

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
June, 2016

## June Program: Bigelow Tea Party and Potluck

Our final meeting before the summer break will be the Bigelow Tea Party and Potluck on June 11 at Pat Day Hartwell's house in Caldwell. Please bring any items you have made using the Bigelow Tea Bag String so we can show off the diversity of talent in our guild! We are expecting a few guests from Bigelow to attend. Also, we may need a few more chairs, so if you have a folding chair or two please bring them. We hope everyone has a great creative summer and we'll be looking forward to seeing what your ancestral ghosts have been up to for Museum Comes to Life in September. Do you suppose they recycled their tea bag strings?

◆ Lynn Ruggles, Vice President

### Calendar of Events

June 11, 2016 - Regular Guild Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting  
12:30 p.m. - Program - **Tea Party and Potluck**  
At the Home of Pat Day Hartwell, 20021 Hoskins Rd,  
Caldwell - Pat expresses warmest welcome!

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June 1 & 15, 2016 - Knit and Crochet Group  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Aero Cafe

June 6, 2016 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Pat Day Hartwell's Home

June 11, 2016 - COE Study Group  
Will not be meeting on this day. See details in Study  
Group News

June 13, 2016 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
10:00 a.m.  
Vila Cox's Home

June 18, 2016 - Spinning Study Group  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Cassia Park

Day Weaving Study Group  
Summer Meetings - TBA  
Watch the Yahoo Group for details

August 19-28, 2016 - Spinning at the Fair



### Membership - Dues are Due \$\$\$\$\$

It is that time of year again. Time to recommit to a year of great fun and camaraderie with your Guild friends. Your dues are only \$25.00 per year, and they are due in June of each year.

Here are some of the benefits of membership:

- \* Meeting attendance, to participate in the educational programs
- \* Workshop participation
- \* Study Group participation
- \* Access to the extensive fiber related Library
- \* Monthly Fiber Samples
- \* Jumping-in to help organize the fun

Give your dues to Rebecca, so she can keep track of the books, however, she will be absent from the June meeting. Vila has volunteered to collect during the meeting in June - thank you.

Email Rebecca at [becwinter@earthlink.net](mailto:becwinter@earthlink.net), to ask about her snail-mail address, if you wish to send your dues via that method.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer



**Please Note: The June meeting will be held on June 11, which is the Second Saturday.**

## From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

I want to thank the guild members who have worked on the programs, workshops, library, study groups, and all the other activities that make our guild great. I am looking forward to another year as President and participating in the programs and workshop that will be available.

As we wrap up a fabulous year I wonder what obsession will come to life when we start meeting in the fall. It has been so much fun watching the creativity induced by the tea bag string. I can't wait to see the variety of things everyone has dreamed up and done this past year. So keep your eyes open to the next fun thing that will inspire us all.

◆ Vila Cox, President

## Board Members - New and Old

Please be sure to make time to get together to pass information to the board members that will be taking over. Hopefully you have notebooks, files and ideas to give to the new board members. We will have our first board meeting at 10:00 am before the first Guild meeting in the fall.

◆ Vila Cox, President

## Spinning Study Group Summer Fun!

This summer we are planning some fun spinning days. First, we will be spinning in the Park. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we are planning a potluck lunch, and some of our very own Guild member fiber vendors have been invited to bring some of their treasures to sell. We will be meeting at Cassia Park in Boise at 11:00 am. We have rented the covered picnic area until 4:00 pm. So even if the weather isn't the best, please plan to come and have a fun afternoon. Please bring food to share, a chair, your wheel, spindle or whatever you would like to work on.

In the month of July, we are going to take a break. Those who are working on either challenge for museum comes to life or the spinner's challenge are encouraged to work on their spinning project. By the way, the Annual Tour de Fleece will also be happening this month. The dates are July 2 – 24. If you aren't familiar with the Tour, it's a great way to spin and enjoy cycling at the same time. The idea is to spin every day that the Tour de France is going on. This is a great way to spin up little bits or enough for one large project. Please let us know what you will be working on.

