

Connecting Threads

**Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
March, 2022**

Come in Person to the Meeting 🌿🌿🌿

March 5, 2022

The meeting will be held at the
First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room.

Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Or Join the Meeting via Zoom.

Look for the link via email or in groups.io [Here](#).



~March Program: ~Handwoven Saddle Blankets, by Linda Morton-Keithley

Using examples from her private collection, plus photographs, Linda will show a variety of her saddle blankets and the tools used to weave them. She'll include some of her less-than-successful early pieces to discuss what works and doesn't work when weaving a functional textile intended for heavy use.

❖ Connie Griffin & Mary Berent, Vice Presidents

Calendar of Events

March 5, 2022~

10:00 a.m. - **Board Meeting**

11:30 a.m. - **Handwoven Saddle Blankets, by
Linda Morton-Keithley**

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

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### **Special Events:**

April 22, 23 & 24, 2022 ~ Color in Composition  
Workshop, by Cynthia Newman

May 13, 14 & 15, 2022 ~ Understanding Twist  
Workshop, by Lynn Ruggles



### **Study Groups:**

March 8, 2022 ~ Bobbin Lace

10:00 a.m. ~ At Raelene Viste's home

March 15, 2022 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At Anne Oglevie's home in Weiser -  
Carpooling will ensue.

March 17, 2022 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ Via Zoom or TBA

Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Every Thursday

Request the Zoom link from Jinks Hunter

March 29, 2022 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland  
- Carpooling will also ensue for this meeting &  
masks are required.

## Upcoming Workshops

See the fliers later in this issue of the Newsletter! They are filling up fast.

❖ Connie Griffin & Mary Berent, Vice Presidents

## Board Meeting

Please note: There will be a Board Meeting prior to the March Meeting. All members are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the 2022 - 2023 budget.

❖ Rebecca Winter, President

## From Your President

There are so many wonderful things “cooking” in the Guild these days. Tapestry Study has begun in earnest. There are two fabulous workshops pending this Spring. Gatherings are happening all over. And Beginning Study Group is coming, I promise.

I hope you have given your money to the Vice Presidents to hold your place in the upcoming workshops. If not, and you are at all interested, do that today. There is much to learn.

I know you understand - my creative juices are going to endeavors other than the President’s column.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President

## Here is an Inspirational Quote from your Librarian:

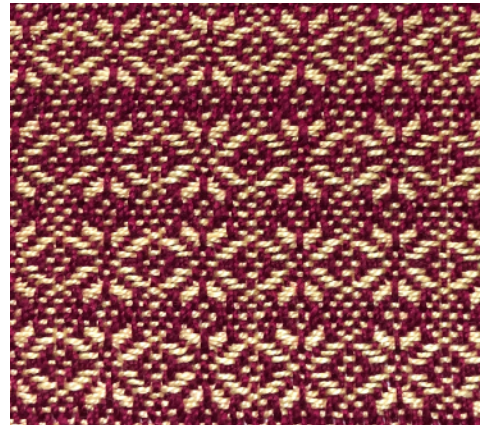
“...and best of all, the wilderness of books, in which she could wander, where she liked, made the library a region of bliss to her.” by Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*

◆ Sally Johnston, Librarian

## Sample Exchange

The handwoven sample for March is from Great Ankeny . It is a fancy twill draft from *The Best of Weaver’s Twill Thrills* book. Greta wove it on 8-shafts, sett at 24 epi. The warp and weft are 10/2 cotton.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



## Tapestry Study Group

Come check out a new study group. It is up and running wild.

There is a wide range of tapestry experience from none to vast with those that have joined so far. You are invited to share your knowledge or learn a new skill. It might become a new addiction.

With our first month, we have chosen to follow the Rebecca Mezoff book, *The Art of Tapestry*, and had an opportunity to build a copper loom.

The March meeting will likely be with zoom, but if we secure a room with WiFi an email will be sent out with a notice of change. The optimum plan is to meet in person AND zoom for those out of town people. Our meeting night is the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

◆ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

## Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weaving will be meeting at Anne Oglevie’s home in March. The date is Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 am. Anne’s address can be found in the Guild Directory. All Guild members are welcome. Bring your projects and questions.

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

## Garment Study Group

Garment Study group will be meeting next on March 29, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. We plan to meet at Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland. Please Note: Masks are required.

Consider attending if you have created a garment, want help planning a garment from your handwoven fabric, or merely have an interest in creating garments. This group will provide support and encouragement to help you along your way.

◆ Greta Ankeny, 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. Watch for the the Zoom link in an email.

## Bobbin Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace group will meet at Raelene Viste's March 8th at 10:00 a.m.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

## Thank you for the Lace Program

I'm sending out a huge thank you to Raelene Viste for giving a fabulous program on Lace and its history for the February meeting. She showed us an incredible collection of the various types of lace. Also her handouts, sent before and after the program, are rich with the details. You may find those by looking through the posts on groups.io. Thank you, Raelene.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President



### **Color in Composition - Weaving Workshop with Cynthia Newman**

Color in Composition is a 3-day round-robin style workshop focusing on thinking creatively about our use of color. Using block designs, we will explore how block size and proportion along with color selection work together to create the mood of the cloth from energizing to calm. We will discuss thinking intuitively about color using all of our senses and understanding color theory as a reference tool. While maintaining our personal preferences for color, we will learn how to create depth and balance in our handwoven cloth.

