

Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley

June, 2019

June Program: Annual Picnic & Hands-On Felting - by Barbara Redmond

The June Picnic will be held at the home of Anne Oglevie in Weiser. This is an opportunity to socialize and get to know some of the new members who have joined this wonderful Guild this year. Bring a pot-luck dish.

There will also be an opportunity for hands-on felting after the picnic. Our program in May was given by Barbara Rodman about different types of felting, and the hands-on in June will be an opportunity to give felting a try for yourself. You may choose to make a nuno felted scarf or a wet felted bowl. If you would like to participate, please notify either Mary Berent or Jenni Jimmerson, if you haven't already signed up for it at the May meeting. You will also need to provide your own supplies for the day. The supplies lists are available at the end of this Newsletter for what is needed. ♦ Mary Berent, Vice President

Calendar of Events

June 1 2019 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: **Annual Picnic & Hands-on Felting, by Barbara Redmond**

At the Home of Anne Oglevie in Weiser. Anne says her address shows well on GPS.

For Carpooling we will meet **in front** of the Home Depot near the corner of State Street and Hwy 55 in Eagle, at 10:15 a.m. **We will plan to leave there at 10:30 am.**

Study Groups:

June 11, July 9, & August 13, 2019 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

Vila Cox's Home

June 13 & August 8, 2019 - Spinning Study Group

6:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's Home

June 18, 2019 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 a.m.

Greta Ankeny's Home

June 20, 2019 - Rug Punch & ALL Meeting - Wet Felting

1 to 3 pm

Jinks' Boise House, 12030 Savage Dr., Boise

July 6 - 28, 2019 - Tour de Fleece Challenge

January 18-20, 2020 - Weaving Intensive

Topic - From Profile to Block Weaves

Workshop:

June 4-6, 2019 - Jump Start Jacket, with Daryl Lancaster

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

Next Regular Meeting:

September 7, 2019



Dues for the 2019 - 2020 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. Per Guild policy, if you paid dues in April or May your dues also count for the next year. 27 members have already taken advantage of this policy. Dues are now \$30.00.

As a reminder, here are just a few of the benefits of Membership:

- Checking out books and videos from the Library
- Renting our ever expanding 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.

♦ Dagmar Rapp, Membership Officer

New Release Form

As our presence online and in the community has increased, the Board decided the Information and Photo Release form required some updating. The result of the revision is members will need to sign a new form. Your contact information, personal photo, or photos of your work will only be published when you give permission. The Membership Officers, in-coming and out-going, will have this form at the June meeting. Look for it there and let us know your wishes. Thank you.



Daryl Lancaster Workshop Jump Start Jacket

There are still a couple of spots available in the workshop June 4, 5 and 6. We will be fitting and sewing a jacket in the three day workshop. See the description below from Daryl. Please be aware you don't have to have handwoven fabric to take the workshop.

"3 Day Workshop/Category: Garments
JUMPSTART JACKET

Dust off your sewing machine and jumpstart your skills. This simple unlined jacket is custom fit, guaranteed to look great, feel good, and teach you the basics of garment construction. Great for handweavers, felters and surface designers, this jacket looks good in all fabrics and compliments every figure.

For more experienced sewers, consider adding a shawl collar!

For those who have made a jacket with me in another class, or are reasonably sure of their garment construction skills, the tunic is another option. A little trickier to sew, this is a fun silhouette especially from your handwoven fabric!

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

(Those making the tunic should have intermediate garment skills.)"

Reference: <https://www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/JumpstartJacketWorkshop.pdf>



From Your President

President's Letter ~

For the past 2 years I have enjoyed serving as the President of the Handweavers' Guild of Boise Valley. This has been an enjoyable experience for me. I have enjoyed working with the people on the board both years. It has pushed me to get acquainted and enjoy more members of our Guild. The many talents and interests represented in the Guild are so varied, it is a pleasure to see the interest in many fiber crafts gathered under one Guild organization. Our core interest is 'fiber' and it seems endless as to the arts that this includes.

