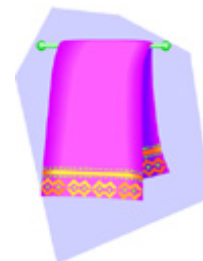


Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

June, 2014



June Program: Annual Picnic and Towel Exchange

Our members are some of the best, most interesting, weavers around. How are your towel warps coming along? Suggested sizes are tea towel through kitchen towel. Tea Towel starts at approximately 16 by 22 inches or kitchen towel approximately 18 by 26 inches. Sizes are a guiding suggestion, larger towels are also OK. Fiber, structure and color are the designer's choice.

Bring each towel individually gift wrapped with no clue as to the weaver's identity. Participants will receive a numbered ticket for each towel entered. Each ticket will allow the person to choose a wrapped towel. We will open the gifts one at a time after everyone has had their turns at choosing.

Bring a potluck dish to share. We are encouraging attendees to participate in the towel exchange, but it is not a requirement to attend. Just come and enjoy the last meeting of the year and get all the news about summer activities. ♦ Ivy DeHart & Pat Ann, Vice Presidents

Calendar of Events

June 1, 2014 - Look for the first Spinning Event of the Summer on page 3

June 7, 2014 - COE Study Group

10:00 to 11:00 am

Home of Penny Schraufnagel

2688 S. Goshen Way, Boise, ID, phone 342-1288.

June 7, 2014 - Guild Meeting

Home of Penny Schraufnagel

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12:30 am - **Annual Picnic; plus, Towel Exchange**

June 10, 2014 - Bobbin Lace Study Group

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Rebecca's Studio House

Spinning Study Group

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Day Weaving Study Group

Look for updates and information via the Yahoo Group



Membership



Dues are due.



\$25.00 - for fiscal year, June to June
A Bargain for such a Fabulous Return.

Pay to Irene.

♦ Irene Chandler, Membership Officer

Challenge 2014 -- Tail of Two Yarns

It is time to really get serious about our projects for the Challenge.

Look at the full page description on page 5 for all of the details. Two (or more) different yarns, size or fiber for weaving and two (or more) different fibers or yarn sizes combined some way for spinners.

Please make your choices so they are readily apparent in the finished item. We also want to have samples of your source yarns or fibers to attach to the finished item.

Look for plans on location and date in future Newsletters or from the yahoo group.

♦ The Challenge Committee

COE Judging Planning Committee

The COE Committee will be meeting periodically over the summer. When we have information to pass to the Guild members we will post it in the Yahoo Group. To be sure you see all of the posts right away, you can set your account to send emails directly to you instead of needing to log into Yahoo to see what is going on.

Just log into the <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BoiseGuild/info>. Under "Membership" you can click on "Edit Membership" and there you will find "Subscription." If you change the setting to Individual Email you will be sent email messages as soon as they are sent to the Yahoo group. Daily Digest will send out messages at the end of the day at the earliest. ❖ Vila Cox



Notes From Your President

It is hard to believe that this guild year is almost over. The year went by quickly. I would like to thank all of the board members, chairs of committees, and members for making this another great year for the guild. We had some informative programs from several of our knowledgeable members who were willing to share a variety of topics with us. We also had the annual Challenge with a holiday theme for Museum Comes to Life, we studied bast fibers for the Intensive this year, our holiday meeting included a card exchange, and the final event for this year will be a towel exchange at the annual picnic. The guild hosted a celebration for Lynn Ruggles who earned the HGA Certificate of Excellence in Hand Spinning, Level II. Last but not least was the Interlacement Motif workshop with Susan Wilson. I think it was a very productive year and I look forward to many more.

At the May board meeting, the board members voted to meet at Rebecca Winter's studio house in Meridian next year (except for the holiday potluck in December and the picnic in June). It will be cozy but good to have a regular meeting place that is centrally located for members. Plus, we'll have access to the guild library again.

Late in April, Al Hayden, our museum liaison, received an email from Anne Schorzman, the event

coordinator for the Idaho Historical Museum, stating the Museum staff would be moving in August and September to prepare for the renovation. As a result, they will not have the resources to conduct Museum Comes to Life in September. They are planning to resume MCTL in September of 2015. Al will talk more about this at our June meeting.

I am saddened to report that Ruth Gildersleeve, one of the guild's long-time members, passed away on May 6, 2014.

❖ Your President, Julie Gerrard

Tapestry Weaving Workshop and Retreat with Pam Patrie

There will be a two day workshop on tapestry weaving it will be designed for the individual by Pam. Everyone is welcome. If you ever wondered what tapestry weaving was all about this is your opportunity to find out? Pam has looms available if you don't have one yourself. It will be held at the home of Anne Oglevie in Weiser on June 28th and 29th. There is limited accommodation available. Food will be provided for everyone. The cost will be \$130. It will start Friday with a social evening then workshop on Saturday and Sunday. There is limited space in this workshop so register early.

Pam will contact everyone coming to the workshop so she can tailor your tapestry experience for the weekend. To check out her website go to pampatriestudios.com.

