

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
June - 2015

June Meeting - Annual Potluck Picnic ~ With Paper Making for Fun

Rebecca Winter will share with us how to make paper after the Picnic. You will learn the basics and then have the opportunity to create a sheet of paper (or three) for yourself.

Some items to bring if you have them to share include:

- Paper-making Mold & Deckle - this is a tool specific to paper-making, so if you have one, you will know what it is.
- 100% cotton or linen thrums, cut into about 1/4 to 1/2 inch lengths.
- A Blender, if you have one you wouldn't mind having fiber in. Rebecca has 2.
- An Iron to dry and press the paper. We only need a few of these.
- Bits of embellishments you could add to your sheet of paper - i.e., dried flower petals or bits of cotton yarn.
- Please Note - There will be a large basin for natural or white colored fiber, which Rebecca would like to keep that pure color. Plus, there will be a couple of small basins for other colors. If you are wanting a specific color of paper, bring a basin, which we will keep that color. The basins that work well for this are the dish-washing type.



Also, bring a Potluck Dish to share. Come and enjoy the last meeting of this Guild year and get all the news about the planned summer activities and enjoy a fun filled day.

◆ Kathy Shiflet & Pat Ann, Vice Presidents

Calendar of Events

June 6, 2015 - COE Study Group

10:00 to 11:00 am

Before the meeting at Anne Oglevie's House

June 6, 2015 - Guild Meeting

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12:30 am - Program - **Annual Potluck Picnic & Paper-Making**

The Home of Anne Oglevie

30 Hill Road, Weiser, Id 83672

June 3 & 17, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Aero Cafe

June 13, 2015 - ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

Oxford Suites, S. Entertainment Blvd., Boise

Summer Spinning - See Further in the Newsletter For Details

June 27, 2015 - Rug Punch Study Group (with the Spinners)

10:00 a.m. at Pat Day Hartwell's

Fall Weaving Workshop

This October, our own Rebecca Winter will be teaching us a wonderful three-day workshop on *Shadow Weave*. We will be holding this workshop at our new meeting place: JoAnn Fabrics on Milwaukee Road in Boise. The dates are **October 16-18, 2015**. If you are interested in taking this workshop, please don't delay in signing up as there is prep work that Rebecca needs to do before hand.

We will be taking signups at the June meeting and throughout the summer so sign up soon! The cost will be \$125.00 plus a \$15 dollar fee for materials, so a final cost of \$140.00. See the workshop description on page 2. Rebecca will have pre-workshop instructions at the meeting for those who sign up.

◆ Melanie Smith



Shadow Weave:

What Does the Shadow Know?

Have you ever lurked out among the shadows? Here is your opportunity to give it a try.

Shadow Weave is a color-and-weave technique, which combines log cabin with twill in an utterly unique way. The twill floats form wonderful feather stitched outlines around geometric motifs. The weave was created by Mary Atwater when she was studying rep weave. And Harriet Tidball categorized the structure into a class all by itself.



In this workshop we will explore the structure of Shadow Weave on 4, 6 and 8 harnesses. You will work on your own loom with one threading from the Marion Powell book.

We will also discuss the three types of drafts that can create the weave. And you never know what else might come to light in the shadows.

What do I know about the shadows? They do not exist without the light.

◆ Rebecca Winter

2014-2015 Programs

This is the end of our Guild year, and Kathy S. & Pat A., your V.P.'s, would like to thank all the members that presented the Programs, every one was a winner.

◆ Pat Ann, Vice President



Crafting Day - Let's Make Stuff!

The other evening, the gals that met for punch needle study group came up with a really great idea that I hope you will also enjoy. Instead of starting another study group, why not get together and just make stuff.

So here's our idea: Every other month we will meet at someone's to eat, chat and make stuff. You can bring any project that you want to work on - spinning, knitting, punch needle, bobbin lace. You name it! If you want to bring your loom, that's fine, too. The whole idea of this is to get together, bring a snack to share, and spend the day crafting and getting to know each other better. Our first Crafting day will be **July 25th** at Vila's home, 2668 N. Westminster Pl, Boise. So bring a snack to share and whatever craft you would like to work on. We will see you starting at 10 AM. If you have any questions, please give Melanie a call at 608-0101 or email yarnsnthreads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith

Spinning at the Fair

We will once again be doing spinning demos at the Western Idaho Fair. This year's fair is **August 21 through 30, 2015**. Melanie will be setting up a schedule of spinning times, if you are interested in spinning, please email Melanie at yarnsnthreads@aol.com so she can get a list of volunteers going. All volunteers will get a free day-pass into the fair. As we get closer to the fair, Melanie will post additional information on the yahoo group.