As I turn the President's office over to Doug Ranck I feel confident that the Guild is in a good position to move forward. We have increased our visiting and getting acquainted at our Guild meetings. This leads to more opportunities to share knowledge and skills with one another. I hope the Guild atmosphere is welcoming and less intimidating to new members. It will take an effort by all members for this atmosphere to continue to grow.

We have several committees now in place working to benefit the Guild. These committees are meeting to create a sale, community outreach, working on our social media presence and exploring the idea of a permanent housing for the Guild. There are plenty of places for a member to get involved so don't be afraid to volunteer to help.

Thank you to each member who has participated in the Guild these last two years. Let's continue to support the teaching and sharing of the fiber arts and crafts together.

❖ Happy Crafting, Greta Ankeny, President

A Word from Your New President

I am looking forward to another great year with the Guild. Our two very able Vice Presidents (Anne and Jenni) have been busy lining up exiting activities for the new year. New committees have been formed with the intent to broaden our horizon as a guild. I hope to continue with the high standards set by Greta over the past two years, and help the Guild move forward.

Hope to see many of you at the picnic on June 1st at Anne's home.

❖ Doug Ranck, President Elect

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." –Marcel Proust

Tour de Fleece

It's that time of year once again! The Tour de Fleece is getting ready to start. For those of you who are new, the TDF is a spinning event during the month of July that is now worldwide. The premise of the TDF is to spin something of your choice every day that the Tour de France is raced. We, as the guild spinning group, are participating and holding our own contest.

There are a couple of "rules" to participate. You must be a member of the guild. So get those dues paid. You then need to decide what your spinning plan is during the tour. Some suggestions might be a mini fleece study, spin for 5 minutes each day, spin that fleece in your stash you have been wanting to get to, spin for a sweater, or maybe do a fleece/fiber study - learning about a new fiber each day, spin on just a different spindle each day, or any other fiber goal you might set for yourself. Notice I didn't always say spin - so anyone in the guild can participate. Once you have decided on your goal, send a picture of your plan to me and you will be all signed up! **The deadline to sign up is June 30.**

The start date of the TDF is July 6th, and it goes through July 28th. There will be two rest days on July 16th and 22nd. There will also be two challenge days this year - July 12th and July 25th. I will post to the groups.io page what your challenge for each day is at least 24 hours before the challenge begins. I am also planning some pop up spinning events throughout the month of July so please keep an eye on groups.io page.

Will there be prizes again this year? You bet. I have been collecting all sorts of fun goodies that any fiber artist would love. In order to be eligible for prizes you **MUST** sign up before June 30th and email a picture to me of your finished goals by August 5th. All prizes will be handed out at the September guild meeting.

I hope you plan to join in on the fun, whether you're a spinner, or just want to learn more about fiber. You do not need to be in the valley or attend the pop spinning events to participate. Planning on doing some traveling in July? Take a spindle with you. As always if you have ANY questions just let me know. My goal this year is to get that Romney spun, and I am looking forward to seeing what you have planned.

❖ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair,
yarnsntreads@gmail.com



Sample Exchange News

Thanks to everyone who signed up to provide a sample for the sample exchange this year. It is very much appreciated.

At the June meeting, I will be sending around a sign-up sheet for next year and I encourage you to consider providing a sample to share with guild members. It is a good way to let others know what fiber arts you are working on, or have worked on in the past. Samples may be woven, handspun, dyed, felted, knitted, crocheted or any type of fiber art. Be creative, surprise us.

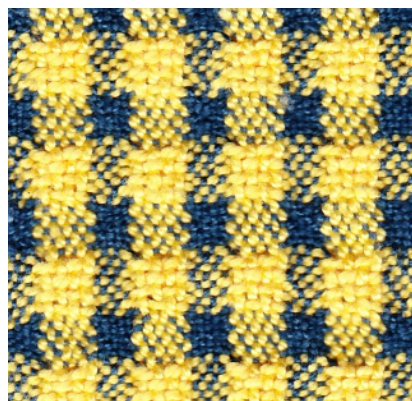
There are sample sheets for weaving, spinning, braiding, and dyeing on the guild website at: <http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/resources.htm> Please feel free to print these for your guild samples or for your personnel use for record keeping.

