

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley ~ June, 2025



June Program: Annual Potluck Picnic

The guild meeting and annual picnic will be held at the First Congregational Church of Christ, in the Banquet Room. This is our usual meeting place. See the address below.

Please bring your own place setting, drinks, and a dish to share with the group.

➡ Also as a fun and short presentation, Rebecca Winter will talk about the History of the Guild.

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

June 7, 2025 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Program ~ Annual Potluck Picnic

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
Next meeting - September 6, 2025

Study Groups:

Note: For meetings throughout the Summer watch for email notices through groups.io

May 29, 2025 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Jamie Landry

Note the change of dates.

We will meet next in August

June 8, 2025 ~ Paper Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter
We will meet through the Summer ~ See the special dates, times, and details later in this Newsletter.

June 10, 2025 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste
We will meet through the Summer

June 11, 2025 ~ Spinning Study Group

11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell
We will meet through the Summer

June 12, 2025 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the studio of Sherry Bittner
We will meet through the Summer

July 15, 2025 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Anne Oglevie
Find her new address in the Membership List
No meeting in June, due to ANWG.
We will meet in July & August.

July 20, 2025 ~ Paper Study Group

11:00 a.m. ~ At the new home of Mary Donato

July 29, 2025 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Jenni Jimmerson

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Meets on Zoom

Workshops:

September 19 - 21, 2025 - Diversified Plain Weave, by
Vila Cox

ANWG:

June 16 - 21, 2025 ~ Association of Northwest Weavers
Guilds Conference in Yakima, WA

