

Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley
June, 2018

June Program: Annual Picnic Potluck & Social Time

Come and enjoy our Annual Picnic. Our plan for this year is to have a Social Time, since we always have so much going on most of the time. We will have the opportunity to catch up with great friends. The Potluck is just that, as we always have a variety of good food. And, frankly, the desserts tend to be the best part.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

Calendar of Events

June 2, 2018 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: Annual Picnic Potluck

At the Home of Penny Schraufnagel

See the Directions on page 2.

June 2, 2018 - COE Study Group

10:00 a.m.

At Penny's before the Regular Meeting

June 6 & 20, 2018 - Knit and Crochet Group

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aero Cafe

June 10, 2018 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

Vila Cox's Home

June 19, 2018 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 p.m.

At Anne Oglevie's in Weiser

June 28, 2018 - Rug Punch and Punch Needle Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Information to follow through the Yahoo Group

Spinning Study Group

See the description of Summer Events
starting on page 2.

September 7, 8 & 9, 2018 - REP Weaving Workshop

by Rosalie Neilson

See the Flier in this Newsletter on page 6.

At Stevens-Henager College, Nampa

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Enhance Your Weaving Repertoire Today

January 19, 20 & 21, 2019 - Weaving Intensive



Dues Are Due For the 2018 - 2019 Year

According to our By-Laws, the fiscal year for the Guild is July to June, which means dues are paid in June of each year. Also, it is the policy that if you paid dues in April or after, your dues count also for the next year. There are already 24 members who have taken advantage of this policy.

Just a few of the benefits of Membership include:

- Checking out books from the Library
- Renting our expanded inventory of Equipment
- Access to Study Groups and Workshops
- The camaraderie of like minded fiber enthusiasts

I will have the electronic roster of members at the June meeting if you need to check on the status of your membership.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Equipment Rentals

The Baby Mac has arrived!

It will soon have the heddles on all the shafts and will be ready to be rented. It has been whispering to me about how excited it is to be here in Boise and have the opportunity to go to workshops, or to be taken home by guild members to help with special projects. Rental for just the loom is \$30 a month and for \$35, you can also get the warping board, shuttle, bobbins, and reed hook.

See the new Baby arrival pictures at the end of this Newsletter.

◆ Vila Cox, Equipment Chair

Editor's Note: Maybe we should plan a Baby Shower.



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 208-921-8948.

The Hargrove Study

The Day Weaving Study group has almost wrapped up its study of *The Weavers Draft Book and Clothiers Assistant*, by John Hargrove. The samples that have been completed by study group participants were passed out at the last meeting. The few outstanding samples will be distributed by their weavers as they are completed.

The Hargrove Study was interesting and informative as participants explored the terminology and fabrics woven for household use in the 1792. Language has changed over the years, so it took some work to figure out what the names of the drafts in the book might actually mean. How drafts are written has also changed, so deciphering the drafts in the book proved challenging. It was interesting to see the variety of fabrics woven using the simple drafts in the Hargrove book.

Look for more information and possibly some photos in one of the Fall Newsletters. There will be a Guild Notebook of all the Samples for the Library.

❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

From Your President

Can you believe we are already at the end of the Guild monthly meeting schedule for this year? This seems impossible to me! As I reflect upon the year I am pleased with what our officers scheduled and accomplished for the Guild. I want to highlight some of the accomplishments.

Thank you to our vice-presidents for planning our monthly programs and hosting our socials. Melanie set up the programs and kept us informed of upcoming events and Penny hosted our socials. Our vice presidents carry a big load each year and these ladies have not disappointed us.

Our secretary and treasurer have kept up on their responsibilities. Each month Lily has written minutes of our Guild meetings and has our minutes ready for publication in our newsletters for all to

read. Vila has kept track of our Guild funds and reported regularly on them. Our 2019 budget will be presented at the June meeting.

Rebecca wears several hats for the Guild. Probably her most time consuming responsibilities are membership and the newsletter. She has kept accurate membership records and creates the membership booklet each year. Monthly she reminds folks that it is time to send her information. Some of us she has to remind a second time, not going to mention my name!

This year the Guild has made real strides in our equipment available for rental. Vila Cox keeps us up to date in this area. We ordered a new smaller workshop floor loom which arrived this month and will be ready to rent for our fall workshop. If you need this in order to participate in our Rep Weave Workshop in September you need to contact Vila soon. This loom may be in high demand for this workshop and personal use. We also purchased a table loom which is available for rent for this workshop and personal use.