For the month of August, we will once again spin at the Western Idaho Fair. The dates for the Fair are Aug 19 through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups and more information will be posted on the yahoo group.

◆ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair & VP

## Bobbin Lace Group

The Bobbin Lace Study group will meet through the summer - 10:00 am at Vila's.

- June 13th - Monday instead of Tuesday this month
- July 12th - contact Vila to verify
- August 9th - contact Vila to verify

Even if you are not making lace feel free to come join us for a morning of conversation and creativity.

## June Sample - Tea Bag Twill

This month's sample is another sample with tea bag string, helping us with ideas for our June Tea meeting.

Our sample this month is a 4 harness twill.

The warp sett for this weave is 20 epi of tea bag string.

This pattern creates a diamond shape which shows nicely with the color contrast. Our weaver this month is Irene Chandler.

◆ Greta Ankeny, 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.

## UFO Program - Un-Finished Object

Well, wouldn't you know it. I took home some Beading Magazines from the Yarn and Equipment Sale in May and now I am realizing I have UFO projects in my beading jars, too. What a dilemma! Too little time, too many projects. Isn't it fun? Let's see what works-in-progress the rest of you have in June.

◆ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman



## Book Review: Warp Painting for Weavers

book by Dominie Nash – from the dust cover....

“By painting a warp, design possibilities are opened that cannot be achieved in any other way. Dominie Nash has researched the subject carefully, has done mountains of sampling and now presents to us a very clear picture of the whole process. Dominie eases our way by passing on hints she has learned through her experiments and by presenting an invaluable chart comparing the properties of specific dye stuffs. There is also a bibliography and a handy list of sources of supplies for anyone interested in painting a warp.”

•♦ Cindy Schafer, Co-Librarian

## Study Group News

### ♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

See the article on page 2 for details.

### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Watch the Yahoo Group announcements for details of summer meetings.

### ♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

The Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting will be at Pat Day-Hartwell's home on Monday, June 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome including traditional rug hookers.

### ♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

Bobbin lace study group will meet on **June 13**, 10am, at Vila's house.

### ♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group COE Study Group will not be meeting in June, as most members are otherwise occupied. The next meeting will be in October. For more information call Mary, 939-8906.



## Website

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

## Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172 & Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101
- Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
- Membership Officer: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Mitzi Meyers 208-584-3116
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Greta Ankeny 318-6028
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive & Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Rug Punch & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324

## May Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Rebecca Winter, Vila Cox, Melanie Smith, Pat Day Hartwell, Irene Chandler, Pat Ann, Lynn Ruggles.

President Vila Cox opened the meeting with discussions of selling the Guilds folding chairs. Lynn reminded everyone to bring the chairs to the tea party. There was more discussion about cleaning out some more equipment from the Library. Pat Day Hartwell mentioned that she would sell at cost to guild members any equipment made by Ashford, Schacht, Cromby, etc.

Vice President Reports: Melanie Smith asked that Vila look over her food list for the COE examination. She requested that the food be delivered to her home the Friday before the event. We will be feeding 10 to 12 people, some with food restrictions. The examiners are staying with Ivy DeHart, and the HGA representatives are staying with Penny Schraufnagel.

Lynn Ruggles reminded us that today is the Guild equipment sale and June is the Tea Party. Melanie is still working on putting together the summer spinning activities.

Membership Reports: Irene, Vila and Rebecca discussed Yahoo group membership for new members and how to invite them to the group. The passwords needed to put meeting information in local papers were also discussed.

Melanie reminded study group leaders to post Yahoo notices for their individual meetings.

Lynn enquired about the Beginning Weaver Study Group or Class. Melanie and Rebecca met once and have not found the time for further work on this project. We recognize there is still a need for this.

Additional COE discussion, the Examiners want reference materials so Lynn will be bringing some books.

Board Meeting adjourned for Regular Meeting  
Minutes taken by Membership Chairman, Irene  
Chandler.