Contact Pat Ann directly by phone or email to register. Email patann@fmtc.com. Phone number (208) 337-2126.

UFO Program

Time is running short for completing your UFO's. You have one more chance to show them at the meeting before the year ends.

❖ Ivy DeHart & Pat Ann



Spinning Study Group Summer Fun!

This summer we have some fun events for the Spinning Study Group. Of course if you are not a spinner, but would like to join in on the fun, you are welcome to come.

June 1

I know this is short notice, but we have been offered the opportunity to do spinning and fiber preparation at the Boise Zoo. On June 1st the zoo has invited their sheep shearer to come and shear while we spin and demonstrate hand carding and spinning.

Each spinner will be given a ticket to get in the zoo for the day. We have been asked to sign a volunteer form that I can email to you or they will have them at the zoo on the 1st. They will provide folding chairs, so if you would like to bring a cushion or other chair you are welcome to do so. There is a small food court so you can either bring a lunch or buy one there.

The shearer will be at the zoo from 10 to 12. We are welcome to stay longer. I will have some hand cards and cleaned wool for us to use or you can bring whatever you are spinning at the time. If you are interested, or planning to spin on the 1st, please email me to let me know if you are spinning, carding or other fiber art also so that I can get your name on the list.



July 12

On July 12 we will take a trip out to the Lazy PJ Ranch. The lazy PJ Ranch was based in Idaho Falls and has just recently moved over to our side of the state in Caldwell. It's owned by our new member Pat Day Hartwell. They carry all things fiber art in their shop and I am sure we can visit the sheep, as well.

We will have our traditional spin in and pot luck so please bring a dish to share and your spinning. The fun will start at 10 a.m. and go until 3 p.m.

Directions from Pat to her place:

The Lazy PJ Ranch is just off Hwy 55; 9 miles south of I-84 freeway exit 33A onto Karcher Road. This is where Hwy 55 takes a deep turn to drop into the valley. We are at the end of the turn, where you can only turn right. Then you are on Hoskins Road, and our house is the first one on the left at 20021 Hoskins Road, Caldwell, Idaho.

As we get closer to July there will be information on car pooling on the Yahoo Group, so keep an eye out for that.

August 9

Our last event will be a Dye Day at Lynn Ruggles home. We are still working out all the details, but there will be dyes set up and fiber to dye. We did something similar a few years ago.

The idea is to start with a color palette and we will dye roving to match our palette. There will be a small fiber fee, but you will leave that afternoon with plenty of fiber dyed for a project. More details and the final cost will also be on the Yahoo Group in plenty of time before the 9th.

Spinning at the Fair

We will once again spin at the Western Idaho Fair. Please keep an eye on the Yahoo Group for sign ups and spinning dates.

By the way, there will be a spinning attraction this year on the grounds that you might want to check out.

I know I have given you all kinds of summer plans. If you have ANY questions or you would like to sign up for one or all of the events please give me a call or email.

❖ Melanie Smith, 608-0101, yarnsnthreads@aol.com



June Sample

This month's sample was woven by Melanie Smith. This weave is one from the Interlacement Workshop by Susan Wilson. After the workshop Melanie wove the only sample for which we did not have a loom assigned. The overall design of the weave creates the interlacement effect.

- ◆ Al Hayden, Sample Exchange 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.

Study Group News

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE Study Group will meet before the June picnic, 10:00 am, **June 7th**. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be **June 10**, at Rebecca's Studio House at 6:30 pm. Call Vila for information, 323-7736.



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Look for updates and information via the Yahoo Group.

♥ Spinning Study Group

See Events Planned for the Summer on Page 3.



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Website

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



An Anecdote from Paulene Robbins

So..., my friends Suzy and Steve (who are married by the way) have been the recipients of my knitting for years now. That has led to Steve's budding interest in learning to knit. So, last Christmas, I bought him some needles and yarn, and gave him a couple of patterns. Then, I mistakenly left him to his own devices! Their house is now filled with yarn, knitting needles and many many hats!!!

Recently I heard from Steve that he discovered spinning batts, and now he wants to know if I have some tools to teach him how to make them into yarn!!! I am so proud of myself – what a great enabler.

But the funniest part of the story is about Suzy, the perfect wife. She is now accusing her perfectly innocent husband of spending time on the internet looking at "yarn porn!!!!"

I laughed and laughed!

I'm sure this applies to all we obsessive hoarder types, and I think it might just make a few people smile!

Enjoy!



Tail of Two Yarns

This is a tail of two different yarns that joined together to make a beautiful finished piece.
The two (or more) yarns that gathered together were of different pedigrees.

Some were LARGE

some were small.

Some were from one kind of plant
some from another kind.

And then there were those from various critters.

In each finished piece there was a something from two different pedigrees.

Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers

(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

The same tail goes for those crafty spinners.

Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers

(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

Plied, Cabled, Blended or whatever else may apply.

The Fine Print

The two different yarns need to be easily seen

Made by you this year (Nov 2013 – Sept 2014)

Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item

Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

Challenge 2014

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