Your Guild officers will meet during the summer to plan for next year. If you have thoughts and ideas for us to consider please email myself, another officer or share your ideas with one of us at the June 2 meeting. Also our new vice-presidents, Mary Berent and Jenni Jimmerson, will be planning the monthly programs shortly. If you have an interest in a topic or would like to present a program please contact them to share your interest.

This newsletter has a list of the Guild summer activities. Hopefully each of us will be able to participate in some of these events so we can keep in contact with our Guild friends and expand our friendships.

May your summer be blessed with good activities and families and friends.

❖ Greta Ankeny, President



Summer Spinning & Fiber Events

Indigo Dye Weekend

On June 23 & 24, there will be an indigo pot set up at Melanie Smith's home for anyone who would like to dye, yarn, fabric or fiber. You **MUST RSVP** by **June 17**, by emailing her at yarnsnthreads@aol.com.

Once you RSVP, she will email details on preparing your items and meeting times. This will also be the Spinning Study Group's dyeing event for the summer. So you are more than welcome to bring your wheel and spend the day spinning and visiting with others. If you have any questions at all please let Melanie know.

The Second Annual Tour de Fleece

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. We had such fun last year we thought we would do it again this year! Any spinner is welcome to join in on the fun. You DO NOT need to be in the valley to participate, or to attend any of the summer spinning events. However, you must SIGN UP before **July 6**. 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? Or oiling?
4. Take a picture of the fiber you want to spin during the tour. Email your goals and a picture of your fiber to Melanie before July 6. Once you have signed up with Melanie, please post pictures to the Yahoo Group, so everyone can watch your progress.
5. Plan to spin every day from July 7 - 29th, except for the rest days. This can be for just a few minutes or for hours; it's up to you. This year's rest days will be July 16 & 23.
6. Check in with Melanie and on the guild Yahoo Group. We would all love to see how you're doing.
7. Take a picture with your completed yarn before August 5, to be entered for prizes, and email to Melanie.

Prizes

There will be some great prizes for the following categories:

- Green Jersey: The most yarn spun (singles or plied)
- Polka Dot Jersey: The most exotic spinning location. We had such fun with this one last year so let's see if we can come up with even more creative places to spin.
- White Jersey : Try something New! Try a fiber you have never spun, spin it and post a picture.

- Yellow Jersey: Having met your Goal
- Overall Champion Jersey: The Special Award - to be awarded after the tour.

We are going to do something a bit different this year. Please post all pictures to the Yahoo Group, so everyone can see your progress toward your goals. Reminders will be posted throughout the month. Just like last year all prizes will be awarded at the September guild meeting.

Spinning at Jinks' Ranch - July 7

Look for a notice in the Yahoo Group about a week prior to this date from Jinks with a reminder, directions, and a map.

Paper Making - August 4

Come make some of your own paper with Rebecca at her house. Let's start about 10:00 am. We may have to beat the heat. There is some shade.

We'll have vats set up outside, or in the garage for inclement weather.

There will be some fiber available, however please also bring some to add to the vats. The fiber should be macerated down to individual fiber filaments. The kitchen blenders have trouble accomplishing the task for such a large batch, so if you do some preparation ahead, it would be helpful. Please avoid synthetic fiber.

Cut any cellulose fiber into 1/4 inch lengths. Run them through a blender or other machine with plenty of water. Then strain out the fiber on window screen or other fine mesh. You could work ahead and just air dry this fiber. Once it is placed in the vat, it will disperse easily.

There is a Bookmaking Class coming in the future, so look toward to that end for the use of your paper.

Email Rebecca with questions or for directions to becwinter@earthlink.net or becwinter555@gmail.com

Spinning Demo's at the Fair - August 17-26

Janet Stanger will once again be organizing demonstrations at the fair.



Sample Exchange News

Irene Chandler's sample for June is a plain weave with a warp of various colors, primarily gray, white and black handspun slubby texture. The weft is off-white wool.

- Jinks Hunter, 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.

June Mystery Member

Who Is This Mystery Member?

This month's clues are:

1. I found my love of weaving in New Mexico.
2. I worked as a Junior Ranger as a teenager.
3. If I had to choose a destination, it would always be involve the mountains. I am a mountain girl.