The samples should be given to the sample chair during the meeting at the beginning of the month and will be available for members the following month. For example, if you signed up for the month of March, your sample will be due in March and in the sample box at the April meeting.

Samples are available to all guild members. The sample box is usually at each meeting. Members are responsible for taking their samples; just place a check mark by your name when you take a sample from the folder in the box. If you are a new member and your name is not listed, please add your name to the list. Each month there will have a separate sheet to check. If you missed any meetings, you may take samples from the folders for the months you missed and check your name on the list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

This month's sample is woven by Kathy McGowan. It is a Double Weave in 10/2 and 5/2 cotton. This is actually from a draft published by our own Mary Berent in the September/October, 2010, issue of *Handwoven*.



❖ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair

May Program

A big thank you to Barbara Redman for giving a thorough and informative program and demonstration on felting. It was great to watch her make a small felted vessel while she talked about the process. Thanks for May with more to come in June! ♦ Mary Berent, Vice President

Summer Library Updates

Now that we are about to take our summer break I would like to remind everyone that if you need any materials from the library, let me know and I will be happy to either meet you at the library or pick up what you need. I plan to send out reminders of all materials that have been checked out which will need to be returned at the September meeting.

♦ Melanie Smith, Librarian, yarnsnthreads@gmail.com

Rug Punch and ALL Meeting

May 16, 2019, Meeting Report:

Meeting attendees worked on some paper or wool spinning with drop spindles or wheels, some knitting, and a teeny bit of rug punch. Kath Muldoon helped Jinks with the heel part for a pair of "after thought heel" socks. Jinks needed some hand-holding for making that cut in the yarn that is involved with this technique. Eeeek!!!

We also took a look at Eco Printing. We looked over some samples Cindy made, and Rebecca shared info she had researched on the topic. We toyed with the idea of trying some hands on next month, but have decided the process is complex and lengthy enough that we would need more than the 3 hours meeting time. Another exciting "rabbit hole" to dive into! With enough interest and time to prep, we might consider holding a hands-on day to experiment with Eco Printing. We will reach out for interest once we've done more research on this.

For the June meeting:

We will feature wet felting. Bring your creations from June guild meeting to show off! Or just come by and punch, knit, spin, etc. for a while.

♦ Jinks Hunter & Pat Day Hartwell

Spinning at Mitzi's

- Saturday, June 15th from 11am until 4 pm
- Please join in the fun.
- Bring your spinning, knitting, or whatever hand work
- Bring a food item to share if you like.
- Mitzi's house, 2580 North Maple Grove Road. 208-340-9775.

Spinning Study Group

Did you know that Beatrix Potter was instrumental in the Herdwick sheep's continuing success? This is just one of the fun facts we learned at the May spinning fiber study group.

For the month of June we will be talking about ways to wash fleece in a washing machine, which will include a demonstration. The meeting will be June 13th, at my home, and we plan to get started at 6:30.

We plan to take a break for the month of July as we all work on our Tour de Fleece projects. We will start up again on August 8th, when Joan R. will be bringing us a new a new fiber to study. As always if you have any questions please let me know.

♦ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair, yarnsnthreads@gmail.com

Request for the

January 2020 Weaving Intensive

Martin Luther King holiday weekend, beginning Saturday January 18th, Sunday 19th, and ending Monday January 20th are the dates for our scheduled Weaving Intensive.

The big news is our Intensive needs a new location! Please let either Connie Griffin or Joan Sheehan know if you are aware of any ground level, or elevator accessible spaces with 12 student size 3'x6' tables (regular folding size). The space needs to be secure to leave our looms and other weaving equipment through the entire workshop. Chairs would be nice, but not a requirement!

Thank you so much for your suggestions.

♦ Joan Sheehan & Connie Griffin, Weaving Intensive Co-Chairs

Bobbin Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace group will continue to meet through the summer. Meetings are currently scheduled for June 11th, July 9th, and Aug 13th. 10am and Vila's. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring your lace, knitting, spinning or anything else you want. Or just come and visit.