To find Member Contact Information, Log-In to your groups.io account and look in "Files" for the Membership List.
The link to the BoiseGuildGroup is [HERE](#).

~~~~~ All are welcome to all events! ~~~~~

## Dues are Due in June

Last call (well, probably not last...) for 2025-26 membership dues at this year's rates! Dues for the coming guild-year will be \$30 until June 30th.

Dues received after June 30th will be \$35.

If you are using USPS, please send it early so it gets to the post office box before the deadline.

Our new, easy online payment system is available 24/7 at our guild website. Card payments will also be available for in-person one last time this guild-year at our end-of-year potluck picnic on June 7th at the church. Card payments include an additional \$2 fee for processing.

◆ Cindy Griewe, Membership Officer



## Tour de Fleece

Hello to all planning to participate (or contemplating participating) in the tour this year!

Just a few things I'd like to mention here:

- ★ Read over the following information sheet for all the details.
- ★ Plan your project goal over the next weeks. July 4 is the proposed deadline for submissions, so you have plenty of time.
- ★ **Save the Date!!** Put this on your calendar if you're not out of town celebrating the 4th!  
**Sat July 5** ~~ for Dyeing, Spinning, Knitting, Cardboard Loom Making at Jinks' Boise house. All are welcome! Invite with RSVP will be sent closer to the date.

Really looking forward to seeing this year's TdF projects!

Questions? Help with project planning? Just contact me ~ Jinks Hunter 208-867-2953 - text is best. Include your name and I'll get back to you with answers/ideas!

See the fliers on pages 3 & 4.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Tour de Fleece Chair

## Paper Study Group Summer Events

On **June 8**, the day after the Potluck Picnic, we will meet at my home to have a day of Paper Making. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. We will have several vats of fibers with various colors and various sizings, organized by the members of the Paper Study Group. All Guild Members are welcome to come see what we are up to, and to make a sheet of handmade paper. The Study Group is willing to share our process and fibers with you. Or you could organize your own vat, as well; and perhaps share. Study paper making to see how that would be done. We have quite a few molds/deckles to use. Thank you goes to Anne Oglevie for several of those. You also might bring a sponge to soak up water on your paper. And bring lunch, an outdoor chair, and make a request of the weather.

Then we will meet next on **July 20** at the home of Mary Donato, at 11:00 a.m. We will be making paste paper that day. This is a method for decorating paper. So again, study up on that process, and plan to bring tools for the decorating and some appropriate paper. More information will be forthcoming through groups.io.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

## Guild Fiber Demonstrations 2025

Our Demonstration Calendar has been filling up fast. Here are the dates, and I hope you can volunteer to demonstrate at one of them:

- August 15 - 24
  - \* 10 days of fiber arts demos at The Idaho State Fair.
- September 28 Old Farm Days
  - \* At Dry Creek Ranch in Hidden Springs.
- September 27 - 28, Renaissance Fair
  - \* TBA
- October 4 - 5, Renaissance Fair
  - \* TBA
  - \* Due to construction and remodeling happening at the Fairgrounds, this activity may not happen.
- October 8 - 12, Trailing of the Sheep Festival
  - \* Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey area.

You can sign up for these demonstration times with me. See my contact information in the Membership List. We are looking for demonstrators for all fiber arts, not just spinning. I will also be sending out email requests with more information.

◆ Janet Stanger, Outreach Committee Chair

## Workshop News

Diversified Plain Weave, by Vila Cox: Is coming to us on **September 19-21, 2025**. The workshop will be held at the Bowmont Community Center. If you are interested, contact the new Vice Presidents to sign up.

AN EXPLORATION OF DIVERSIFIED PLAIN WEAVE: Learn what makes DPW special. Threading, treadling, and tie-ups are just the start. During the round-robin workshop participants will weave samples and explore the effect color and yarn selection also has on DPW. Learn how to convert six shaft patterns into DPW and change existing DPW patterns. Discover what makes a design stand out in Diversified Plain Weave. Advanced Beginner to Intermediate weaving skills. Familiarity with profile drafts and weaving software is helpful as we explore how to create and modify DPW drafts. An eight-shaft loom is required.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President



## President's Corner

This will be the last Meeting for me as president. It's been a fun year with lots of learning and new members. I need to thank my wonderful Board for all their work. Everyone knew their jobs and followed through better than I could possibly have expected. Thanks to a great Board! We can all look forward to next year with a couple of new Board members, but several carry-overs from this year. With that foundation we'll have another year of interesting learning and opportunities to share what we know with others. Thanks everyone!

◆ Mary Berent, President

## Tour de Fleece 2025 July 5 - 27 HandweaversGuildofBoiseValley

### To participate in Tour de Fleece 2023 HGBV You Need to:

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 [boiseguild@groups.io](mailto:boiseguild@groups.io) BY June 30.
4. Send a description and photo of your project at end of tour to [boiseguild@groups.io](mailto:boiseguild@groups.io) by July 30.

Questions? Please read the following Details section. Still have questions - Contact me at - Jinks Hunter 208-867-2953 (texting is good, include your name) or [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com)

### Details:

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:

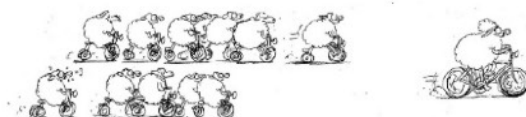
- Spinning an amount of fiber
- Weaving or creating something specific - an object/garment in a fiber related craft
- Working on your goals for a specified time daily
- Learning a new technique to becoming more proficient on a wheel/ loom/etc.

TdF2025 Calendar (to come w next 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 or if weaving - 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](mailto:boiseguild@groups.io)

TdF Traveling Award Show creativity and a bit of whimsy in finding the **most interesting crafting place!**

- Take your project along on your travels and wanderings 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](mailto:boiseguild@groups.io).
- One person will be selected to win this very special award created to display in your home for the year
- Note: Weavers - if your personal goal involves a regular size loom, then take along a tiny or cardboard loom to weave on or cardstock to wrap with yarn to create in your most interesting place. Spinners – a drop spindle might be in order here. Be creative, original, spontaneous! Get out there and create in someplace interesting!



# Tour de Fleece 2025      July 5 - 27      Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                         | Thursday                                                                      | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                      |
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| To Keep your personal goals in mind – enter notes here:                                                                                                        |                                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                               |
