

Connecting Threads

 Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley 

March, 2017

March Program: Contemporary Fiber Art

For the March Program, Lily Lee will give a presentation of images and information highlighting the “current state of affairs” in contemporary Fibers. While nearly every culture and society throughout history has rich traditions in fiber media, it wasn’t until fairly recently that Fibers became recognized as a discipline within the art world. The program will cover some key artists who helped solidify Fibers as a discipline as well as contemporary innovations in Fibers. The emphasis will be on the recent work of artists utilizing a range of fiber media, highlighting international artists.

Calendar of Events

- March 4, 2017 - - Guild Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. - Business Meeting
At the Church, Prior to the Regular Meeting
- March 4, 2017 - - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m.-Program: **Contemporary Fiber Art, by Lily Lee**
At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise
- Near State Street & 23rd
- We will be meeting in the Banquet Room

- February 23, 2017 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cindy Schafer’s Home
- March 1 & 15, 2017 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- March 9, 2017 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson’s Club House in Meridian
- March 14, 2017 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox’s Home
- March 21, 2017 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Location TBA
- April 1, 2017 - COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting

- March 10,11,&12, 2017 - Weaving Workshop, “Forgotten Weaves,” by Margie Thompson
- April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 - Spinning Workshop, “Take Control of Your Spinning (Drafting) and Plying Techniques,” by Sarah Anderson

Workshop News

Weaving Workshop

The “Forgotten Weaves” workshop with Marjie Thompson will be March 10 - 12, 2017. The deadline to sign up was February 10. There are 15 people who have signed up for the workshop and have received their draft from Marjie.

Spinning Workshop

The deadline to sign up for the spinning workshop, “Take Control of Your Spinning” and “Plying Techniques” with by Sarah Anderson, is Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The 3-day workshop will be April 7, 8, and 9, 2017 at Stevens-Henager College in Nampa. As I write this for the newsletter, there are only 6 people who have signed up and 3 who have expressed on interest. If you have not signed up but plan to join us for the workshop, please send your registration form and check to me by March 1 or the workshop will have to be canceled. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Sarah Anderson has been fascinated by all things fiber since childhood. She is the author of “The Spinner’s Book of Yarn Designs” and has contributed to “The All New Homespun Handknit” book and *Spin Off*, *Handwoven*, and *Ply* magazines. Her enthusiasm for spinning techniques and construction has driven her to create an extensive library of different yarn constructions which she loves to share with other spinners. Sarah lives with her husband in a small house full of fiber, wheels and spindles in the Pacific Northwest.

♦Julie Gerrard, Vice-President



From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

It has been a while since I have been part of the nomination committee. Of course, I get the urge to take an analytical approach when I am involved with something. Here are some of my thoughts and findings.

There are eight positions that take a fair amount of commitment to keep the Guild running smoothly: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter, and Library. There are around 32 fairly active members in the Guild. If the job load was evenly distributed between all the active members, everyone would take on one of those duties every four years.

That made me curious and I gathered all the directories I have going back to 1998. I made some lists and tallied the numbers. It was a very pleasant surprise to see how many of our current members have held offices and taken on responsibilities through the years. While the numbers don't work out to most members taking on one job every four years, many have done close to that; and of course there are others who have done a great deal more.

So, "Thank You!" to everyone who has dedicated time and effort to keep the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley going over the years. ♦ Vila Cox, President

Weaving Intensive

Last month we had a wonderful 3-day no teacher weaving workshop on Texture. If you have never attended an Intensive, I highly recommend you give it a try. For just \$30 you will learn so much, have a great time with other weavers, and it's also a great way to try different looms. What makes the Intensive so wonderful, is we are all the teachers for each other. All you need to know how to do is choose a draft that fits into the topic. And you need to know how to warp your loom. If you need help with warping there are weaving mentors. If you don't have a loom yet, there are some around that you can borrow.

Mark your calendars now, as our next Intensive will be January 13-15, 2018. Our topic is **Circles**, so start looking for fun drafts now.

♦ Melanie Smith, Weaving Intensive Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

The spinning study group will be meeting on March 9th at Maralyn's club house in Meridian. The fun starts at 6:30 and goes till 8:30-ish. Everyone is welcome to bring wheels, spindles, or whatever you are working on. We would love to visit with you all. If you have any question or need directions just let me know. Melanie yarnsnthreads@aol.com

♦ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair

March Sample News

Our sample this month is a 5-end Satin Blocks. The sample is a variation from Mastering Weave Structures by Sharon Alderman. Cynthia Newman is our weaver. She is exploring the interaction of Lunatic Fringe's Gray Matter gradient value with a solid color. Cynthia has created a sample which shows the changes with a warp ranging from white, shades of gray to a black. See the Sample Box to pick up this sample. It is in the February file folder.

