

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
March, 2020

March 7th Program: Using the Drop Spindle

Yarn – the basis for many of our crafts. Making it on a drop spindle only takes a bit of practice. Mitzi Meyers will share with us her special techniques, and will offer an opportunity to try our hand at using a drop spindle. Come join the fun of creating our basic palette material with this ancient technique.

This program will be presented at the March 7, 2020, Regular Meeting.
Details in the Calendar of Events on page 5.

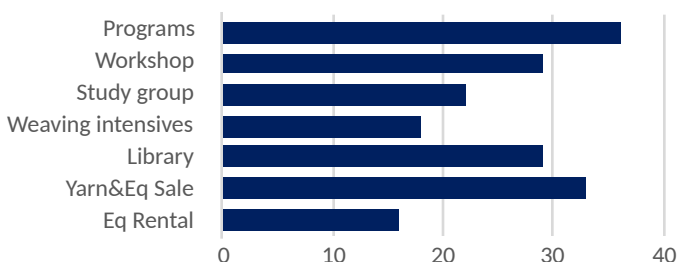


Interesting Facts About Our Members

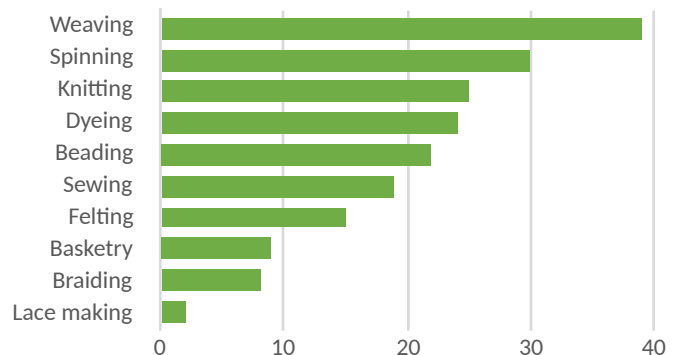
There are 75 members in the Guild this year including 12 new people. About half of the members completed their membership application and shared feedback on their interests. Here's what those of you who responded told us:

- Of all the activities available, Programs, the Yarn and Equipment Sale, Library and Workshops are most popular.
- Probably not surprisingly, the top 3 interests are Weaving, Spinning and Knitting.
- Members suggested a wide variety of the topics for programs and workshops: rug weaving, spinning, dyeing, Theo Moorman technique, paper spinning & weaving, indigo dyeing/vat prep/etc, ondule weaving, papermaking and knitting.
- And offered their own skills: felting, dyeing, machine knitting, beading, smocking, bobbin lace, Indonesian textiles talk, in addition to weaving & spinning.

Activities



Interests



Recently we used the membership forms to find candidates for next year's Board. Thank you for the valuable input! We look forward to scheduling more interesting programs based on what you've told us.

◆ Dagmar Rapp, Membership Officer

Tour de Fleece

The Tour de Fleece is coming once again. The dates for this year's Tour will be June 27 - July 19. Sign up will be coming soon. We are once again going to mix it up and expand the fun! The same rules will apply, and there are no exceptions to these rules:

- You must be a current guild member. Remember dues are due in June.
- You will set your goal for the 21 days of fun.
- You will turn in your goals before the sign up deadline.

We will once again be awarding prizes including the golden orifice hook. More details to come.

◆ Melanie Smith

Jennifer Moore - Double Weave Workshop, "Double Rainbow" - June 12, 13 & 14, 2020

There are still some places left for the "Double Rainbow" doubleweave workshop with Jennifer Moore. The samples and colors will be available at the next guild meeting in March. ◆ Anne Oglevie, Vice President

Outreach Committee

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be March 8th, 1pm at the Hillcrest Library. The Library is located in the Hillcrest Mall on the corner of Overland and Orchard in Boise. If you have any questions call me at 208-377-0746 and leave a message. ◆ Janet Stanger, Committee Chair

Library

I have recently sent email reminders to anyone who has library materials that have been checked out for longer than one month. Please remember that all members are welcome to check out any materials for one month. If you would like to keep what you have checked out for longer than one month please let me know.

Also remember to fill out the card that is either in the front or the back of each piece you check out. Please write your name and the current date you are checking out the material. If there is no card that please contact me before you take the piece. Thank you so much for your help in keeping the library the gem it is for all of us to use. ◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

Musings From Your President - Colors

Colors are all around us. All of the colors of the fall trees can be spectacular some years and various shades of gray other years. Spring brings an array of color of its own sort. Lots of flair to brighten your day, we even cut some flowers and bring them into the house to display and smell.