| <b>Post lots of pics &amp; info of goal progress and any daily activities you do! <a href="mailto:main@BoiseGuild.groups.io">main@BoiseGuild.groups.io</a></b> |                                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                               |
| Day 2    July 6                                                                                                                                                | Day 3    July 7                                                                               | Day 4    July 8                                                                               | Day 5    July 9                                                                   | Day 6    July 10                                                              | Day 7    July 11                                                             | Day 8    July 12                                                                              |
| <b>Time-Trial 1</b><br>Spin, weave, craft as much as you can in 7 minutes.                                                                                     |                                                                                               | Use a natural color fiber or yarn                                                             |                                                                                   | <b>White Day</b><br>Use white in some way today – spin -weave – craft - wear. |                                                                              | <b>Green Day</b><br>Use green in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear, eat               |
| Day 9    July 13                                                                                                                                               | Day 10    July 14                                                                             | Day 11    July 15                                                                             | Day 12    July 16                                                                 | Day 13    July 17                                                             | Day 14    July 18                                                            | Day 15    July 19                                                                             |
| Ply a thin single on to a thicker single<br>Weave or craft thick and thin yarn                                                                                 | Learn a new technique                                                                         | <b>Rest Day</b><br>Books! Share a favorite fiber book and any good books you have read lately | Use a color you don't like. Add something to jazz it up. Post before & after pics | Use some exotic or unusual fiber or yarn                                      | <b>Yellow Day</b><br>Use yellow in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear | <b>Spin, weave, craft in public today</b> – let's meet up! Location TBD - <b>Suggestions?</b> |
| Day 16    July 20                                                                                                                                              | Day 17    July 21                                                                             | Day 18    July 22                                                                             | Day 19    July 23                                                                 | Day 20    July 24                                                             | Day 21    July 25                                                            | Day 22    July 26                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Rest Day</b><br>Just rest! Put your feet up and read a book someone recommended on Day 10! | <b>Polka Dots Day</b><br>Use some red & white or make polka dots!                             |                                                                                   | <b>Time-Trial 2</b><br>Spin, weave, craft as much as you can in 7 minutes.    |                                                                              | Find 3 items from your stash and spin, weave, craft them together. Show a pic!                |
| Day 23    July 27                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                               |
| Last day – finish up your project and post a pic on groups.io                                                                                                  |           |                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                               |
| <b>Great Job!!</b>                                                                                                                                             |            |                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                               |

## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

It's summer..sorta. The spinning study group WILL be meeting throughout the summer. The second Wednesdays in June, July and August at the Rubaiyat Bookstore from 11-2. The bookstore is just a few blocks away from Indian Creek Plaza which has plenty of places to eat and explore, including another indie bookstore, Shared Stories. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Lace Study Group

The Lace Study group will meet on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 pm at Raelene Viste's. We will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month through the summer, locations will be announced via email.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

The beginners weaving group will be at Sherry Bittner's studio on June 12 at 6 pm.

- ❖ Sherry Bittner, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group will be meeting **Thursday, May 29**, at 7pm and Jamie Landry's house. **Please note this is not on our normal day.** Also, we will not be meeting in June or July, but will be back on schedule in August. We will continue to work on our exploration of Wedge Weave.

- ❖ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving group **will not meet in June due to the ANWG conference.**

We will resume meetings in July on the 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am. We will meet at Anne Oglevie's new home in Fruitland. Her address can be found in the membership list.

- ❖ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

### Paper Study Group

See the meeting info on page 2.

- ❖ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

### Garment Study Group

The next Garment group will be on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30am. It will be held at the home of Jenni Jimmerson. Everyone is welcome. Contact Anne Oglevie for any questions.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

### Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet at 2pm every Thursday via zoom. We work on our projects, help each other with project questions and chat about whatever comes up. We feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff. We're very flexible - please feel welcome to join us.

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



### Board Meeting Minutes ~ May 3, 2025

Members present:

President – Mary Berent  
Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson  
Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky  
Secretary – Dyan Lay  
Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe

Past President – Rebecca Winter  
Katzy Luhning  
Robin Conrads  
Lisa Baker

Members absent:

Vice President – Jenné Schiffhauer



### President's Report

- Mary called the meeting to order 10:03AM.
- Mary and Katzy discussed the president's role.
  - Once ANWG is over, the plan is to redo policies over the summer; Rebecca is policy holder.
  - Robin is webmistress with Dyan as her backup; Robin to update website dues amount and dues payment language.
  - Financial statement is completed annually.
  - Guild is self-insured.