♦ Greta Ankeny, 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.



Winter Fiber and Equipment Clearance Sale - Wrap-Up

Our fiber and equipment sale was a big success! Thank you to all who showed up and went home with some special bargains. We cleaned out our closets and made over \$1000, which will be used to purchase equipment for use by our members. Any remaining items will likely show up at the May Sale.

♦ Lynn Ruggles, Equipment Chair





**February
Program Thank
You**

From Julie Gerrard, Vice President - A big "Thank You" to Esther Kleinkauf for the wonderful program on adding sparkle to our fiber with beads. She presented many different ways to work with beads from

hand stitching to an acrylic loom, and to a very nice frame bead loom, which she learned to use specifically for the program. A variety of bead work was available to admire. Esther also showed some handy tools and offered suggestions for working with beads.

From Joan Sheehan - Esther's program on beading was fabulous! She has mastered a number of methods of creative beadwork. I was especially impressed with her bead loom work, and the fact that she had not done loom work previously. She wanted to be sure she could show the guild bead

loom work for the presentation, and had never done it before!! If you were there and saw the Ghost Cat, you would know she has some phenomenal skill! I was most taken with the Koi fish she had beaded, and lined with faux suede to be used as a holder for your scissors.

From Linda Newville - Shipwreck beads now sells an Edward Scissorfish similar to, but not exactly like the one in the demonstration in the February meeting.

I asked Esther to compare. Find it at the link: <http://www.shipwreckbeads.com/search/Scissorfish>

Editor's note: The Program on Beadwork generated great comments from multiple members.



ANWG Conference Guild Booth Committee

The committee met and is beginning to work on ideas for our booth at the coming conference. Our theme will be tied in with our love of TBS (tea bag string). So, if you have finished items you would be willing to loan us for the display, please let Rebecca know.

Also, for anyone who has collected, used, or stashed TBS, please take a couple of minutes to fill out the form below. We are working on collecting some statistics about how much we have saved from the landfill. Don't worry if you don't have an exact number, estimates are fine. Fill out the form and bring it the next guild meeting. Or you may email your info to Melanie at yarnsnthreads@aol.com. There will also be extra forms at the meeting. Thank you for your help. ♦ Melanie Smith, ANWG Guild Booth Chair

Name _____
Pound of TBS you have in your stash _____
Pounds of TBS you have used _____
Projects you have made with TBS (please list)
Weaving _____
Knitting _____
Spinning _____
Braiding _____
Other _____

[Additional ANWG Conference Information](#)

On March 1, 2017, there will be information added to the conference web site, which will include tips on border crossing and a conference .pdf checklist. We are told this should answer questions about bringing looms and other equipment for workshops and classes. <http://www.anwgconference2017.com>

[Study Group News](#)

♥ [Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group](#)

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ [Spinning Study Group](#)

March 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article for details.

♥ [Day Weaving Study Group](#)

The next meeting of the day weavers study group will be on Tuesday **March 21st** at 1.30pm. The location will be announced.

♥ [Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting](#)

Cindy Schafer will host the Rug Punch and Needle Punch group on Thursday, **February 23**, at 1pm until 5pm.

♥ [Certificate of Excellence \(COE\) Study Group](#)

COE study group will meet **April 1**, before the Regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

♥ [Bobbin Lace](#) - Meets **March 14**, 10am at Vila's.

[Website](#)

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

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- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324



[Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

February 4, 2017

Our President, Vila Cox, convened the general meeting and introductions of the attending members were made. Attending: Terri Sanders, Kathy McGowan, Rena Lute, Anne Oglevie, Jenni Jimmerson, Julie Gerrard, Esther Kleinkauf, Linda Newville, Cindy Schafer, Jinks Hunter, Lynn Ruggles, Rebecca Winter, Vila Cox, Mary Berent, Penny Schraufnagel, Ivey DeHart, Marita Turner, Greta Ankeny, Merri Williams, Joan Sheehan, Nancy Swenson.

Vice President Report: Julie Gerrard announced the **Forgotten Weaves** workshop with Marjie Thompson. The workshop will be March 10, 11, & 12, 2017. The workshop is a go!!! To date, there are openings available. Julie has flyers for you today. The deadline to sign up for **Forgotten Weaves** is February 10.

