

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of
Boise Valley
June, 2022

~June Meeting: Yarn & Equipment Sale

On June 4th we will be holding our Annual 'Potluck' (not a potluck this year), combined with the Yarn and Equipment Sale. This meeting will be held at the church. Bring your new, previously loved, or otherwise available fiber related items, priced and with your name on them, to sell. Ten percent of the sale price is to be donated to the guild at the end of the sale, as one of our fundraisers.

Non-members or commercial vendors may also bring items for sale. They are responsible to pay the guild 20% of the total they receive from the sale of items they offer. This is not a potluck so bring your own lunch. You may bring something to share if you wish. Do some shopping, and bring your knitting, spinning, etc. Plan to stay awhile to enjoy time and conversation spent with other fiber enthusiasts.

◆ Mary Berent, Vice President



Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

June 4, 2022

11:30 a.m. ~ **Yarn & Equipment Sale & "Pot Luck"**

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

Or Join the Meeting via Zoom. Link in groups.io

August 27, 2022 ~ The next Regular Meeting

Workshop:

July 22, 23 & 24, 2022 ~ Beginning Weaving,
by Vila Cox

Note: Many of the Study Groups will meet through the summer. Contact the Chairs for more information.

Study Groups:

June 9, 2022 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns & via Zoom

June 14, 2022 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. ~ At Vila Cox's home

June 16, 2022 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ At Jinks Hunter's home & via Zoom

June 21, 2022 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At Vila Cox's home

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Request the Zoom link from Jinks H.

August 30, 2022 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ Location TBA

Dues for the 2022 - 2023 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. Annual dues are \$30.

Please fill out a new membership form to submit with your payment. The form has been changed to allow typing the information onto the form to print or email. You may also print it and fill it out as before. The photo release form has been updated to give permission until we receive written permission revoking permission.

Members who have not paid their dues by September 15th may be dropped from the membership rolls (including the published directory, groups.io membership, and Guild email distribution list).

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.

◆ Connie Griffin, Membership Officer

Tour de Fleece 2022 July 1 - 24, 2022

Ready for HGBV Tour de Fleece 2022? I'm sure looking forward to seeing all your projects in this year's TdF!
Read all the info and instructions below to sign up.

Tour de Fleece is a three-week fiber event that runs concurrently with the Tour de France bicycle race. Tour de Fleece is traditionally spinning, but we have added weaving and other fiber arts to include all guild members who want to participate. References to Color, Rest and Time-Trial are a nod to the Tour de France bicycle race.

The point of our Tour de Fleece is to take on a personal goal that challenges you in your craft and work towards that goal every day except designated rest days. Make it realistic to fit your available time, but push yourself some. Make it yours. Make it fun!

Goal examples:

- Spinning an amount of fiber
- Weaving or creating something specific - an object/garment in a fiber related craft
- Working on your goals for a specified time daily
- Learning a new technique to becoming more proficient on a wheel/ loom/etc.

TdF 2022 Calendar (attachment at the end of this Newsletter) The activities in this calendar are optional. Have fun with them or ignore if too distracting from your main goal. To show color, etc. in these activities, you can spin or wrap yarn around cardstock or make a cardboard loom to show examples.

Share with the guild - send pics of your progress and calendar activities to boiseguild@groups.io

TdF Traveling Award

Show creativity and a bit of whimsy in finding the most interesting crafting place!

One person will be selected to win this very special award.

Take your project along on your travels and wandering and snap a pic of you creating in a fun or unusual place. Be sure to send pic of you crafting and the name of the place to

boiseguild@groups.io.

Note: Weavers - if your personal goal involves a regular size loom, then take along a tiny or cardboard loom, or cardstock and colorful yarn to work with in your most interesting place.

Spinners - a drop spindle might be in order here.

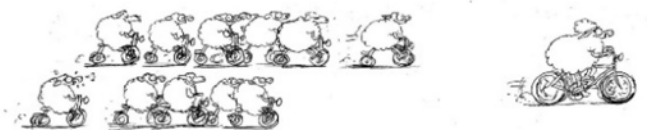
The 2022TdF Focus will be on everyone's projects - so prizes and goodie bags will not be a feature this year.

