

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
June, 2017

June Program: Picnic, Potluck, and Fashion Show

The final meeting for this year will be our annual picnic, potluck at Penny Schraufnagel's home at 11:30. Please bring a dish to share. Come join us to kick-off the summer, enjoy the fashion show, the potluck, and good conversation with fellow guild members.

Remember that Penny's neighborhood annual yard sale will be happening that day so parking may be an issue. You may want to carpool and plan on finding parking further away from Penny's house. ♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice-President



Calendar of Events

June 3, 2017 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m.-Program: **June Picnic and Fashion Show**
At the Home of Penny Schraufnagel
- See Directions on page 2. Please see note above about parking.

May 25, 2017 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
At Cindy Schafer's home. See note about summer events.

May 28 10 AM- 12 - Spinning Event
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Fiber Train Flash Mob, Meet-up & Spin-in
At Lloyd Square, Nampa

June 3, 2017 - COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting
At Penny's, Prior to the Regular Meeting

June 7 & 21, 2017 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe

June 13, 2017 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox's Home
Also - July 11 & Aug 10 - tentatively

June 20, 2017 - Day Weaving Study Group
12:30 p.m. (Note time change)
Jenni Jimmerson's home

Spinning Study Group
There is no regular meeting scheduled this month.
Note all the fun upcoming events for the summer.

July 1-23, 2017 - Tour de Fleece Spinning Contest
July 22, 2017 - Fiber Fun Day at Lynn's
Painting roving or yarn, fiber exchange, potluck
August 18-27, 2017 - Demo's at the Western Idaho Fair
January 13, 14 & 15, 2018 - Weaving Intensive - Circles

Membership News

Membership dues are now due. We are asking each member to fill out the Membership Form to confirm your contact information and to gather data about your interests.

Dues continue to be a modest \$25.00. If you would like to have the Newsletter mailed to you in hard copy, there is an additional fee of \$20.00. The other method of receiving the Newsletter is through the BoiseGuild Yahoo Group, and this method is preferred.

If you have questions, please contact me.
♦Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Thanks!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to do a program this year. We really appreciate the time and effort that went into organizing and presenting the programs.

♦ Lily Lee and Julie Gerrard, Vice-Presidents

From Your President

I have had a great time the last two years serving as the Guild president. It feels like a lot has been accomplished during that time and I want to thank all the board members. Being president is easy when you get to work with a great group of women like I did. I am looking forward to stepping back a little and letting someone else take the lead. We are blessed to have such a wonderful guild. Thank you again to the board and to guild members that helped me when I needed it.

♦ Vila Cox, President

Directions to Penny's house:

From either Boise or points west on Highway 84, take the Eagle Road exit from the freeway. Turn south on Eagle, go past Overland about 2/3 of a mile up a slight rise. A fire station will be on your right and the turn left on Easy Jet will be coming up. Turn left and follow Easy Jet to the end where it turns left on Tristram. Four houses later turn right on Hollandale. Proceed to the stop sign on Goshen. We are across the street, slightly to the right at 2688.

If coming from Boise on Overland, turn left on Cloverdale; go about 1/2 mile and turn right on Muir Ridge; continuing until it turns left and becomes Goshen Way. Call Penny at 208-342-1288.

June Sample News

We have a bonus this month! Two weavers have provided us with samples. I am not sure which month I made an error, but now we get the benefit.

The denim and white sample is a shadow weave using doubled Teabag String and 8/2 cotton. This is a chance to compare some of the other TBS samples which used single TBS. This may help if you need to evaluate the weight you want your finished fabric. Thanks Irene Chandler for continuing the Guild TBS saga.

Our second sample is a purple and peach colored satin weave. Both colors are 10/2 cotton. Kathy McCowan is the weaver of this sample. She has suggested this weave for towels. When you pick up this sample be sure to look at the back side!

Thank you to all of the ladies who have provided the samples this year. They have provided us with an opportunity to see a variety of spinning and weaving ideas.

- ◆ Greta Ankeny, Sample Chair



Shadow Weave, by Irene Chandler



Satin Weave, by Kathy McCowan

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.



Directory Update

Address Change:

Mitzi Meyers
2580 North Maple Grove Rd.
Boise, Idaho 83704
208-340-9775

Spinner's Pages

Study Group Happenings

- May 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – Fiber Train Meet up & Spin in
- There will be no regular meeting in June
- July 1 through 23 - Tour de Fleece Spinning Contest
- July 22 - Fiber Fun Day - at Lynn's, for painting roving or yarn, fiber exchange, & potluck
- August 18 through 27 – Demo's at the Western Idaho Fair. See Janet for detail and sign ups.