- New Board takes over after June meeting.

### Vice Presidents' Report

- Jenni, Robin and Lisa discussed the role and ideas on facilities, programs, etc.
- Robin and Lisa will work on programs and workshops together.
- Jenni will pass on facility liaison information and much more information.
- Mary will take over as liaison to the Eagle Fire Department.
  - The fire department will not be available through December for fire training.
- 2025-2026 Monthly program ideas:
  - September – spinning demo
  - October – tips and tricks with a moderator
  - November – Mary's double weave demo
  - December – potluck will be held at church
  - January – TBD
  - February – Show Us Your Stuff
  - March – yarn presentation
  - April – Mitzi Meyer's triangular weaving demo
  - May – equipment sale
  - June – potluck
- Rebecca wants to do a mini workshop on book binding.
- VPs may use membership polling via groups.io.

### Treasurer's Report

- Square website payment process is working great!
- Vila Cox will get monthly invoicing from the church facility.

### Past President's Report

- For double-weave intensive, a list needs to be created of what structure people are bringing so to ensure a broad range.

### Secretary's Report

- State of Idaho annual report done.
- Dyan received tax file from Kelly and will discuss 990N process with Hanna Meinikheim; needs to be submitted to IRS after July 1.
- Woolery earnings from affiliate program are \$211.76.
- Checked out Silk City affiliate program but received no answer; will investigate other affiliate programs by next Board meeting.

### Membership Chair's Report

- Advertisers
  - Cindy will send a letter to current directory advertisers that we are in a transition.
  - Board to ponder advertising (website and newsletter) over the summer.
    - Dyan will set up call to discuss after June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52AM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 6.

❖ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

## **Regular Meeting Minutes ~ May 3, 2025**

### Call To Order at 11:30AM

- Present were 38 attendees: Mary Berent, Dyan Lay, Cindy Griewe, Jenni Jimmerson, Robin Conrads, Rebecca Winter, Kelly Sandusky, Katzy Luhring, Lisa Baker, Janet Stanger, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Sally Johnston, Cynthia Brandt, Christie Farrin, Irma Atkinson, Jane Hoover, Brenda Hatch, Emily Wall, Julie Gerrard, Linda Morton-Keithley, Mary Donato, Venus Kadre, Jamie Landry, Hanna Meinikheim, Jean Zaske, Pat Dayton, Sheila Miller, Robi Hathorn, Kari Lawton, Karla Herre, Susan Inouye, Mitzi Meyers, Alyssa Bangs, Tessa Stone, Chelsea Grigsby, Karen Snyders and Katé Holistine.

## Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent with member introductions by name and role in Guild.

## Business

- Membership – Cindy Griewe
  - Cindy announced that the Guild has 108 members; membership dues can be made online or in person.
- Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson
  - The sign-up sheet is available for the Diversified Plain Weave Workshop presented by Vila Cox. The workshop will be held at the Bowmont Church of the Brethren on Second Street in Bowmont, Idaho. The cost is \$145 or less per person with a max of 18 people.
  - Jenni announced that the new VPs for the next Guild year will be Robin Conrads and Lisa Baker.
- Tour de Fleece
  - Jinks Hunter explained the Tour de Fleece program: the program follows the three weeks of the Tour de France.
  - Any fiber art is accepted, and she passed out a handout and calendar with more details (also printed in the May newsletter).
  - There is a prize for the traveling award, and participants should post photos on groups.io.
  - Mary reminded new members to sign up for groups.io for news and photos.

## Show and Tell

- Robin Conrad's goal is to make a garment with a finished striped woven 8/2 cotton that she brought as well as a six-shaft loom towel with a diamond pattern.
- Tasha Denegal showed dyed fiber from a Teton yarn class and trunk show in addition to a knitted piece.
- Rebecca Winter presented a plain weave towel with tracking (also today's sample), and a tapestry eight-shaft original draft.
- Hanna Meinikheim brought bears and bookmaking samples with watercolors and different stitching.
- Robi Hathorn completed a knit-a-long sweater and green knitted sweater.
- Jinks Hunter showed a tapestry name tag.
- Irma Atkinson passed around a funky crocheted hat that she got on a trip with Linda Morton-Keithley to Basque country.
- Sally Johnston brought a tapestry weaving sampler.
- Mitzi Meyers wore a pink dyed shirt.
- Lynn Ruggles, master spinner, visited the Guild.

## Board Reports

- Vice President – Mary Berent presented for Jenné Schiffhauer
  - The June potluck will be held at the church.
- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
  - If any member has questions or wants to see Guild's financial details, contact Kelly.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
  - Dyan discussed the affiliate programs with the Woolery balance at \$211.76.
- Outreach Committee – Janet Stanger
  - Sign up or email Janet if you want to volunteer for tomorrow's Hidden Springs demos.
  - May 10 Sheep in the Hills is at Avimor with the Guild there demoing fiber arts.

## Study Groups

- Mary mentioned that study groups are listed in each newsletter.
- She discussed the Weaving Intensive on MLK weekend in 2026; she urged anyone interested to sign up with what fiber participants are bringing so there will be a broad variety of double weave topics.
  - Cost is \$35 per person, and this is an immersive experience.
  - If renting a Guild loom for any Guild workshop/event/intensive, rent is free.
  - Double weave requires a four-shaft loom.

Anne Ogilvie mentioned that the June picnic will be a potluck at the church with the program being Rebecca Winter giving a history of the Guild.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14PM. The program is the annual yarn and equipment sale.

➡ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary





## Guild Affiliate Program Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Coupon Code:  
**2025hwgbv**

Use this code on our website to save  
5% on your order &  
earn 5% for your guild!



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Our Guild is now part of The Woolery's Guild Reward Program! The Woolery offers an easy way for our members to support our Guild by purchasing through our unique shopping link. Our Guild will receive 5% back from the total order value when you use the link below.

This is a great way to earn money and support the Guild by doing things you would already be doing: buying yarn, supplies, books, etc.!

Buying link: <https://woolery.com?aff=440>

### Officers

- President - Mary Berent
- Vice President - Jenné Schifffhauer
- Vice President - Jenni Jimmerson
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Treasurer - Kelly Sandusky
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Rebecca Winter

### Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Robin Conrads, Dyan Lay
- Equipment - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Katzy Luhring
- Sample Exchange - Christie Farrin
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- 2026 Weaving Intensive Study Group
  - \* Kelly Sandusky
  - \* Rebecca Winter
  - \* Chelsea Grigsby
  - \* Cindy Griewe
- Day Weaving Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Sherry Bittner
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Jaimie Landry
- Paper Study Group - Rebecca Winter
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Eagle Fire Station #1 Contact Person - Mary Berent
- Fairview Terrace Community Center Contact Person - Brenda Hatch
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

### Website

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

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