The first person to notify the newsletter editor correctly will have bragging rights for the June Mystery Member, whose identity will be published in the next Newsletter.

Last month's Mystery Member was Barbara Redmond. Here are the clues given:

1. Floated the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon for 21 days.
2. Taught Middle School Art.
3. Was the Guild President in another state.

We had a couple of incorrect email guesses prior to the meeting. However, Vila Cox guessed correctly during the meeting. Brag on!

- Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

Study Group News

Certificate of Excellence Study Group

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group will be held just prior to the **June 2** 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.

- Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Bobbin Lace

Bobbin Lace - June 10th - 10am at Vila's

- Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weaving - June 19th - 12:30pm at Anne Oglevie's in Weiser. Carpooling is available. Planning for that will be managed through the Yahoo Group. Please know all are welcome to join this group.

- Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

See all the wonderful Summer events planned. If you have any questions just let Melanie know. yarnsnthreads@aol.com

- Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

The Rug Punch - Punch Needle Group

The May meeting, on the 24th at 1 p.m., will be at my shop on 6 S Middleton, Nampa. And in June the meeting will be on June 28. Watch in the Yahoo Group for details.

Phone me for details - 208-681-0480.

- Pat Day Hartwell, Study Group Chair

Officers and Chairs

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- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 208-939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-459-4324

Website

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

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley Proposed 2018-19 Budget

Here is the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 year. Only small changes have been made from last year's budget. There will be a vote held at the June meeting to approve it. ♦ Vila Cox, Treasurer

		Proposed
Income		Budget
	Sales from Donations	\$ 50.00
	Guild Sale	\$ 50.00
	Membership Dues (56 Members)	\$ 1,500.00
	Equipment Rental	\$ 50.00
	Newsletter Fee (5 people)	\$ 100.00
	Advertising	\$ 60.00
	Challenge Entry Fees	\$ -
	Intensive Fees	\$ -
	Interest	\$ -
	Workshop Fees	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 1,810.00
Expense		
	Equipment Purchases	\$ 200.00
	Library Books	\$ 200.00
	Subscriptions	\$ 200.00
	Library Expenses	\$ 100.00
	Meeting & Library Room Rental	\$ 440.00
	Membership ANWG/HGA	\$ 100.00
	PO Box Rent	\$ 120.00
	Directory Expense	\$ 100.00
	Newsletter Expenses	\$ 100.00
	Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 25.00
	Challenge Prizes	\$ -
	Challenge Supplies	\$ 60.00
	Intensive Expenses	\$ -
	Misc/Memorials	\$ 50.00
	Program Expenses	\$ 50.00
	Study Group Expenses	\$ 50.00
	Workshop Expenses	\$ -
Total Expense		\$ 1,795.00
Net Ordinary Income		\$ 15.00





IT'S IN THE WARP: COLOR AND DESIGN IN WARP-FACED REP
3-day Workshop – Rosalie Neilson, Instructor

Explore the multitude of designs possible in warp-faced rep by using two different colorways and two different weights of weft. Learn an easy way to tie a wide warp onto the front cloth beam rod, in addition to a versatile treadling method to maximize the number of patterns. Discussions will focus on color, movement of blocks, skeleton tie-ups, and threading systems. Drafts for 4- and 8-shaft looms will be sent in advance, along with color suggestions for the two different colorways of pattern and background. ***Weavers will warp and thread their looms prior to workshop and work exclusively on their own loom throughout the 3-day workshop.*** Weavers will also learn the Cavandoli knot and participate in a color wrap session.

Materials fee: \$30 includes two spiral-bound notebooks, netting shuttle, supplies for color wraps

Date & Time: Friday-Sunday, September 7, 8 & 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$200 includes \$30 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$225 includes \$30 materials fee

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Loom: _____ Number of Harnesses: _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Mary Berent, 769 N Grey Pebble Way, Eagle, ID 83616.

The deadline to sign up is July 15, 2018.

May Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting - May 5, 2018

Greta Ankeny, President

The board will brainstorm ways to revamp various members meeting activities to create a space for community building and inclusivity.

Vila Cox, Treasurer & Equipment Chair

The Macomber loom is on its way although the shipping cost more than the estimate originally provided by the vendor.

The budget will be ready in June. Setting aside funding for library acquisitions, upkeep and equipment is anticipated. The board needs to consider if proceeds from equipment rentals should go towards these needs or into the general fund.