We tend to gravitate towards colors that appeal to us, that reflect our mood or are appealing to our senses. As we look around us, at buildings, gardens, trees, shapes and sizes, the tendency to use color blends we like can be seen. Building up a color palette for a project, using things we see for our inspiration, this is what keeps us going in our fiber art passion.

Being a new weaver and leaning towards weaving projects, I find it interesting how all of us have our different favorites. At some time or other in our quest to understand color interactions, we will make a color gamp of some sort or other. Whether we like a bold contrast of color in a project or a more subtle exchange and blend of color depends on the project. I like to play with a variety of colors.

After our recent color theory program and color theory workshop, I started putting various colors of similar shade and tone together to see what the blends will look like. I also used the color wheel and the color proportional/ratios chart; it is fun to mix colors that are opposites. I don't have any conclusive results of my interests yet as this will be an ongoing project. Check back in a year or two and I may know a little more by then.

What I am really trying to say here is—be bold, be supple, be imaginative. You don't have to be a weaver do this, calling all fiber people, let's see your colors. Start a new project using a color combination that is out of your comfort zone and may you create something beautiful.

By the way, Spring is in the air and flowers will start displaying their colors, get outside and enjoy. ◆ Doug Ranck, President

Sample Exchange

The sample for March was woven by Irene Chandler. It is basket weave using white acrylic crochet thread for the warp and red, pink, and orange heavy softer yarns for the weft. Irene notes it was a fast, easy sample to weave. ◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



Rug Punch + ALL Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020, & continuing every 3rd Thursday

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

Focus: We always encourage the arts of rug and needle punch and welcome folks interested in learning this craft. We also want to reach out to the enthusiast of any sort of craft/art in fiber or other medium to join us. We welcome spinners, knitters, stitchers, tatters, crocheters, etc. We also think it would be fun to feature a different craft/art each month. ♦ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

Joan R. brought us great Gotland samples to try, and we learned so much. Next month Dagmar will bring us another fun fiber to learn and try out.

Our next meeting will be March 12th at 6:30 at Melanie's home. All are welcome, who are interested in learning more about fiber. Please email or give me a call so that we will make sure we have a sample for you. yarnsnthreads@aol.com ♦ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

Fiber Arts Saturday at Rubaiyat's

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 10am to 3pm

Location: Rubaiyat's Book Store in Caldwell

Co-hosted by Priscilla Masden

If anyone would like to give a talk on any fiber related topic at Fiber Arts Saturday in March or April, Please let me know!

Also, I am looking for people who are interested in helping me plan and/or are interested being a vendor at our Sept 19, 2020, Spin in Public/Pop Up Shop event. This will be our big event of the year and we are hoping to get lots of participation from the entire Treasure Valley fiber community.

♦ Shelly Downs, ambersand@cablone.net or 208-631-4881

February Meeting

Michele Belson, a partner in Lunatic Fringe Yarns, did an inspiring job explaining the color wheel using some wonderful weaving samples of color gamps and slides. She explained the color interactions and how it affects our weaving. Thank you Michele, Roving Lunatic, for a great program. ♦ Anne Oglevie, Vice President

2020 Design Challenge Update

So far, six people have sent in .wif files of their drafts. Thirteen of the submitted drafts follow all three rules. So remember, "The threading must remain the same!" See further Challenge information in the February, 2020 Newsletter. ♦ Vila Cox, Challenge Chair