Come This Fall for the Fiber Study Group

Our goal is to learn about all those great fibers we either spin now or would like to try. We will highlight a fiber of the month. All are welcome to come and learn about all those great fibers we love to work with so much.

There will be two ways to participate. Join us at our study group meeting and learn about the fiber of the month. You can also join the fiber sample exchange by following these steps:

- Pick a fiber
- Pick a month and sign up for that month
- Fill out the sample worksheet, which can be found on the guild web page under resources, linked [here](#).
- Provide at least a 1/2 oz. sample of the fiber for each person in the exchange. The amount of fiber needed for this will be determined by the number of members in the exchange.

We know that life happens so if can't make a study group meeting we will make sure you get any samples that you might miss. To sign up for the sample exchange please email Melanie with your fiber choice and month you would like to sign up for. She will coordinate the rotation of fiber topics.

If you have any questions please let Melanie know at yarnsntreads@aol.com

Tour de Fleece Contest

For several years spinners all over the world have been participating in what is called the Tour de Fleece. It is a three-week fun and challenging time of spinning, coinciding with the Tour de France bicycle race. This year the Guild is hosting a contest for any spinner who would like to join in on the fun. You DO NOT need to be in the valley to participate, but you Must sign up before July 1. There is also no cost to join.

To Join the fun:

1. Be a member of the Guild.
2. Set a goal. What do you want to spin for the next 3 weeks?
3. Prepare your wheel or spindle or both. Do they need a good cleaning? Oil?
4. Take a selfie with the fiber you want to spin during the tour. Email to Melanie before July 1.
5. Plan to spin every day from July 1 – 23, except for the rest days. This can be for just a few minutes or for hours, its up to you.
6. Check in with Melanie or on the guild yahoo group, about your progress once a week or so.
7. Take a selfie with your completed yarn before July 30. Email to Melanie.

Prizes

There will be some great prizes for the following categories.

- The most yarn spun (singles or plied)
- The most exotic spinning location. This could be somewhere on vacation, your house, or location near your home. Get creative with this one.
- The most different number of fibers spun during the tour.
- Having met your Goal – every person who reaches their goal will win a prize.
- The Special Award - to be awarded after the tour. This will be a great prize, and you will have to wait and see what the person did to win it!

During the tour, there will be two rest days. These are days that you can take a break from spinning. This year the rest days are July 10 and 19. These would be great check-in days. We would all love to see how your Tour is going, and all the great spinning you have accomplished.

Also, there will be a special Challenge Day. Just before July 9th Melanie will email information about what the challenge for the day will be. She will also give details on how you can win that day's special prize.

All prizes and awards will be awarded at the September Guild Meeting.

Summer Spinning Events

This summer we have scheduled three fun spinning events. We hope to see you at many of these events. Reminders and updates will be sent out on the guild yahoo group as we get closer to each event.

- May 28 - Flash Mob the Fiber Train Festival 10 AM – noon. Join us at the festival for a few hours of spinning and enjoying the festival. We will meet at the Blacksmith at 10:00 a.m. Then we will find a place to gather and spin. Plan on bringing your wheel or spindle, a chair, maybe some shopping money, and your own lunch. Who knows we might just find another cool spinning wheel mat. Location is Lloyd Square, Nampa. Find more information here - <http://fibertrainfestival.com>
- July 22 - 10- 3 Painting Roving/Yarn Dye Day – Fiber Exchange – Potluck at Lynn's. 10:00 a.m. to 3-ish. This year we have decided to set up work tables to paint roving/yarn. This is a great time to learn, experiment with color and paint roving/yarn. There will be several tables set up with dye stations. We will also provide some roving and yarn that was left over from the May Yarn and Equipment Sale, to purchase at a very discounted price (okay, really cheap), if you don't have anything to dye in your stash. Also, since we were not able to have our Annual Christmas Party this year, because of weather, we will hold a Fiber Gift Exchange. So if you would like to participate bring a fiber gift with value of at least \$15.00. Lastly, bring a food item to share at our potluck.
- We are still working on details for an August spinning event, please keep an eye out on the Yahoo Group for more details.

Spinning at the Fair

This year the Western Idaho Fair will be August 18th -27th. If you are interested in demonstrating spinning at the fair, Janet will be taking names soon. So be on the lookout for that.