To participate in Tour de Fleece 2022 HGBV You Must:

1. Be a guild member
2. Set a Personal Goal for the Fiber Craft of your choice (Spin, weave, other fiber craft)
3. Send a description and photo of your project/goal to Jinks Hunter jehunter101@gmail.com BY June 30.
4. Send a description and photo of your project at end of tour to Jinks Hunter jehunter101@gmail.com BY July 30.

Contact me at - jehunter101@gmail.com or 208-867-2953

❖ Jinks Hunter



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!

We have space in the member directory for your advertisements! The fees for placing advertisements in the Membership Directory will be \$10.00 per space of 4 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches. Our audience reaches approximately 70 members, so this is a great value.

Please send your copy to the incoming membership officer, Connie Griffin, at membership@handweavers-guild-boise.org.

◆ Connie Griffin, Incoming Membership Officer

Sample for Membership Directory Needed

Is anyone interested in weaving the samples for the membership directory? We would need approximately 80 samples, measuring at least 2" x 2"; they could be a bit larger.

◆ Connie Griffin, Incoming Membership Officer

Volunteer Opportunity

I will need some help assembling the Membership Directory. We typically like to have the new membership directory assembled and ready for distribution by October (?) and I could use some help. Please let me know if you're available so we can discuss the details.

◆ Connie Griffin, Incoming Membership Officer

From Your President

I've been reading *Theory of Colours*, by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Now there's an interesting challenge. It speaks to a combination of science, biology, philosophy, art, and, in my opinion, alludes to what little I know about quantum physics. I was drawn to it because he discusses colour in both light and dark, which piques my interest in Shadow Weave. One can only absorb so much at a time - of this English translation from the German completed in the mid 19th century. I'm a little surprised I understand as many of the words as I do. A dictionary does come in handy, however. And you must wade through the overlong sentences and side-winding phrases. I'll let you know later what I have learned, after I process it a bit more. Plus, I must thank Cynthia again for such good ideas.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President

Sample Exchange

Kathy McGowan has provided the handwoven sample for this month. She wove color-and-weave towels from the January/February 2022 Handwoven Magazine, (page 58). The warp and the weft are 8/2 cotton in purple and light green, and 20/2 cotton (doubled) in yellow. The sett was 18 e.p.i.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair

Lace Study Group

The Lace Group meets at 10am on the 2nd Tuesday each month. June 14th the meeting is at Vila's house. Meetings will continue through the summer. Contact Vila for locations on July 12th and Aug 9th. Everyone is welcome, whether you are making lace or want to join a creative group as you do your own thing.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

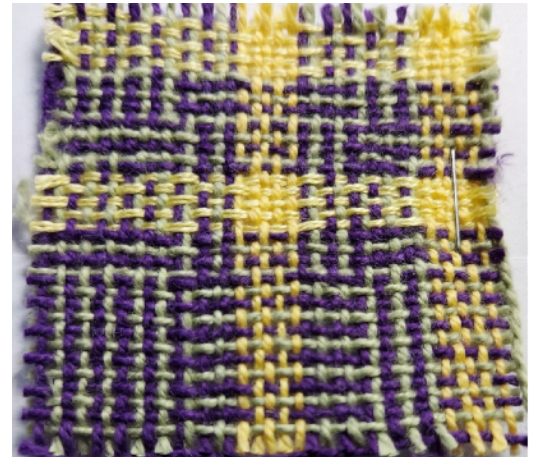
The Tapestry Study Group is humming along. We will continue to meet over the summer to inspire and support each other. All levels of tapestry experience are present so don't feel that you have to know how to do this. You don't even have to have a loom. We have instructions on how to build your own.

Meetings are held in the evenings at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month. At this time, our plans are to hold meetings both in person and on zoom.

June meeting will be at Jinks' Boise home. July meeting will be at Cindy Schafer's home.

Works-in-progress are encouraged, finished projects are cheered, and we love questions to start a discussion. Jump on in and join us.

◆ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair



Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

This is a great way to just hang out at home, show each other what we are working on, ask about project issues, inspire, encourage, and laugh. Hope you'll join every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Request the Zoom link from Jinks Hunter.

- ◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Come join the Day Weavers group, the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. This group is about sharing, learning, and supporting. The willingness to share and the combined knowledge make this group a true learning experience every time. All guild members are welcome. Please bring your questions and projects, or just come to absorb and talk weaving.