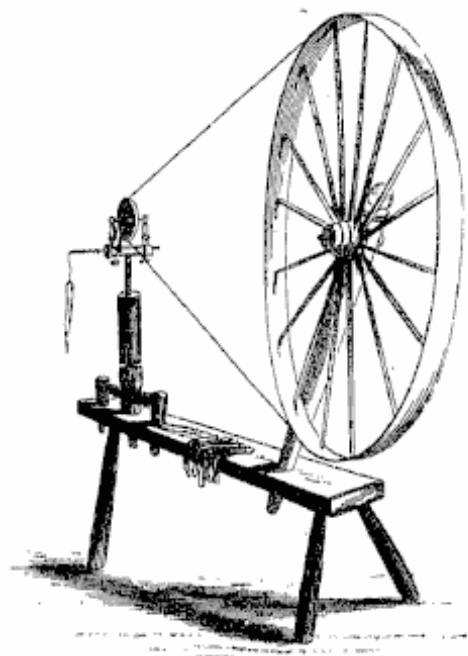
Officers and Chairs

- President: Doug Ranck
- Vice-Presidents: Jenni Jimmerson & Anne Oglevie
- Secretary: Lily Martina Lee
- Treasurer: Vila Cox
- Membership Officer: Dagmar Rapp
- Librarian: Melanie Smith
- Web Master: Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange: Julie Gerrard
- Outreach Committee: Janet Stanger & Dyan Lay
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith
- Weaving Intensive: Joan Sheehan & Connie Griffin
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox
- Garment Study Group: Greta Ankeny
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox
- Rug Punch & All Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell & Jinks Hunter

Website

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





Announcing:

“Sheep to Yarn” Spinning Intensive!

We’re excited to announce that a Spinning Intensive is in the works. Here’s what we can share so far:

- ◆September 12 & 13, 2020
- ◆Location TBA in the Greater Boise/Nampa area
- ◆We will give each attendee about 1 lb of raw fleece from 2 different breeds (1 fine wool, 1 longwool), which will need to be scoured **before** the workshop. A scouring demo day will be scheduled in August for those who want to learn ways to scour.

- ◆ Day 1 (September 12): Fiber Prep
 - * We will spend the day playing with an assortment of fiber prep tools (pickers, flickers, combs, cards, drum carders, etc) on our scoured fleeces.
 - * Attendees may bring their favorite tools to demonstrate and share.
 - * We’ll also have some of the Guild’s own equipment to try.
- ◆ Day 2 (September 13): Spinning
 - * Spin your newly prepped fiber on your own spinning wheel.
 - * Experiment with different drafting methods or ratios to make different yarns.
 - * We will also set aside time for a wheel “test drive” where you’ll get to try spinning on each others’ wheels with commercially prepared fiber.
- ◆ Cost is TBD, and will depend on the number of attendees and cost of the fleeces. We are hoping for a minimum of 10 attendees.

As with the Weaving Intensive, the Spinning Intensive’s success will depend on the sharing of the greater knowledge and experience of the group, and the teamwork that will enable everyone to succeed. All skill and experience levels are welcome.

Planning is underway and we’ll send out more information soon. A signup sheet will be passed at the next Guild Meeting to gauge interest in the Spinning Intensive. If you won’t be at the March meeting, but are interested, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Dagmar Rapp and Joan Ranck



Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

March 7, 2020 - Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Prior to the Regular Meeting

All Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

March 7, 2020 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting & Show-and-Tell

12:30 p.m. - Program: **Using the Drop Spindle**

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

Special Events:

March 21 & 22, 2020 - Spinning Workshop by Gayle Vallance

June 12, 13 & 14, 2020 - Weaving Workshop, "Double Rainbow," by Jennifer Moore

September 12 & 13, 2020 - Spinning Intensive, "Sheep to Yarn"

Committee Meeting:

March 8, 2020 - Outreach Committee

1:00 p.m.

Hillcrest Library, Hillcrest Mall
Anyone interested may attend.

Study Groups:

March 4, 2020 - Day Knitting Group

12:00 noon

Moss Coffee Shop

March 10, 2020 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Raelene Vista's Home

March 12, 2020 - Spinning Study Group

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's Home

March 17, 2020 - Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m.

Anne Oglevie's Home

March 19, 2020 - Rug Punch+ALL Meeting

1-4pm

Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

March 21, 2020 - Fiber Arts Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rubaiyat's Book Store, Caldwell

March 31, 2019 - Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m.

Mary Berent's Town Home

Minutes Section

Board Meeting February 1, 2020

The February Officers' meeting was opened by Doug Ranck, Guild president.

In attendance: Dagmar Rapp, Barbara Redmond, Anne Oglevie, Vila Cox, Greta Ankeny and Rebecca Winter.

The business discussed by topic and order of discussion:

Video camera: Vila brought up the topic of the Guild purchasing a projector.

This had been discussed previously, a projector has been identified for purchase. Anne Oglevie made a motion to proceed with the purchase of this projector to the general Guild members due to the cost of \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Doug Ranck and passed by the board. A discussion concerning the use and possible rental of the projector by Guild members followed. Due to the many different options of possible uses of the projector by Guild members the discussion was tabled for further considerations. The purchase of the projector is to proceed, but the rental and a policy to manage the rental will be discussed again.