◆ Typed and submitted by Janet Stanger, Secretary

## May Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2016 - Regular Meeting  
First Congregational United Church

Present: Irene Chandler, Martie Hawkins, Lynn Ruggles,  
Tera Jones, Judie Daniels, Cynthia Newman, Greta  
Ankeny, Kathy McGowan, Stephanie Billinge, Jinks  
Hunter, Esther Kleinkauf, Pat Day Hartwell, Cindy  
Schafer, Cindy Martin, Lily Lee, Marita Turner, Pat Ann,  
Vila Cox, Penny Schraufnagel, Mary Berent, Kathy  
Shifflet, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith.



Meeting was called to order by President Vila Cox  
and introductions were made.

Vice Presidents report: Lynn Ruggles announced that  
the Guild Yarn and Equipment Sale is today. Pay the  
owner and she will pay the Guild their percentage. The  
Tea Party is in June. Bigelow Tea representatives are to be  
there. Mary Berent said 2 cones of Tea Bag String were  
available at the meeting. Lily Lee said that Tea Bag String  
was also given to her students and asked if some may  
come to the party. Answer was yes.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy McGowan reported that at  
the start of the month we had \$4,116.00. We took in  
\$30.00 so the balance in checking is now \$4,146.00.

Challenge: Jinks Hunter reported that she would like  
completed items by 9-17-2016, but can be later if the  
information is emailed to her by 9 pm on 9-22-2016, with  
the actual item delivered to her house by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
September. Nothing accepted the day of unless full  
information is given to Jinks previously. Jinks discussed  
briefly our "Roots" Challenge details, Jinks passed out  
entry forms and sign-up sheets for demonstrations, set up  
and tear downs.

Membership: Irene and Rebecca welcomed 2 guests,  
Cindy Martin and Stephanie Billinge. They were  
extended an invitation to join. Membership fees are  
\$25.00.

Show and Tell: Cindy Martin showed a baby wrap  
made from angora. She raises angora rabbits. Pat Day  
Hartwell showed dyed yarns. Pat Ann showed a  
bracelet. Esther Kleinkauf told of fabric available at a  
local estate sale. Jinks Hunter showed yarn. Kathy  
McGowan has a new lamb at her house. Greta Ankeny  
showed her scarf and yardage from the Crimp and Create  
workshop. Cynthia Newman showed slub yarn, rayon  
using sewing thread to make her crimp samples. Lynn  
Ruggles showed a CD on "How to Unspin Yarn," that she  
was reviewing. She donated the disc to the Guild Library.  
Lynn also showed Tea Bag string book marks and dyed  
lichen samples. Wool takes dye different than cotton. She  
is also doing a Demo on dyeing with Lichens next week.  
Tea Bag string does not take dye well, and showed  
samples of the string. Martie Hawkins showed end  
pieces of knitting for socks that she uses on colorful  
Afghans or rugs. Irene showed Kumihimo samples and  
bobbins. Rebecca Winter showed dyed samples that she  
made into thrum balls, also a zipper bag made of various  
hand woven pieces. Mary Berent showed beaded  
Kumihimo projects. She also showed a woven Crimp and  
Create sample to make a vest; the weft is tea bag string.  
She also used tea bag string to make a blue and white  
double weave coverlet. She wove a total of 12 yards and  
made 2 coverlets.

Librarian: Cindy Schafer reported that this is the last  
chance to check items out for the summer.

Newsletter: Rebecca Winter asked that you send her  
things for the Newsletter.

Web Page: Vila Cox asked that you send her  
information as needed.



Sample Box: Greta Ankeny reminded us to complete  
the Record sheet when submitting samples and to use the  
appropriate sample record. Also, the sign up sheet for  
next year is available so sign up for next year's samples.

ANWG: We are currently represented by Anne  
Oglevie and Melanie Smith on the ANWG Board. The  
Annual ANWG meeting is being held in Victoria, BC, the  
site of the next conference. Melanie and Anne will be  
attending. Melanie asked for Small Tea Bag String

projects to take to the ANWG meeting with her for the sharing of recent guild projects.