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 Spinner's Pages for more information. There will be no June meeting this year.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The next meeting of the day weavers study group will be on Tuesday **June 20** at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the home of Jenni Jimmerson.

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

Our meeting will be **May 25** at Cindy Schaffer's at 2 pm. We will be meeting periodically during the **summer** but we don't have a schedule. It will be posted on the Yahoo Group as it develops.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group will be held just prior to the **June 3** picnic at Penny's house, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ Bobbin Lace - **June 13th, July 11th, Aug 10th** are on Vila's calendar for bobbin lace days. Meets at 10am. July and Aug might change so check with Vila to verify the day if you are planning on going those months.

Website

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

Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612 & Julie Gerrard 342-8562
- Secretary: Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
- Membership Officer: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Greta Ankeny 318-6028
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324



April General Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:30am by President Vila Cox. Introductions followed.

Attending: Vila Cox, Julie Gerrard, Lily Lee, Joan Sheehan, Janet Stanger, Jinks Hunter, Cindy Schafer, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Marieta Turner, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith, Emma Smith, Lynn Ruggles, Nancy Swenson, Katzy Luring, Dorothy Cooper, Barb Redmond, Anna Niebrugge, Jenni Jimmerson, Dee Verti, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Pat Day Hartwell.

Old Business: Members attending the March workshop shared how much fun they had!

New Business: There was a unanimous vote for new officers: President Greta Ankeny, Vice President's: Melanie Smith and Penny Schraufnagel, Secretary: Lily Lee, Treasurer: Vila Cox, and Rebecca Winter: Membership. The new officers will be installed after our June Meeting. Help with this transition will be provided.

Vice President's Report: Program today is Pat Day Hartwell with "Preparation of a Fleece for Spinning."

May Fiber and Equipment Sale-10% of all sales go to the Guild! In June, we will have a *FASHION SHOW*. Plan on modeling your handmade clothing. The June meeting will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's home (Thanks Penny!). There will be a potluck at this event.

Challenge Committee Update: Katzy will provide tents for upcoming challenge this year for weavers and spinners "LUMPS BUMPS & FUZZ;" please see info in this newsletter. Please volunteer!

ANWG Booth: GO GREEN with TEA BAG STRING. Please see article in this newsletter from Melanie Smith.

Show n Tell: Several members shared their weaving accomplishments.

Treasurer Report: Kathy McGowen provided our Annual Budget for 2017-2018 to be approved by the membership. Mary moved to accept the budget as presented. Julie seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The March treasurers report was given.

Membership: Newsletter & Membership: In 2016 we had a membership of 62 weavers, spinners, fiber artists. We have 3 new members for next year. See this newsletter for full information.

Librarian: Cindy says, "Come see us!"

Sample Box: Greta requested a member to volunteer to manage our Sample box and samples.

Equipment: Vila will be updating the rental list for next year. Lynn is completing that list this year. Equipment Committee Members Anne Oglevie and Joan Sheehan had no other info.

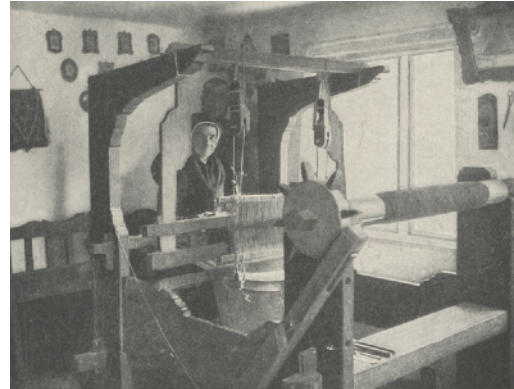
Events Coordinator - Janet Stanger: May 27-29 is the Fiber Train in Nampa. Please check out their website for location, classes & registration. Jean Weber spun at the Little House on the Prairie Day, thank you Jean. The Idaho State Fair will be August 18-27, 2017 for those of

you spinning at the fair. The deadline for entries is August 15-16, 2017.

Additional info: The web site is being re-vamped by Vila, all study groups meeting dates and times are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:43pm, and the Program followed.

❖ Submitted by Secretary, Joan Sheehan



May Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Attending: President- Vila, Vice President- Julie, Membership- Rebecca, Treasurer- Kathy, and Secretary- Joan, and upcoming Vice President- Melanie.

President's Report: Vila stated she was pleased she accomplished all her goals for the 2016-2017 year, and that it was a productive 2-year term as President.