4 and 8 shaft designs will be provided which address design considerations, including proportion, symmetry and asymmetry. Beginning with warp stripes in different color combinations and stripe proportions, students will apply weft color and treadling variations to the blocks and observe the interaction.

This workshop is designed for beginning and intermediate weavers. Turned twill blocks (8-shaft) and summer & winter blocks (4-shaft to 8-shaft) will be used. Students will warp their loom with 10/2, 8/2 cotton, or 8/2 Tencel. A large selection of colors wound on bobbins will be available for the students to use and explore. The Instruction will include PowerPoint illustrations along with fabric samples which will be outlined in the workshop notebook.

The cost of the workshop is \$125 which includes the material fee.

# LYNN RUGGLES, MASTER SPINNER UNDER- STANDING TWIST

**A Workshop Presented by  
The Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley**

As spinners, we all know that twist holds fibers together to create yarn. But how much twist do you need? There are many different fibers from all the various breeds of animals such as sheep, goats, camels, and alpacas, as well as insects, and natural and manufactured fibers from plants.

In this class we will play with fibers as we talk about twist. You will learn how to set up your wheel for the yarn you'd like rather than the yarn you always spin, how to calculate spinning ratios, how to spin a consistent yarn and ways to combine unlike fibers. We will work with a variety of fleeces and fibers in various combinations to create your own repertoire of plain and fancy yarns.

## **DATE**

**May 13th, 14th, 15th, 2022**

## **TIME**

**9:30 am - 4:00pm**

## **LOCATION**

**Amy Brown's house  
24403 Falcon Lane  
Caldwell, ID**

**Cell: 208-863-6332**

## **COST**

**\$135**

**Send check to Mary Berent**



## Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2022

President Rebecca Winter called the meeting to order. Additional members present include: vice presidents Mary Berent and Connie Griffin, treasurer Mitzi Meyers, secretary Sally Johnston, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Amy Brown, Raelene Viste, Doug Ranck, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Esther Kleinkauf, Linda Morton-Keithley, Cindy Griewe, Kay Burns (guest), Irene Chandler, Kelly Sandusky, Tera Jones, Marita Turner, Carolyn Parkinson, & Anne Oglevie. Members present via Zoom were Cheryl Wurtenberger, Peggy Jones, Katzy Luhring, Cindy Schafer, Marlene Bean, Dagmar Rapp, & Dyan Lay.

Along with our introductions we were asked to share our answer to the following question. What would you like to learn? Our responses were varied and, in some cases, surprising. One member said she would like to learn how to drive a semi-truck, and some others included knitting, tatting, crocheting and making felt. How fun!

### Business:

Four of our members (Doug, Jenni, Rebecca and Connie) attended the HGA Guild Development Retreat. Rebecca provided information on the benefits of membership in HGA, including a subscription of *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*.

This year marks our **50<sup>th</sup> Year** as a guild!! How should we celebrate?

The nominating committee for next year's board members will be announcing their selection in March. The election will be held in April.

### Brief Reports:

Vice president Mary Berent reported on the two upcoming workshops. In April Cynthia Newman will present "Color in Composition" from the 23<sup>rd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Ruggles will present a workshop "Understanding Twist" from May 13 through 15. In addition our March program will be "Weaving Saddle Blankets by Linda Morton-Keithley.

Membership: Dagmar said our numbers are 72 members (the same as last month).

Treasurer: Mitzi reported that our funds are well and she will give more details upon request.

Vila requested that those who would like to rent equipment do so before meetings. The materials are lent out on a first come first serve basis. She needs this information to keep track of equipment availability. Doug reminded/informed us that our library and equipment are available in a room downstairs and there is also a list on our website. Thank you, Vila and Doug.

Mary B. said Cindy S. is leading the Tapestry Study Group. We will have meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. We had a very productive first meeting and agreed to use *The Art of Tapestry Weaving*, by Rebecca Mezoff as our guide. We will hold our second meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> via zoom with an assignment to read the first three chapters of the book. We will also have a sub group (see [groups.io](http://groups.io) website). The Day Weaving Study Group will be hosted by Mary B. on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. There appears to be interest in a Beginning Weaving Study Group. Please see Rebecca for more information. The Spinning Study Group is still on hiatus.

Connie reported that the Weaving Intensive was a success. There were 15 participants and a notebook is going into the library for all members to peruse. Typically a topic is chosen each year giving time for participants to study the subject and dress their looms. Vila said there are three looms in the equipment room to use for the next Weaving Intensive. Mentors are available to help you prepare. I enrolled in the last weaving intensive and it was a wonderful and educational experience.

After the meeting came Show and Tell. There were too many wonderful pieces of fiber work to elaborate.

We then had a short break.

The vice presidents introduced the program "Lacemaking" presented by Raelene Viste. The history of lacemaking was rich and full of information.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Sally Johnston, Secretary



## Some Familiar Faces from the Weaving Intensive



From left to right &  
top to bottom:

Greta Ankeny  
Connie Griffin  
Doug Ranck  
Anne Oglevie  
Julie Gerrard



### Officers and Chairs

- 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 - Connie Griffin & Rebecca Winter
- Day Weaving Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- Garment Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Cindy Schafer

### Website

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

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