom link on page 3

Day Weaving Study Group

Will not meet, due to the Intensive

The February Program

At our February meeting we will offer four 1-hour, hands-on mini workshops in the following topics:

- Inkle Looms--Cheryl Wurtenberger
- Drop Spindle Spinning--Mitzi Myers
- Kumihimo Braiding--Esther Kleinkauf
- Paper Weaving--Rebecca Winter

Please choose to attend one of these great workshops. You may register for your choice by using the sign-up sheet at the January meeting. This early sign-up will help the presenters know what, and how many, materials they need to bring.

◆ Chris Brady, Vice President



Membership

I still have 45 members on my list who haven't picked up a directory. If you're one of these members, please pick up your Directory and mark your name off the list. The box will be on the table where the samples are located. The Directories have information about the study groups, advertisements, and even a coupon code!

Please consider participating in making the fabric sample for the Guild Directory next year. Making the directories is a multi-faceted task, so the earlier we can start on the cover, the better. The sample should be at least 2"-3" x 2"-3" to best show the design. Please consider this contribution as you create throughout the year.

- ◆ Connie Griffin, Membership Officer

January Sample Exchange

The sample this month was spun by Jeannie Phillips on a Kromski Fantasia. It is a 2-ply yarn with a Z-twist that was woolen spun from undyed Columbian Ram. Jeannie said it was easy to spin and had very little vegetable matter.

- ◆ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair

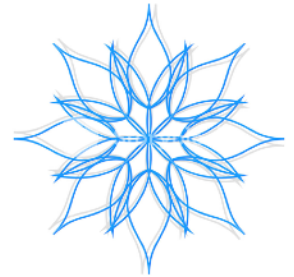


New Years Day at Mitzi's

Hello! To bring in the new year doing what we

LOVE, which to me means the right way, I will host spinning on:

- Sunday, 1-1-2023 **New Years Day** from 11am until 3pm.
 - Please bring a food item to share or your own lunch, and whatever project you want to work on while we visit, eat, and talk fiber.
 - Please also **RSVP** to me personally so I know how much furniture to move out of our way! Looking forward to another great year of playing with string with you guys.
 - email rsvp to warpedweaver@hotmail.com or text or call 208-340-9775
- ◆ Mitzi Meyers



From Your President - Study Groups

One of the great benefits of our Guild is the variety of our Study Groups. This is where a lot of hands-on lessons happen. I invite you to become involved in your favorite fiber art by becoming involved in a study group. I remember when I was first in the Guild back in the late 1980's, I attended the Day Weaving Study Group. I didn't understand everything that was discussed, but I attended and absorbed all I could at the time.

If there isn't a study group that fits your schedule, know this. There can be any kind of study group organized by our members. This includes long-term study groups, short-term subject specific study groups, day time groups, night time groups, and on we go into whatever our imagination can produce. All it requires is a person motivated enough to start one. I do believe the study groups need a "leader." This is not someone who does everything in the group. It is a collaborative effort of all the group members, because that's how we learn. The leader merely has the responsibility to make sure there is a place to meet, coaches or coaxes during the group meeting so there is a topic of study or a direction as chosen by the group, and generally herds the interested cats. Here us the [LINK](#) to the Job Description for Study Group Chairs for further information.

So I say, "Ready, set, go!" If you would like a study group of a new topic or timeframe, consider becoming a Study Group Chairperson. Let me know, because one of the responsibilities of the president is to herd the chair cats. Plus, I am also happy to function as a mentor for starting a new group. More is most often better, right!? Just look at the long list of Study Groups in the Newsletter! Amazing.

- ◆ Cheers, Rebecca Winter, President

Certificate of Excellence Study Group



The COE Study Group will be reforming with the first meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9:30 am at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, right before the regular January meeting. We will be talking about what the Study Group can do to assist those interested in pursuing the COE. Anyone interested in the COE or using the COE booklet as a study guide is welcome. Actually, ALL are welcome!!