VP Report: Julie gave a reminder that the Fashion Show will be held during June meeting. Bonnie Inouye may be teaching a weaving workshop in 2018, and Jute is working on confirmation. Date to be determined when confirmed. Today is the May Yarn and Equipment Sale.

Newsletter & Membership: Rebecca reports that everything is in place for membership for next year. There is a flyer for new members, and revised membership form for our 2017-2018 year.

Secretary: Joan has filed the Annual Report with the State of Idaho, as required.

Treasurer Report: Kathy reports that there has been no change in our budget from ending March balance of \$6,447.10.

Library Update: Cindy has estimated the value of our library to date at \$16,000. She utilized online valuations to formulate the list. Discussion was held about storage of archival guild material, and making room for our current books. Julie made a motion to purchase a cabinet for storage at Rebecca's for historical materials, Cindy seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

To facilitate adequate storage of our current library, Rebecca made a motion to purchase a cabinet for storage, if it will fit in the library room. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion to add a budget for library maintenance resulted in Joan making a motion to

approve an ongoing library maintenance line item. This motion was withdrawn. This motion was amended to budget a line item for the library in the sum of \$100.00 per year. Vila made a motion to amend the 2017-18 budget to add a \$100 line item for library maintenance and to approve \$100 for current library maintenance expenses. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



Discussion also included the need to revise our Policies and Procedures, and Rebecca request the incoming board assist in the revision. P&P revisions and review will be completed and presented the end of summer 2017. New VP Melanie Smith will assist Rebecca in this endeavor.

No other business noted.

Meeting Adjourned 11:03am

❖ Submitted by Secretary, Joan Sheehan

May General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:30am by President Vila Cox. Introductions followed.

Attending: Vila Cox, Julie Gerrard, Joan Sheehan, Janet Stanger, Jinks Hunter, Cindy Schafer, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Marita Turner, Rebecca Winter, Melanie Smith, Mary Chown, Lynn Ruggles, Nancy Swenson, Jean Zaska, Anne Oglevie, Kathy McGowan, Pat Ann, Carolyne Pietz, Anna Niebrugge, Esther Kleinkauf, Denyce Verti, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Pat Day Hartwell, Myrna Stahman, Jo Beeman, Linda Newville, Mitzi Meyers, and Karen Rainwater.

Vice President's Report: Program today - **May Yarn and Equipment Sale.** Remember 10% of all sales goes to the

Guild. Sellers are responsible to provide the percentage to our treasurer.

The June program will be the **FASHION SHOW.** Plan on modeling your handmade clothing. The June meeting will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's house. There will be a potluck at this event. Please see newsletter for more information.

Challenge Committee Update: "LUMPS BUMPS & FUZZ," will unfortunately be postponed due to cancellation of Museum Comes to Life by the museum, and because of construction at the museum.

ANWG Guild Booth: **GO GREEN with TEA BAG STRING.** Please see article in this newsletter. Meeting of attendees to follow equipment sale today.

Treasurer Report: Kathy reports that there has been no change in our balance since March. Current balance \$6447.01

Membership: Dues are due! Rebecca says there are extra directories available, if you don't have one.

Newsletter: Please send information to Rebecca, when requested in the Yahoo Group.

Librarian: Cindy says, "Come see us!"

A recommendation was made to the general membership to add a budget a line item for the library in the sum of \$100.00 per year. The need for new cabinets was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to amend the 2017-18 budget to add \$100 for library maintenance, and to purchase two cabinets for the library. One to go to Rebecca's, to house the historical materials, and one to be put in the library. In the discussion, looking for used cabinets was recommended. Motion passed unanimously. A Library Committee was formed. The committee will make decisions about what books and materials the Guild will keep in its library when books are donated. Committee members are Rebecca, Julie, Cynthia, Janet, Vila, Joan.

Show 'n Tell: 8 shows and 3 tells! Denyce recommended the Podcast Fruity Knitting, at <http://fruityknitting.com>. Esther recommended two books, *Footsteps of Sheep*, and *Sheppard's View*. Lynn passed around *The Secret Lives of Color*.

Sample Box: Greta requested a member to volunteer for November's Sample. The sample this month was submitted by Lynn Ruggles, who wove twill dishtowels from an organic cotton Lunatic Fringe kit.

Equipment: Items left from the equipment sale are on a table at half price. Money from these items will go to the Guild. Please give your monies directly to Kathy McGowan.

Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger - please send event interests to Janet. The Yahoo Group will carry new event information as it comes up. May 27-29 is the Fiber Train in Nampa. Please check out their website for location, classes & registration. See April Newsletter more details.