♦ Vila Cox, Bobbin Lace Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving study group meeting will be at Greta Ankeny's on June 18th, at 12:30pm. Locations for the rest of the summer have not been decided. Once those are set, an email will be sent to the let everyone know.

♦ Vila Cox, Day Weaving Study Group Chair



2019-2020 Directory Sample

For the last two years we have had a sample on the cover of our Membership Directory. For this next year we have opened the opportunity to create the sample to the entire Guild. The deadline for signing up was May 4. The lucky sample creator's name will be drawn from a hat or a bowl at the June meeting.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Officers and Chairs

- President: Greta Ankeny 208-318-6028
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- 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 Punch & ALL Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-459-4324

Website

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

Groups-io Link

<https://boiseguild.groups.io/g/main>

Email via: main@BoiseGuild.groups.io



Outreach Event

Pictured here is a display created by Doug Ranck for the Spring Green Festival and Plant Sale, presented by the Canyon County Master Gardeners. This event was held on April 27.

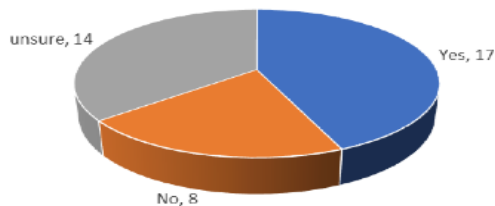


Sale Committee Survey Results

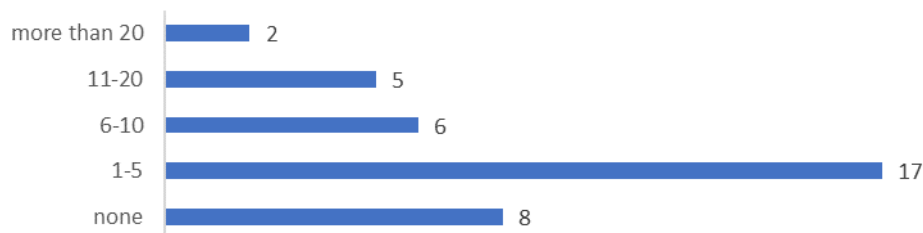
The Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent survey. We had a fantastic response rate with 39 members responding. The feedback provided valuable info to assist us in deciding what type of sale(s) to conduct and how.

Here are some highlights:

- Up to 31 people may be interested in selling items at a Guild sale



- The number of items people expect to sell:



- 21 of 37 respondents felt that the Guild should receive 10% commission on total sales
- Although weaving was cited most often, items to be sold included a wide range of traditional (spinning, knitting, crochet, felting) and other fiber-related goods:
 - Tatted snowflakes, maybe other small lace pieces
 - Journals
 - Tools of the trade
 - Bead work or Kumihimo
 - Quilting
 - Kumihimo Necklaces
 - Painted rugs made from duck cotton
 - Braiding-Jewelry
 - Mixed media
 - Shawl pins
 - Books with handwoven covers
 - Handwoven Drawstring Bags

The Committee is making plans for 1 or 2 sales in 2020. Lots of work needs to be done before then and we'll be looking for your help to get ready. Stayed tuned for more information.

Minutes Section

Board Meeting - May 4, 2019

Present: Anne Oglevie, Mary Chown, Lily Lee, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Jenni Jimmerson, Dyan Lay, Dagmar Rapp

Social Media Coordinator

Dyan Lay presented her proposal for moving forward with the Social Media Coordinator position. The board will update the release form to add social media to the list of places that photos of guild activities may be posted.

The SMC will create and manage the following guild social media accounts:

A guild Facebook page (different from the existing guild Facebook group)

An Instagram account

A Twitter account

The board has decided to keep the existing guild Facebook group, but simply add a page. Overlap between the SMC position and Membership Officer position will be examined and the wording in the SMC job description created to follow other guild job description conventions and style.

The board discussed processes to ensure that other designated board members have access to the social media accounts in case something happens to the SMC. It was agreed to save the passwords on an encrypted file along with other relevant documents that are already passed from one board onto the next. Only selected officers will have access to this: President, Secretary, Treasurer. Dyan will write the policy to explain how this will work.