◆ Melanie Smith

From Your President

Presidents last mumblings!

It is hard to believe the year is over. The summer is nearly here. I hope you will all be able to come out in June to Weiser for the Guild end of year Potluck and Paper Making by Rebecca. We will be joined by the Threadbenders Guild from Baker City, OR. It should be a great time. The pool will be open and you are more than welcome to jump in and cool off.

Thank you all for making my year as president a joy.

I look forward to Vila Cox taking over.

Woven together

◆ Anne Oglevie, President



Guild Equipment

Our guild has a wonderful stash of equipment for rent to its members...table looms, an inkle loom, a nice large warping board, drum carder, hand cards, and wool combs. Please email Mitzi at warpedweaver@hotmail.com if you are interested to arrange pick up.

◆ Mitzi Meyer, Chair

Sample Exchange Box Look for New Samples in the Fall

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.

UFO Program (Un-Finished Object)

Time is running short for completing your UFO's for this Guild Year. At this June Meeting, you will have one more chance to show and tell about your finished projects. Start planning now for those UFO projects that you would like to finish this next Guild year.

◆ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President

Summer Spinning Calendar of Events

There are lots of spinning and fiber events coming this summer. Some are guild-only events and others are open for all to enjoy. Below is a list for you to mark your calendars and enjoy!

June

- 12-14 - Big Sky Fiber Fair, Hamilton, MT
- 19-21 - The Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene, OR
- 27- Spin-In Spinning Day/Punch study group at Pat Day Hartwell's home (guild event)

July

- 18 - Carding Day at Pat Day Hartwell's home (guild event)

August

- 8 - Spin in spinning day at Mitzi's (guild event)
- 21-22 - Great Basin Fiber Fair, South Jordan, UT
- 21-30 - Western Idaho Fair Spinning and Weaving Demos



Summer Spinning Days

As we break for the summer, each of our spinning days are on a Saturday and are potlucks. So please bring a dish to share, and we will start at 10:00 a.m. See the details lower left.

We will also have a special event in July - a carding day. We will have drum carders set up and lots of hand cards so that you can make as many batts as you would like. If you have fiber you would like to contribute to the carding day, please let Melanie know. If you have a drum carder that you are willing to share, please let Melanie know that, too. There will be a brief demo on how to use a carder and how to care for the carder you are using.

All are welcome to come and spin, card or to just enjoy the day.

◆ Melanie Smith



Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE Study Group will meet June 6, 10:00 am, prior to the Picnic, at the home of Anne Oglevie. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Spinning Study Group

June 27th at Pat Day Hartwell's home at 200021

Hoskins Rd. Caldwell

July 18th Carding day At Pat Day Hartwell's home

August 8th at Mitzi's home 112200 Sweet Ola Hwy, Sweet

If you have any questions or have supplies for the carding day, please call Melanie at 608-0101 or email at yarnsntthreads@aol.com

♥ Rug Punch Study Group

We will also meet with the Spinners on Tuesday, June 27, at 10:00 p.m., at the home of Pat Day Hartwell. All are welcome.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

No meeting is scheduled for June. Watch the Guild yahoo group for any developments for meetings over the summer.

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Dave Cole: The Knitting Machine

The following is a link to a web page of interest. If you are reading this Newsletter electronically, you can merely click on the link to see the page.

This is an art installation in which an american flag is knitted using building cranes and parking lot light poles. There is a fun video to watch. Enjoy!

https://vimeo.com/28618663?utm_source=emailcampaign117&utm_medium=phpList&utm_content=HTMLemail&utm_campaign=Books+and+yarn+bargains%2C+largest+knitting+needles+eva%2C+much+more%21



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 2014 - Sept 2015) Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

Challenge 2015



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