Vila reported on the COE for Dyeing. We are hosting the event on the weekend of May 21. The Exam is on Saturday. Dinner on Friday will be at Louie's in Meridian at 6pm if you would like to go and meet the 2 Representatives from HGA and the Examiners. Vila gave a brief explanation about the judging. The Guild may be able to see dyed items at our June meeting.

Study Groups: see the Newsletter for current information.

Rainbow Bag: by Melanie Smith was won by Kathy Shiflet. She won a collection of coned yarns.

UFO: Ester Kleinkauf stitched her alpaca blouse together. Lynn Ruggles finished thrift store sweater after spinning yarn for cuffs and bottom. Irene finished friend's pink quilt.

Lynn Ruggles showed a woven box tapestry, a hat she had made previously with a card woven band at the bottom of the hat. She will be attending a tapestry class taught by Sarah Swett, a Master Weaver, who has a large box-woven tapestry on display at the White House.

Meeting was adjourned by President Vila Cox. Yarn and Equipment sale took place immediately after.

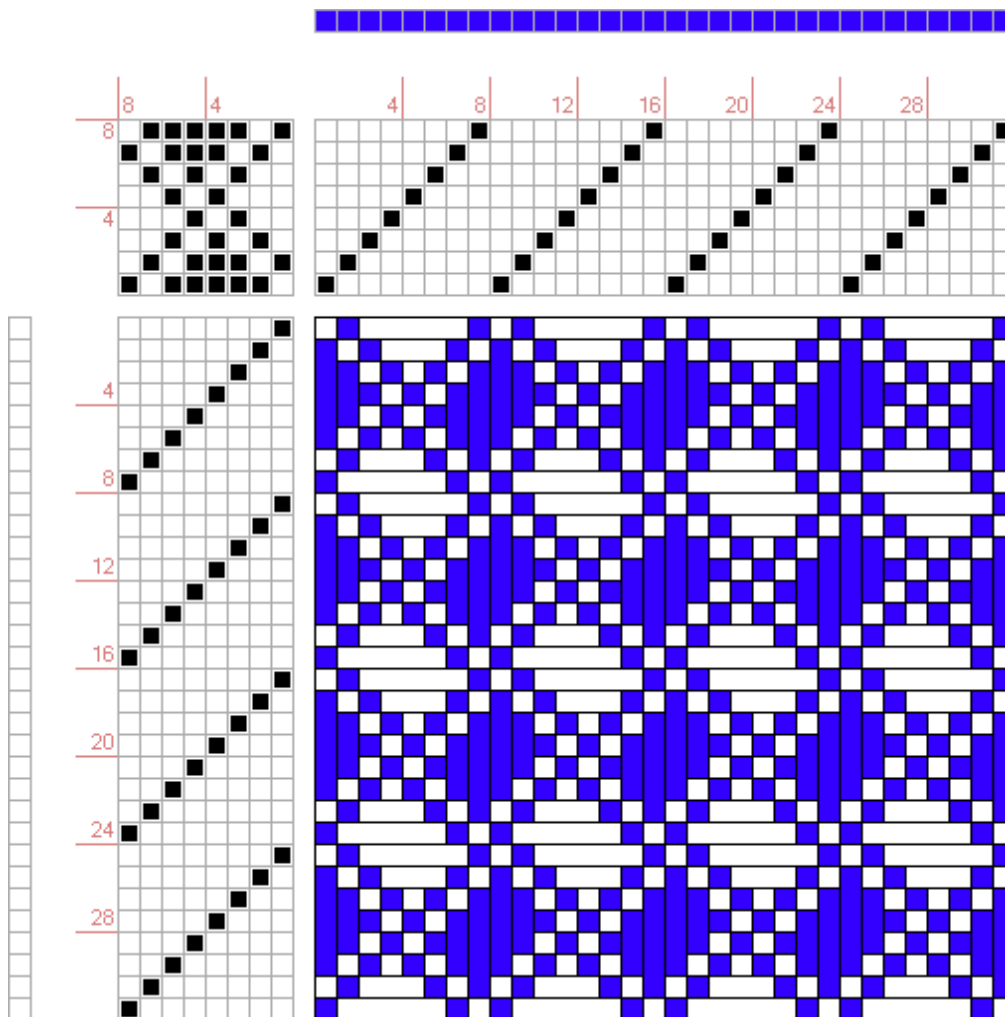
Minutes taken by Membership Chairman Irene Chandler. Thank you Irene for taking minutes so I could attend my son's college graduation.