Study Groups: Please see newsletter for specific groups, days, dates & times.

Correction: Anne Oglevie will not be hosting the Eclipse spin event. Another event may be held at her studio, TBA.

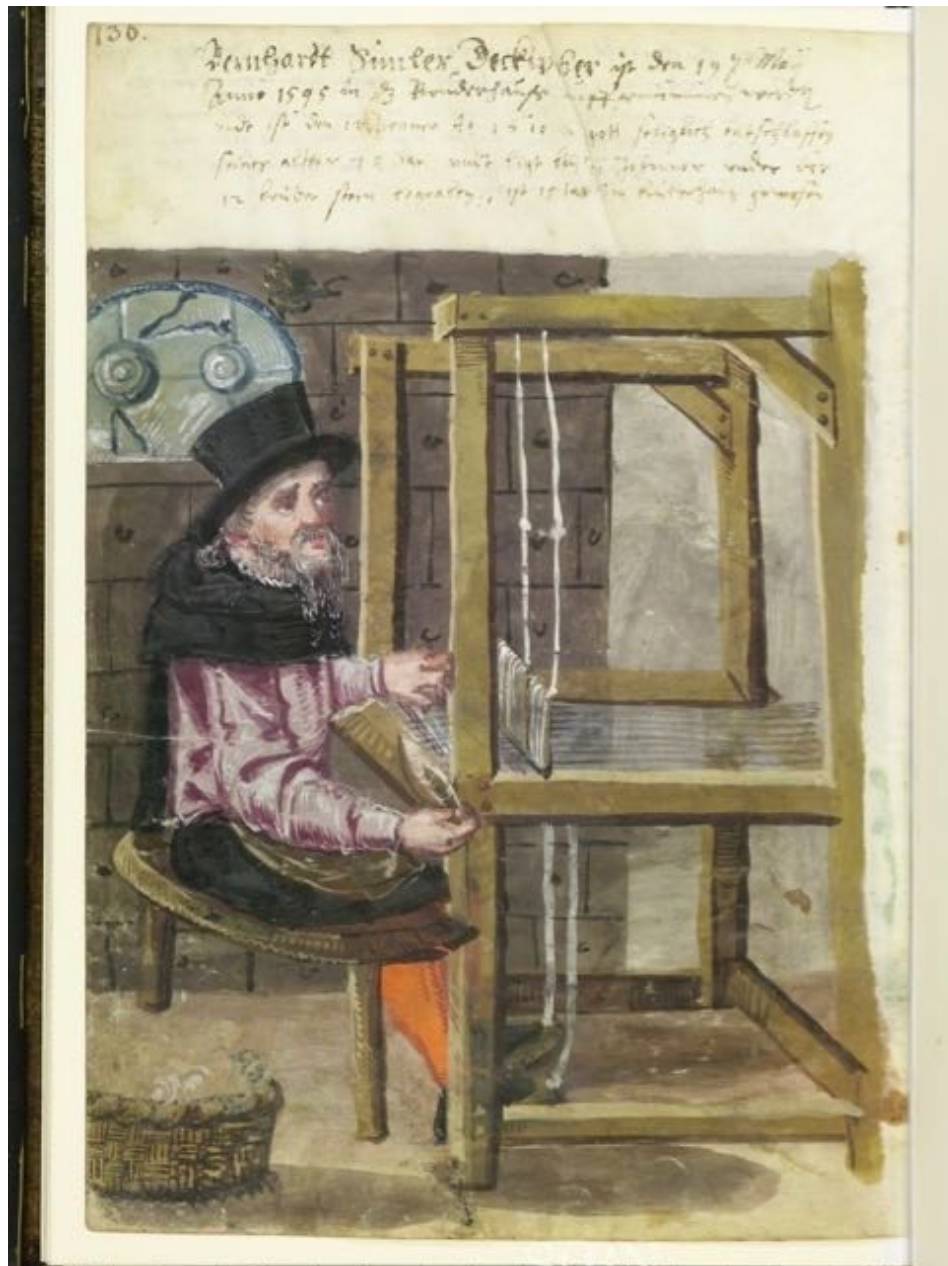
Mary Berent encouraged everyone to bring their own lunch to enjoy, to the Day Weaving Study Group on May 16th.

Additional info: It was noted by many that we have a great Guild!

The web site is ongoing. All study groups meeting locations, dates and times are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30pm, for the shopping to ensue.

◆ Submitted by Secretary, Joan Sheehan



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