Sample Box

The Sample Box has been experiencing low participation. Historically, when the newsletter was a hardcopy, the sample exchange was sent with it. Once that went digital, the sample box became a part of meetings. The board discussed the challenges of new members not being familiar with the Sample Exchange Box as well as how busy meetings can be for everyone. The board agreed to keep the sample box in place as an activity and to attempt to better promote it at meetings, emphasizing that the samples are inclusive of all fibers processes.

Space Acquisition

Mary Chown presented more information about the possibility of finding a permanent location for the guild to hold meetings, workshops, intensives, exhibitions and keep the library collection and equipment, as well as the financial mechanism to support it. A new committee is being developed called the Endowment Committee to further explore the guild's financial options to afford and maintain a permanent building. The committee will look into the options based on what type of organization the guild is, and all relevant laws governing how it can and cannot conduct business. The board unanimously supported Mary Chown and any other members who join the Endowment Committee continuing to problem-solve the financial means to support a permanent space. The board also unanimously agreed to not pursue strategic planning activities as a part of this.

Sale Committee

Barbara Redmond reported the Sale's Committee's recent work to the Board. The committee plans to hold the first sale in 2020. The committee plans to coordinate two sales a year. Two events that the committee is considering holding these sales at are the Boise Market for the Spring and Trailing of the Sheep in the fall. The committee has decided to charge a 10% commission (retained by the guild) for all sales.

The liability insurance the guild has already secured will be helpful for sales. The Sales Committee is requesting a table, a square device to be able to accept debit and credit card payments, as well as some other equipment such as a canopy. The initial request is for \$200-\$300. Anne Oglevie is donating an Easy-Up to the guild for the Sales Committee as well as the Community Outreach Committee to use at events.

How taxes will be paid was discussed. The board will revisit this topic at a meeting where the Treasurer can weigh in. The ability to collect sales money as a not-for-profit as well as the cost of booths at events was discussed and will be considered further by the Sales Committee.

◆ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary



Members Meeting - May 4, 2019

Present: Lily Lee, Kathy McGowan, Mary Berent, Peggy Jones, Barbara Redmond, Doug Ranck, Janet Stanger, Rebecca Winter, Raelene Viste, Dagmar Rapp, Pat Ann, Anne Oglevie, Jenni Jimmerson, Mary Chown, Katzy Luhring, Karen Loughmuller, Bobbie Hernke, Marita Turner, Jinks Hunter, Pat Day Hartwell, Esther Kleinkauf, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Dee Verti, Wallene Stoddard, Carol Freeman, Connie Griffin, Joan Sheehan, Julie Gerrard, Shan Miller, Nancy Alzola, Mitzi Meyers, Cindy Schafer, Nancy Swenson

Mary Berent, Co-Vice President -Introductions

There is no free table today. Please label free items "free" and place them on one of the sales tables.

Jenni Jimmerson, Co-Vice President

The spinning workshop that Jinks hosted went well; thank you to all who attended.

Jennifer Moore will be doing a workshop on Double-Weave in June 2020 using a specially designed rainbow color set from Lunatic Fringe. The guild library has her most recent book.

The upcoming Daryl Lancaster workshop will be at the church.

Mary Berent, Co-Vice President -Yarn & Equipment Sale Info

10% of all sales will go to the guild. The sale will occur after Barbara Redmond's program. Please do not preview the sale items or conduct any pre-sales during the meeting or program.

Show & Tell

Nine members had shows and two had tells.