NEXT meeting is June 21, 10:30 a.m. at Vila Cox's home.

SCHEDULED HOSTS FOR FUTURE: July 19, Mary Berent; August 16, Anne Oglevie; September 20, Jamie Landry.

- ◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving Study Group enjoyed its first meeting on Thursday evening. 10 guild members participated in the first planning meeting both though ZOOM and in person at Rebecca Winter's home.

This new group is open to all members of all skill levels and will be studying at the Beginner Level once a month. The meeting will occur the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm, both by ZOOM (when signal allows) and in person. The location will vary depending on the skill being discussed and the volunteers who desire to host. Our first 2 meetings will focus on the basic skills and knowledge needed to properly warp a loom.

Upcoming meetings and topics:

- June 9th at 6:00pm: Lunatic Fringe with Michele Belson in Fruitland--- Warping a Loom From Back to Front
(See Directory for address and phone number)

This study group is a safe place to discuss any beginner weaving topic. All members are invited to bring their struggles and questions to the group so that all can learn together. Members are encouraged to study the upcoming topic(s) and practice new skills as you are able in anticipation of the study group. A good book to use as our guide is Deborah Chandler's *Learning to Weave*. The first two months' topics are covered in Lesson 2 of the Chandler Book.

Meetings will include a group discussion of the monthly topic including demonstrations when appropriate to the skill, a problem-solving discussion time, and "show-and-tell" at the end of the meeting. Meetings are expected to last around 90 minutes, give or take.

- ◆ Cindy Griewe, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The Garment Study Group will meet on Tuesday May 31st at 10.30am at the Weiser home of Anne Oglevie. Please bring your lunch. If you need directions please call. Everyone welcome.

The next meeting for this group will be August 30, with the location to be announced.

- ◆ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

Dear Fiber Fairy God-Person,
Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I had an amazing time learning from Lynn at the Spinning Workshop. She's as awesome as everyone says and I learned so much. Thank you again! You're amazing!

◆ Grateful Anonymous ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡



Beginning Weaving

With - Vila Cox

Learn to

- Warp a loom
- Read drafts
- And more



Once you learn the basics of weaving, where you go from there is up to you. There is an amazing variety of weave structures and yarns to explore. I'm a "structure/pattern weaver." I love creating designs in what I weave using plain yarn. Some weavers I know are "color/texture" weavers who love using simple patterns with bright fun yarns. Which type of a weaver would you be?

Beginning Weaving Workshop will cover the basics a new weaver needs to get started. Information covered includes weaving equipment, warping a loom, how to read a weaving pattern, fixing errors, terminology and more.

During the workshop participants will learn how to wind a warp, dress a loom, and weave a sample of basic weave structures. Four and eight shaft looms will be used for the workshop. Looms will be provided for participants that do not have a portable loom of their own.



Date: Friday-Saturday-Sunday - July 22, 23, & 24, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm each day

Location: Bowmont Church of the Brethren
7231 2nd Street Nampa, ID

Cost: \$145, which includes \$30 material fee. Non-members are welcome for \$175 which includes a one-year membership to the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley.

For more information contact Mary Berent or email vila@handweavers-guild-boise.org

Make checks payable to: Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Mail to: Workshop HGVB - PO Box 6258 - Boise, ID 83707

This workshop is sponsored by the
 **handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.**



Thank you for the Program about Plant Fibers

We had another great program; this one was presented by Lynn Ruggles. There were lots of details about the history of the fibers and samples to see.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President



Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Winter, President. Additional members present included Mary Berent and Connie Griffin vice presidents, Sally Johnston secretary, Mitzi Meyers treasurer, Doug Ranck previous president, Dagmar Rapp membership officer, Kelly Sandusky, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Katie Janiak, Dianna Dees, Jinks Hunter, Jennifer Oak, Lynn Ruggles, Frances Adona, Jeannie Phillips, Tasha Denegal, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Lori Porreca, Carolyn Swenson, Irene Chandler, Ester Kleinkauf, Michele Belson, Dyan Lay, Nancy Swenson, Chris Brady, Lily Lee, Janet Stanger, Mike and Kimberly Dillon, Megan Hoffman and Georgiana Goetsch. All present answered the question "What is your favorite tool." Answers ranged from hands to spindle and many others.