◆ Typed and submitted by Janet Stanger, Secretary

## Draft Inspirations

The following draft is from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about the draft, as well as download a .wif file. This one has some nice asymmetry.

Draft #62575



# Back to Our Roots

## Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley 2016 Challenge for Museum Comes to Life - Saturday Sept 24

Hope you've all been working on your entries for this year's challenge!!

Museum Comes to Life will be held at Julia Davis Park again this year. Let's have a great turnout!

Volunteers at the event are needed to make it a success. Tasks include: set-up, handing out ballots, talking to visitors, teardown and demonstrating the fiber arts our guild practices. It would be great to have demos of all our practices – weaving, spinning, bobbin lace, kumihimo, rug punch, etc. I'll have a Sign-up sheet at the June and August meetings, and will send reminders with other details - parking pass, etc., closer to event.

Tables are provided, but we need canopies – Anne – are yours available?

Attire: "Period Costume" – long skirt & blouse with apron or shawl and any other accessory that works for you.

We want lots of participation and a great display of entries to show the public what we do and for them to vote on. And we need to prep for the event by printing cards for each item prior to day of event to present uniformity in identification of each item to the public for viewing and voting.

Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

Registration: Finished Items with completed entry form including "roots" description—due by Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>!

Apparently submissions have been trending toward arriving later rather than earlier. So in the spirit of achieving highest participation – let's try this approach. If you can turn in your entries by Sept 17, that would be ideal. But if you are a last-minuter working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com) by **9pm Sept 22**. (I do need some time to type up and print labels....). Bring your item to my house Friday, Sept 23, or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by 8am so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.

### Back to Our Roots Theme Description

From an historical background, the focus is to create projects that reflect your roots, roots you have an interest in, or roots you feel a connection to. This would be based on where your family is originally from, where you were born, a place you have lived that is special to you, or any other connection you feel for a heritage you have an interest in.

As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags (just to name a few) to come up with creations in categories, as indicted on the form.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Chair



## Back to Our Roots - 2016 Challenge - Registration Form

Theme Description: Projects that reflect your roots or roots you have an interest in or feel a connection to. As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags, etc., to come up with creations in the categories below.

Registration: We're hoping for lots of participation and a great display of entries for the public to view and vote on. Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

- All entries must be entirely your own work since last September.
- Finished Items with completed entry form, including "roots" description are due by Saturday, September 17th! **Receiving all submissions by Sept 17 would be ideal.** But if you are a last-minuter (like me..), working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com) by **9pm Sept 22.** (I do need some time to type up and print a label for each item ....)  
Bring item early to event and do stay and help set-up if needed.
- Bring your finished items with completed form —
  - \* To the September meeting
  - \* **Actual Deadline - September 17**
  - \* Or to my house Friday, September 23, for late comers
  - \* Or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by **8am** so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.
  - \* Please note: No submissions will be accepted after the 8am deadline on Sept 24. And these will only be accepted if an email was sent by Sept 22 at 9pm.
- Submit Items w/forms to Jinks Hunter, 12030 Savage Dr Boise, ID 83713, 208-867-2953 (or Vila Cox, 323-7736 or Janet Stanger, 377-0746, if you don't reach me)

Categories:

1. Flat Handwoven Items – includes yardage and hemmed or fringed pieces (scarves, shawls, towels, rugs, etc.)
2. Handspun Skeins – Colors or fibers that represent your roots
3. Made From Handspun Yarn – must be made from handspun yarn that would qualify as handspun skein this year
4. Fiber Arts – Items made from handspun or other fiber arts practiced in our Guild that fit the theme

Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____	
Address: _____	
Category #	Description of piece and how it connects to your roots.

Number of entries will determine prizes. Entry Fee \$3.00 for each item.

Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 = fee for entries \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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