- ❖ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

January's meeting place will be at Rubaiyats book store in Caldwell, from 10-1, on January 4th. We have plenty of room to spread out and when you want or need a break from spinning there's plenty of books to check out! Please join us for all things fiber related. Find the address in the Calendar on page 1.

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Lace Study Group

The Lace Study group will meet January 10th at Raelene Viste's from 10am to 12pm.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

We will meet on January 19, 2023, at Cindy Schafer's home and online (zoom link and address will be included in meeting reminder sent to IO group). **This meeting will start at 6PM** and work until 9PM, but feel free to come whenever you can make it. Bring your loom and yarn to work on and share tips and techniques. Some may have a goal to finish a tapestry in preparation of the Tapestry workshop and some may work on the Badger Challenge (hard to explain, but 'you had to be there'). Come to find out!

- ❖ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

- Want to hang out with Fiber Arts friends, work on a current project, and not even leave the house? Just park yourself in a comfy chair, grab your screen, your project, and zoom on in to join us.
- We've been meeting every week for a couple years now and really enjoy the company of our fiber friends. We help each other with project issues - any topic -weaving, spinning, knitting, tapestry.
- We encourage each other, talk about all kinds of things, and laugh a lot.
- Pop in for a while or stay the whole time 2 -3 hours. We'd all be delighted to see you.
- And you'll be pleased with your project progress and uplifted by some friendly gab.
- Every Thursday at 2 pm. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTz09>

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

We will **not be meeting in January** due to the "Weaving Intensive Workshop" happening January 14-16, 2023. Day Weavers will resume again February 21st at Rebecca Winter's home. Please join your fellow fiber friends in both of these upcoming events.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving Study Group will be meeting on January 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Marianne Poling: Boise. This month's topic will be "Making Samples: how and why." Bring your samples or sample books. Share with us how samples have helped you. Show us some examples of what has worked and what has not worked. This will be another round robin discussion where we all pitch in to learn from one another.

- ❖ Cindy Griewe, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

There will be a Garment Study Group meeting on Tuesday January 31st at 10.30am. It will be held at Mary Berent's home please see the directory for the address. All are welcome. If you need any further information please call Anne Oglevie 208 994 2725.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair



The Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley Workshop Series Presents:

“Adding Texture to Your Tapestries Using Visual and Material Techniques”

Instructor: Katzy Luhring (of Lunatic Fringe Yarns)

Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Dates: April 29 and 30, 2023

Hours: 9 am – 4 pm

Location: Bowmont Center, 7263 2nd St Nampa ID 83686 (Note the facility is not located in Nampa city center)

Cost: \$145 (includes \$20 materials fee)



Course Description

Texture can enhance the illusions created by a tapestry. In this class we will explore multiple techniques to create texture in tapestry. Some techniques will enhance the physical texture of the tapestry, and some will enhance the visual texture of the tapestry.

Participants should have a basic understanding of tapestry and will need to have a tapestry loom warped prior to the two-day class. There will be an evening warping session to get looms prepared before the weekend of the class. (Date of warping session to be determined.)

Any commercially available, portable tapestry loom or a home-made copper pipe tapestry loom with a tensioning device will work for the class. (Katzy will have a few copper pipe looms available for loan. *Note: Rigid heddle looms are not recommended for this class.*)

Weaving materials will be provided by Katzy at the warping session: cotton seine twine warp and a variety of weft yarns. Students may also use weft yarns from their own stash.

A casual, optional, no-host dinner is planned for the night of April 29 at a nearby Nampa restaurant.

Important Dates

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| December 1 | Registration opens. The 14 members who have already indicated their intention of taking the workshop have first priority; others who are interested may join the waiting list. Sign up for the workshop by sending an email to cbrady@fiberpipe.net Instructions for payment will follow. |
| January 31 | Payment deadline |
| April 21-27 | Meet for warping session; date to be determined by participants. |
| April 29, 30 | Tapestry Workshop |

2023 Weaving Intensive Study Group

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Color-and-Weave

A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday ~ January 14, 15 & 16, 2023
9 AM to 5 PM ~! Location: the Bowmont Community Center
Fee - \$35.00 ~ Join us for the learning, the excitement, and the fun!