Dagmar share a finished sweater made with Eidenboro ribbon and handspun yarn made to match the commercial yarn and buttons her sister brought back from Iceland. Pat Ann shared some handspun 2-ply yarn with green fleece that she received in 1997. Jenni Jimmerson modeled an Alice Steinwear patterned sweater and a stuffed bunny made with handwoven fabric with Lunatic Fringe's Echo Iris pattern with four colors. Mary Chown completed a handwoven piece made while snowed-in in Donnelley. It features an undulating pattern with 5/2 cotton that had been selected for the intensive. She also completed a very large crocheted shawl started in 2010. With the help of Joan Sheehan, beads were crocheted onto this "Shipwreck Shawl." Katzy Luhring shared some handwoven color samples she is working on for the Fourth of July. Nancy Alzola shared a hand knitted baby gown she completed for her first granddaughter. Bobbi Hernke shared handspun yarn using dog hair she completed at a workshop. Jinks Hunter shared a hand knitted scarf/shawl that features handspun yarn made in colors inspired by a photo of the desert. Pat Day Hartwell shared photos of seventeen new sheep she welcomed to her ranch. Dee Verti shared a double-weave jacquard 1800's coverlet she purchased at an estate sale.

Rebecca Winter, ANWG

The next ANWG conference will be in Prince George, British Columbia.

Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Membership dues are due next month. You can pay those to Rebecca Winter or to the incoming Membership Officer Dagmar Rapp. Today is the last day to sign up to weave the cover material for next year's directories. A sign up sheet for this was passed around.

Julie Gerrard, Sample Box

Please remember to check out the sample box and check off your name for the samples you keep!

Janet Stanger, Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee meets the second Saturday of the month at the Hillcrest Library in the Lemhi Room. You are welcome to bring a lunch to this, and all members are welcome. There will not be a meeting in May.

The Fiber Train Festival in Nampa has been cancelled for this year due to venue challenges. The next outreach event the guild will have a presence at is the Western Idaho Fair. There is also an event in Hidden Valley on October 6th where members can do demonstrations of fiber processes.

Dagmar Rapp, Incoming Membership Officer

Stitches in Salt Lake is an upcoming multi-part workshop. Joan Sheehan has been working to organize a field trip to visit the Fireball Alpacas, but that planning has been postponed at the moment.

Barbara Redmond, Sale Committee

The sale committee had a meeting this morning and will resume regular meetings in August. The first sale is planned for 2020.

Mary Berent, Co-Vice President

Information about Study Groups can be seen in the Newsletter.

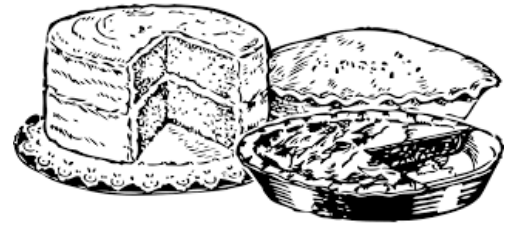
Anne Oglevie, Incoming Co-Vice President

The June meeting will be at Anne's house in Weiser. More fold-up tables and chairs will be needed. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members to volunteer to help set-up or clean up. At the meeting there will be a felting activity and a potluck picnic. Please make sure to bring a dish.

Program

Thank you to Barbara Redmond for her program about *Felting*.

♥ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary



The monthly newsletter from the



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June Felting Workshop Supplies Lists

Choose from one of the following.

You must provide all supplies listed.

Contact: Barb Redmond

call or text your preference if you plan on attending.

Nuno Felt Scarf

Materials:

- Fabric made from natural fibers that is lightweight and has fairly open weave:
 - Cotton scrim, loose weave muslin, or cheesecloth
 - Silk chiffon or gauze
- Fine, easy felting roving, such as merino, blue-faced Leicester or Shetland
- Bubble wrap long enough to lay your fabric flat
- Netting to lay over fabric while working. This can be net from fabric store, plastic window screen, shade screen.
- 2 Towels
- Something to tie bundle; shoe string, strips from cut t-shirts. 2-3 ties.
- ½ small pool noodle or 1" dowel, 18-24" long
- plastic bag

Felted Vessel:

Materials:

- Fine, easy felt roving. While I have had very good results with Merino, blue-faced Leicester and Shetland, I also have found other wool works equally as well.
- Bubble wrap square 18-24x same
- Netting or screen, about same size as bubble wrap
- Towels
- Ties for bundles (see above)
- ½ pool noodle or 1" dowel about 18-24" long
- Plastic bag

Optional for either project:

Small pieces of woven silks, silk tussah, fun yarns, velvets, threads, left over felted bits... whatever it is, make it small. Think texture.