Business:

Rebecca announced that new officers will begin their responsibilities at the end of June guild meeting. Connie as the incoming membership officer will be updating the form for membership. She would be happy to get input from members. Dues (\$30.00) will be collected with the current membership form until the new forms are in place. Those people who have not submitted dues and membership forms by September 15 will not be listed in the 2022 - 2023 Membership Handbook & Directory.

Workshops in progress include "Color in Composition" with Cynthia J. Newman which took place last month. Next weekend Lynn Ruggles will be presenting "Twist" in spinning. We also have a weaving intensive that occurs in January. Connie reported that this year's theme for the intensive will be "Color-and-Weave." Rebecca suggested that we also have a spinning intensive.

Mary Berent announced that our meeting in June will take place here in the church. Rather than a potluck it will be a BYOF, because of covid-19. This is the time of year for the Yarn & Equipment Sale and members can bring items to sell. Ten percent of the proceeds for members go to the guild and 20% of the proceeds for retail sales go to the guild.

Treasurers report: Mitzi said all our bills have been paid and we still have funds in our bank accounts. The exact amounts were not reported in this venue for confidentiality. Doug as the person in charge of the Pat Ann Educational Fund helped new members understand some of the particulars about this revenue. Additional information is available at our website.

The OWL: we have been using the Owl at our monthly meetings so we may include members via Zoom. The charge is a refundable \$500.00 if the Owl is turned in in the same condition in which it was lent. If it is not returned in the same condition the \$500.00 will not be returned to us. Doug will pay this for usage at our June meeting.

Rebecca reminded us of the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds event is coming up in 2023, as is the Handweavers Guild of America Convergence this coming summer.

Show and Tell: So many wonderful creations.

Study Groups: see last month's newsletter.

Other upcoming events: Tour de Fleece in July. See Jinks Hunter for information. Janet Stanger reported the Idaho Fair is still determining if they will allow demonstrations.

Program: The vice presidents introduced this month's program by Lynn Ruggles regarding "Plant Fibers for Spinning and Weaving."

◆ Respectfully submitted, Sally Johnston, Secretary

Addendum for the minutes record: The Board voted via groups.io to refund one payment for a cancelled registration for the Lynn Ruggles Spinning Workshop. ◆ R Winter, President



Officers and Chairs

It takes a Village.

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Mary Berent
- Vice President - Connie Griffin
- Secretary - Sally Johnston
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Dagmar Rapp
- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange - Julie Gerrard
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Dagmar Rapp
- Weaving Intensive Study Group - TBA
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Cindy Griewe
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Cindy Schafer
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter

Website

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

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Tour de Fleece 2021

July 1- July 24

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
To Keep your personal goals in mind – enter notes here:						
Post lots of pics & info of goal progress and any daily activities you do! boiseguild@groups.io						
Day 3 July 3	Day 4 July 4	Day 5 July 5	Day 6 July 6	Day 7 July 7	Day 8 July 8	Day 9 July 9
	White Day Use white in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear. Add some red and blue – Happy Independence Day!		Use a natural color fiber or yarn		Green Day Use green in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear, eat	Spin, weave, craft in public today
Day 10 July 10	Day 11 July 11	Day 12 July 12	Day 13 July 13	Day 14 July 14	Day 15 July 15	Day 16 July 16
	Rest Day Books! Share 2 of your favorite fiber books and any good books you have read lately	Spin, weave, craft A color you don't like. Add something to jazz it up.		Use some exotic or unusual fiber or yarn	Yellow Day Use yellow in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear	Spin @ Jinks' Ranch Ask for directions Includes a tour of our train depot
Day 17 July 17	Day 18 July 18	Day 19 July 19	Day 20 July 20	Day 21 July 21	Day 22 July 22	Day 23 July 23
Rest Day What other projects are you working on? Share some pics!	Ply a thin single on to a thicker single Weave or craft thick and thin yarn	Polka Dots Day Use some red & white or make polka dots!		Time-Trial 2 Spin, weave, craft as much as you can in 7 minutes.	Find 3 items from your stash and spin, weave, craft them together.	
Day 24 July 24	Last day – finish up your project!					