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This is a great place for **New Weavers** to Learn

- About weaving new cloth
- About various looms
- About things you never knew were possible in weaving

Mentors are available ahead of time to help you get prepared for the Intensive. Some of them actually make house calls!

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- Choose a favorite Color-and-Weave - one you have been wanting to study, and come share it with the group.
  - This will be our usual “teacherless” workshop. We each have the opportunity to be the expert in our chosen area of study.
  - For this workshop each participant will warp their loom using their chosen color-and-weave draft. This will be a round robin type of workshop. Each person moves from loom to loom weaving samples as they wish.
  - The weaver may also choose any yarn that would be appropriate for the draft. Smooth yarns tend to work best for color-and-weave. The weaver will also provide all the materials needed to weave samples on their loom. Calculate your warp length by the number of possible samples needed. Generally, if you are planning 4 to 6-inch long samples, 4 to 5 yards would suffice. Warp width would also be best at about 6 inches, or a width needed to show your design.
  - At the beginning of the workshop, the weaver will present their Color-and-Weave study to the group, and give instructions for weaving. Plan for the presentations to be about 8 to 10 minutes. Find an outline of ideas to include in your presentation on the second page of this flier.
  - Also, you may wish to weave your own sample ahead of time so you can teach us from experience how this sample works. Another possibility would be to cut your sample from the loom and retie. This would give the opportunity to show finishing methods applicable to the sample.
  - We recognize, and also value, the camaraderie and social aspect of the Intensive. We envision this opportunity to have great potential for experimentation and learning. Just think of the benefit of three days of discussion and exploration with others of like mind.
  - Printable project plans and draft sheets (electronic or hard copy) will be submitted no later than January 7, 2023. Each participant will receive a binder containing all of the plan sheets and drafts.
    - ~ **Please include all information required for reproducing this cloth.** This includes 6 things - threading, tie-up, treadling, yarn, sett, and colorway.
    - ~ We need more than just a .wif file.
    - ~ Additional notes about what you learned are also wonderful to have. There are Weaving Record Sheets available in the Library and on the Guild website [HERE](#).
    - ~ Send your Instructions and draft in printable form to Rebecca by January 7, 2023. This is a final deadline.

### The Fine Print:

- ★ The workshop is open to guild members. If non-members wish to attend the Intensive, we invite them to join the guild.
- ★ There are Guild Looms available. No rent is assessed for Guild Workshops or Intensives.
- ★ Keep this information available, as it is the only pre-workshop information you will receive.
- ★ Your payment of the fee is your confirmation for participation in this event.
- ★ The Guild will accept cancellations with a refund through January 7, 2023. After this date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.
- ★ Bring sack lunches, drinks, snacks to share as you wish.

Return the following information with your fee to Chris Farrin or Rebecca Winter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fee amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Guild Members' Donations Welcomed at City Light Home for Women and Children

Answering a call for donations of new and gently-used cold weather accessories, guild members at the December meeting filled a box with sixty warm and woolly items, including handmade hats, scarves, and shawls. The box was taken to City Light Home for Women and Children (Jefferson St., Boise) on December 6 where it was accepted with great appreciation. (See photo of staff member admiring the donated goods.) Thank you to all who generously contributed to the effort.

❖ Chris Brady, Vice President



Permission was granted by this employee of the home for their photo to be published in our newsletter.



## Meeting Minutes

### **Board Meeting ~ December 3, 2022**

President Rebecca Winter called the Board meeting to order. Other members present include: Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Vice Presidents Christine Brady and Barbara Redmond, Secretary Sally Johnston, Membership Officer Connie Griffin, and Past President Doug Ranck.