Nominating Committee: Cynthia Newman is the chair of the nominating committee for next year's officers. Dagmar reported that she had collected the information from the membership forms which indicates members' interest in serving. She has organized this information on a spread sheet. This has been forwarded onto the nominating committee.

Sales Committee: Barbara Redmond joined the meeting to represent the interests and questions from the Sales Committee. Sales tax concerns were expressed and clarification of the Guild's position as a non-profit organization seems to be needed. A web-sight was found for state tax information which may offer needed clarification.

The topic of Guild treasurer responsibilities was discussed. Barbara said the committee considers it necessary to have one person on the sale committee manage the monies from a sale and turn it into the Guild treasurer. Barbara plans to have a sheet asking the Guild members what equipment members have that they may be willing to loan to the sales events.

Three members of the Guild will be selling items at the 2020 Trailing of the Sheep event this fall in Ketchum, Idaho.

Groups.io: Pictures are piling up in the picture folder of the Groups.io. They never delete themselves.

Webpage: Web master continues to request reports for events.

Spinning Study Groups: The topic of the number of Spinning Groups meeting through the Guild was briefly discussed. The Board encourages options for the membership.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Greta Ankeny, substituting for Lily Lee, Secretary

Members Meeting February 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by president, Doug Ranck. Guest and new members were introduced.

Members present: Doug Ranck, Cindy Pollock, Pat Ann, Anne Oglevie, Mitzi Meyers, Dagmar Rapp, Janet Stanger, Greta Ankeny, Peggy Jones, Barbara Redmond, Raelene Viste, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Irene Chandler, Kay Burns, Esther Kleinkauf, Shelly Downs, Dyan Lay, Chris Brady, Linda Morton-Keithley, Katzy Luhring, Michele Belson, Julie Gerard, Marita Turner, Nancy Swanson, Wendy Taylor, Fran Wolfson-Yuschak, Cindy Schafer, Connie Griffin, Denyce Verti, Penny Schraufnagel, Kirsten Badger, Cynthia Newman, Vila Cox, Jean Zaske, Mary Chown, Ranae Haddadin, Nancy Alzola, Melanie Smith, Mary Berent, Kathy McGowan, Rebecca Winter, Cheri Byrnes.

Vila Cox brought the purchase of a video projector to the membership. Approval needed by the membership because of the purchase price of \$300. Mitzi Meyers made a motion to allow up to \$300. for the projector and misc cords. Julie Gerrard seconded motion. Guild approved.

Show and Tell: Twenty people shared their work.

Membership: Dagmar Rapp thanked members for completing membership forms.

Treasurer: Vila Cox reported that all areas of the budget were within their limits. The Board will begin working on the 2021 budget next month.

Library: Melanie Smith welcomed members to visit the library. Please complete card information and leave in the basket on the table.

Newsletter: Rebecca Winter thanked members for information and encouraged the membership to send all newsletter information to her.

Nominating Committee: Cynthia Newman is chair of the nominating committee. She asked that members to let the committee know if they are interested in serving the Guild in any capacity.

Sample Box: No new sample available this month. Julie Gerrard

Intensive 2021: Connie Griffin and Rebecca Winter are the co-chairs for the 2021 Intensive. The topical be "Twills—4-6-8 Shafts."

Spinning Intensive: Dagmar Rapp and Joan Ranck are co-chairs. The first Spinning Intensive is being planned for September 12-13, 2020. As the agenda is finalized more information will be announced.

Social Media: Dyan Lay has been posting items of interest to Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Our Guild schedule has been provided to the Community Calendar.

Outreach Committee: Janet Stanger announced that the Outreach Committee will be meeting Sunday, February 9, 1:00 pm at the Hillcrest Library.

Vice-President: Anne Oglevie announced next month's program is "Using the Drop Spindle" by Melanie Smith and Mitzi Meyers.

Also coming in June a double weave workshop "Double Rainbow" by Jennifer Moore.

Refreshment Committee: Barbara Redmond requested members who have signed up to bring refreshments please find a replacement for yourself if you cannot bring refreshments on the month for which you volunteered. She also asked if anyone has a drip coffee pot they would donate the Guild let her know.

Meeting adjourned by Doug Ranck.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Greta Ankeny,
substituting for Lily Lee, Secretary