Our Spring Spinning Workshop is "Take Control of Your Spinning" and "Plying Techniques," with extraordinary spinning teacher, Sarah Anderson. The 3-day workshop will be April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 at Stevens-Henager College in Nampa. This workshop has been announced to other guilds, please sign up soon if you plan to attend. 14 participants are needed to make this workshop "a go." Contact Julie soon!

Executive Board Report: Vila announced the Board Nomination Committee is in need of nominations for President and two Vice President positions. Please check out the guidelines for these positions and think about volunteering for one of them.

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

<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/Policies/Vice-Presidents.pdf>

Vila is the contact for the nominating committee; Cindy Schafer and Janet Stanger are her assistants.

Membership: Welcome to our new member Linda Newville. Directories are available today if you need one. In addition to names and addresses, our directory lists the monthly program and contact numbers for all the Study Group Chairs.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Librarian's Report: Currently the library-appraised valuation of books (alphabetically from A-G) is \$7,000.00. Cindy will let us know the amount when she completes this appraisal (G-Z!!!).

ANWG Conference: Flyers are available. Members planning to attend the general meeting are: Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter and Ivy DeHart. Melanie Smith and Anne attend as part of their ANWG board participation. Anne Oglevie has been the President of the

ANWG board for 3 years. She began her involvement in 2013. ANWG is also accepting nominations for first vice president. This a well mentored position and requires a commitment of a two year actual term, with a 2 year orientation, then actual 2 year service, and 2 year orientation of the next vice president. ANWG has their programs lined out for the next 6 years. Mary shared what a great conference this is to attend and recommends it to all our members.

Show and Tell: 4 members shared their lovely accomplishments. A noteworthy quote from Ivy about weaving and drafts, "It is one thing to see them on paper, and a whole other thing in cloth."

President Report: Vila explained the self-insurance allocation or designation of our current funds to protect our fabulous library. The wise use of our monies is that we will set aside and designate the appraised value of the library for the self-insurance from our reserve in savings and CD.

Vila also reminded all members to please let the Yahoo Group know if you have a show or community display of your craft. Esther Kleinkauf had quilt was on display at the Boise Public Library, all of January, 2017.

Equipment Spinning Fiber Weaving Sale: Lynn, Vila, Joan, Anne and Melanie, will set up February 11th at 9:00 for the equipment sale. No early sales allowed. Lynn will email a list of sale items.

Important Note: Part of this sale is two coveted books for advanced weavers. There will be a silent auction, via

email for these two items. Lynn will be the auctioneer for this fun process. Watch your email, as the deadline for bidding is Friday, February 10th!!!

Study Groups: A welcome to all who want to come visit any of the study groups, even if the topic isn't your focus of current fiber fun. It is a great way to get out and about and be social with fiber friends.

The Rug Punch and Russian Needle punch group that meets at Cindy Schafer's let the secret out – she always has a special treat for this group. They meet from 1-5pm. Next meeting February 23rd.

Mary Berent invites all to attend the COE study group that meets every other month before the regular guild meeting. April is when they will meet again.

Vila said to come over with whatever you are working on February 14th at 10:00 am for the Bobbin Lace Study Group.

Day Weaving Group will meet at Melanie's on February 21.

Spinning will FINALLY convene in Meridian on February 9th. Delayed events and meetings due to weather has all the spinners a little 'twitchy' for a night of spinning

Sample Box: Greta has Lily Lee's textured sample in the January file located in the front of the box. Our February sample is a 5-end satin block weave made by Cynthia Newman.

❖ Respectfully submitted, Joan Sheehan, Secretary

Take Control of Your Spinning and Plying Techniques A Spinning Workshop with Sarah Anderson

Fascinated by all things fiber since childhood, Sarah Anderson is the author of *"The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs"* and has contributed to Spin Off, Handwoven and Ply magazines. Sarah's enthusiasm for spinning techniques and constructions has driven her to create an extensive library of different yarn constructions that she loves to share with other spinners. She has taught at SOAR, Golden Gate Fiber Institute, Madrona, NWRSA's Spinner's conference and for many guilds. She lives, spins, knits and weaves in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and a California quail named Boo. (From Fiber Fusion Northwest)

Dates and Time: Friday through Sunday, April 7, 8, and 9, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Cost for Members: \$240 includes \$50 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$265 includes \$50 materials fee

Participants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please send the completed form and payment to:
Julie Gerrard, 6667 W. Tobi Drive, Boise, ID 83714.

The deadline to sign up is March 1, 2017.



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