The board will ask for volunteers to host future Zoom meetings.

The "Show and Tell" changes will implement today in our regular meeting. To refresh our memories, due to an increase in membership numbers, we agree to limit our shares to one item per person. The remaining items may be viewed on a table specifically for that purpose.

Recently we have had mail forwarded to Connie Griffin, in order to ease the task of gathering the mail. However, it is taking a long time for our mail to get to Connie's. As a result, the forwarding is now stopped. It also might be best for our incorporation status with the state to have the mail sent to our P.O. box. Barbara Redmond volunteered to pick up the mail from our P.O.Box, which may include magazines. Most of the magazines come to Mitzi's house, as the Treasurer. For example, VAV will not send their publication to a P.O.box address. We will continue to monitor the process.

We have obtained some equipment that Vila Cox will place on the inventory of our equipment.

Connie Griffin, our membership officer, announced that our membership has increased to 101 people!! She has several directories that may be picked up for paid members. In addition, she asked if any members would like to individually donate monies to the Women's Shelter.

Sally and Rebecca have new books and magazines to be entered into the library inventory. While we are delighted with these



additional items, the library is becoming overcrowded. Sally (librarian) will speak with Vila (in charge of equipment rental and liaison with the church) about the possibility of additional space.

Barbara will pass around a sheet for members to sign if they are interested in the February program mini workshops. In our January program several members will talk about a favorite textile, similar to the program last year about favorite books.

The location for our June 2023 meeting was presented for future discussion. Should we hold it inside or outside?

Chris confirmed 8 have signed up on a list for the April Tapestry workshop. Rebecca said the policy states actual registration is the paying of the fee.

Doug, as our Pat Ann Fund Administrator, brought up several possible uses of the fund. Options include: umbrella fee for workshops, workshops may be subsidized up to \$700.00, overages such as coffee or lunch may be used. Further discussion will occur.

Our final board meeting discussion involved guild name tags with our logo. It was determined that the cost for plastic badges with a magnet would be about \$7.00 apiece. Barbara volunteered to be chairperson for this effort. Further discussion is needed to determine the details of how this will work. The simplest method would be for members to each pay for their own name tag.

The board meeting adjourned.

### **Regular Meeting ~ December 3, 2022**

Our President Rebecca Winter called the regular meeting to order. Other members present included: vice presidents Barbara Redmond and Christine Brady, treasurer Mitzi Meyers, secretary Sally Johnston, Connie Griffin membership officer, Doug Ranck past president, Kelly Sandusky, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Brenda Hatch, Hanna Meinikheim, Marianne Poling, Julie Gerard, Peggy Jones, Megan Huffman, Kimberly Dillon, Michael Dillon, Jamie Landry, Jean Zaske, Thaddeus, Jeannie Phillips, Tasha Denegal, Nancy Alzola, Raelene Viste, Chris Farrin, Esther Kleinkauf, Cindy Schafer, Cindy Griewe, Ellen Pineda and Michelle Belson. Members present using Zoom were Janet Stanger, Marlene Bean, Cheri Byrnes, Dyan Lay and Joan Sheehan. Adding together those in person 30 and 5 via zoom, we had 35 members in attendance!!! Wonderful with so many creative minds to share.

Business: There are looms available for sale which you can view in your [groups.io](mailto:groups.io) e-mail. There are also looms available to borrow for the weaving intensive.

Barb gave us a run down of upcoming workshops and programs. The program for January is favorite textiles. February will have mini workshops presented on inkle looms, drop spindles, kumihimo, and weaving with paper. Members are asked to plan a 10 minute presentation for January, and there will be sign up sheets available at a table for the February mini workshops.