Lily Lee, Secretary

The trivia has been fun this year but it is not in the plans to repeat it next year. More brainstorming for potential new activities will be done.

Rebecca Winter, Membership Chair

Rebecca will work on updating the officer responsibilities and policies after August.

Greta Ankeny, President

As the guild grows, the board will also revision the format of the show and tell portion of members meetings for both expediency and community building.

Members Meeting - May 5, 2018

Present: Lily Lee, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Nancy Alzola, Greta Ankeny, Dagmar Rapp, Lynn Ruggles, Cindy Schafer, Julie Gerrard, Sally Johnston, Ivy DeHart, Cynthia Newman, Pat Ann, Marita Turner, Anne Oglevie, Penny Schraufnagel, Esther Kleinkauf, Nancy Swenson, Carol Freeman, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Angela Gronewold, Connie Griffin, Peggy Jones, Nilsa Hand, Kathryn Muldoon, Jinks Hunter, Pat Day Hartwell, Mary Chown, Mitzi Meyers, Barbara Redmond, Cheryl Smart, Janet Stanger, Kathy Shiflet.

Greta Ankeny, President

Introductions -If you brought it, show your favorite useful tool, or share how many years you have been a member of the guild.

Free Table -There is a free table where fiber-related items can be placed to give-away. If you bring an item and it is not claimed by the end of the meeting you must take it with you when you leave.

The new officers for next year will be President Greta Ankeny, Vice Presidents Mary Berent and Jenni Jimmerson, Treasurer Vila Cox, Membership Officer Rebecca Winter, Secretary Lily Lee

Vila Cox for Melanie Smith, Vice President

Next meeting will be a potluck at Penny Schraufnagel's house. This is the same day as the neighborhood yard sale so parking may be limited.

At today's yarn and equipment sale 10% of the proceeds of each sale go to the guild.

Watch the newsletter for information on this summer's Tour de Fleece activities.

Jenni Jimmerson, Future Vice President

There will be a REP Weaving Workshop 9/7-9/9 taught by Rosalie Neilson. The cost is \$200.00, and it will be held at the Stevens-Henager College near the Nampa Costco. Booklets are already available for those who have paid and registered. This workshop will not be a round robin format, meaning everyone will work on their own loom. This workshop is new weaver friendly so anyone can take it. So far, 9 members have registered.

Show and Tell

13 members had shows and 2 had tells.

Highlights: Esther Kleinkauf brought in several beaded bracelets made on a bead loom and some kumihimo items. Janet Stanger also shared a beaded bracelet, this one made with peyote stitch using size 15 beads. Anne Oglevie shared several samples woven with tea bag string and linen. Pat Day Hartwell brought some handspun silk and alpaca.

Vila Cox shared some deflected double-weave pieces.

Rebecca Winter, ANWG

Our guild did not apply for an ANWG grant so there is no new news.

Fiber Arts Trivia -Secretary, Lily Lee

For the last month of Fiber Arts Trivia questionnaires a survey to determine the prize was distributed.

Treasurer, Vila Cox

There is about \$3,400 in the checking account. A detailed budget will be done in June.

Librarian, Cindy Schafer

There is a new book on REP weaving.

Sample Box, Jinks Hunter

This month's sample is a handwoven hopsack weave by Vila Cox.

Membership Officer, Rebecca Winter

Membership forms are available for next year.

Mystery Member

Clues:

1. Floated through the Grand Canyon for 21 days.
2. Taught middle school art.
3. Was previously the president of a weavers guild in another state.

The Mystery Member is Barbara Redmond. Vila Cox got it right!

Reminder: it is now time to renew your membership for next year or join if you aren't already a member. Membership forms are available.

Newsletter Editor, Rebecca Winter

Please send me your information to add to the newsletter.

Equipment Chair, Vila Cox

The Baby Mac loom is on its way. The shipping cost is much higher than the vendor originally quoted.

Webmaster, Vila Cox

The website will be getting an update soon so please share any suggestions you may have for that with me.

Event Chair, Janet Stanger

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting to do community outreach at the Western Idaho Fair. The Rendezvous at the Meridian Middle School on Cherry Street will be from 9AM-3PM on May 18th.

Study Groups

See the Newsletter for more information.

- ◆ Respectfully Submitted, Lily Martina Lee, Secretary

Baby Mac Arrival Pictures



The monthly newsletter from the



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