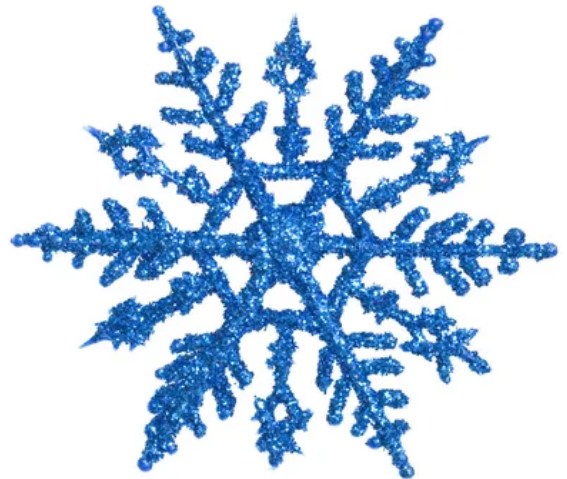
Barb is also chairperson for the ANWG booth committee for the conference next June in Bend Oregon. The title of our booth is to be "Fiber Connections of HWGBV." Volunteers are needed to make items for the booth using the ANWG Conference colors. These items are due by May. See the Booth poster for more details.

The Felting Workshop takes place from February 10-11 at the Hillview Methodist Church. It is full at this time but, if you seriously want to enroll Barb may be able to squeeze you in.

The Tapestry Workshop is filling fast, so let Chris know ASAP. Chris also relayed, with gratitude, that our donation box for "City Lights Shelter" is full.

Rebecca spoke about the Weaving Intensive taking place from January 14-16 (3 days) at the Bowmont facility. The theme is color-and-weave. Chris Farrin is taking money for enrollment.

Connie told us there are guild directories available on one of the tables. I think I can say that she was tickled pink announcing our membership has grown to 101.



Cindy Griewe described our new format for "Show and Tell." Members with items to share must choose one item to be passed around the room and the remainder to be placed on a specific table for everyone to peruse during meeting breaks.

Brief officer reports: Treasurer Mitzi reported we have plenty of money to cover our costs. Secretary Sally had no information to present. As librarian Sally said she would be planning a library work day to organize our materials.

-Show and Tell-

Chairperson reports:

Kelly Sandusky as sample box chair has developed a new way for members to obtain samples with no need to sign them out.

The Spinning study group will hold their next meeting at Jinks home.

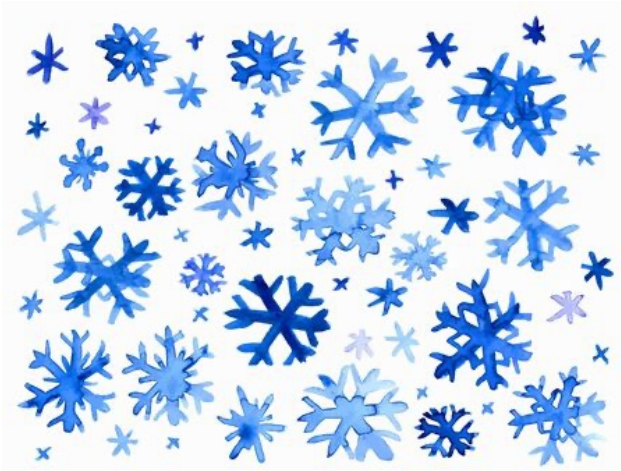
Chris encouraged people to join the weaving intensive study group.

The Beginning weaving study group will meet on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jamie Landry.

The December tapestry study group will be held at Jinks house.

The meeting was adjourned, and the potluck with a large variety of foods was enjoyed.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Sally Johnston, Secretary ~~~ with a thanks to Cindy Griewe for the assist



### Officers and Chairs

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Barbara Redmond
- Vice President - Chris Brady
- Secretary - Sally Johnston
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Connie Griffin
- Past President - Doug Ranck
- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange - Kelly Sandusky
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- Weaving Intensive Study Group - Chris Farrin & Rebecca Winter
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Cindy Griewe
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Cindy Schafer
- Tour de Fleece - Jonks Hunter
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Name Tags - Barbara Redmond

### Website

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

### Mailing Address

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