

ConnectingThreads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
March, 2023

Program: Dyeing

Dagmar Rapp and Christine Brady will show two methods of dyeing wool.

- Dyeing yarn and fiber can be done cheaply and safely in the kitchen!
Dagmar Rapp will show you some fun ways to dye wool using supplies that you already have or can get at the grocery store.
 - Experiment: Do CMYK color codes work for dyeing wool?
The CMYK color scheme is used to concoct ink colors for printing on paper. Based on varying amounts of 4 basic ink colors--Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, and Black – an endless array of colors can be produced. Chris Brady will share results from testing the CMYK color "recipes" on 24 samples of wool yarn. The results include surprises, mistakes, and lessons learned.
- ❖ Chris Brady, Vice President



Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

March 4, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m.
~**Dyeing**, by Dagmar Rapp & Chris Brady
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
See also the Zoom link from Dyan via Email
April 1, 2023 ~ Next Regular Meeting

Workshop:

April 29 & 30, 2023 Adding Texture to Your
Tapestries using Visual & Material Techniques,
by Katzy Luhring

Study Groups:

March 1, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.~ At Rubaiyats Book Store,
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell
March 4, 2023 ~ COE Study Group
9:30 a.m.~ At the Church
Prior to the Regular Meeting

March 9, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m.~ Hosted by Brenda Hatch in Meridian
Address to come ~ In-person and via zoom
March 14, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. ~At the home of Raelene Viste
March 16, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group
7:00 p.m.~ Location TBA
In-person and via zoom
March 21, 2023 ~ Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Vila Cox
March 28, 2023 ~ Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Julie Gerrard
Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom
2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom link later in this Newsletter



Nominations Committee

The job of the Nominations Committee is to present a slate of officers to the general membership at the upcoming March meeting. The Committee takes the place of open nominations from the floor at an open meeting and gives the potential board members some time to think about whether they would like to 'run' for office and be on the board. At the April meeting we either vote "yes" for the whole slate or "no" for the whole slate. We don't vote for individual board positions—it's the whole slate. Anyone may nominate someone for any board position, but it needs to be with the consent of the nominee, and it needs to be presented in writing to the President within one week after the March meeting. I encourage members to think about being on the board. It is a fun job and you can always get help or establish a committee, if you want or need it. In volunteer organizations like the Guild you will get more out of it if you put more into it! Fun fact! Be thinking about which of the board positions you might like to do in the upcoming years. All job descriptions are on the web site. It really is rewarding.

- ❖ Mary Berent, with Kelly Sandusky, and Cindy Griewe

VP News:

Upcoming Programs:

April: Style Show Start practicing your runway walk! If you want to showcase your handmade garment or accessory, contact Chris by email: cbrady@fiberpipe.net or canbrady23@gmail.com. (Deadline for sign-up is Feb. 25.)

May: Yarn and Equipment Sale Price and sell your fiber or fiber related books and equipment. 10% of proceeds goes back to the Guild. An excellent way to grow your stash without emptying the piggy bank.

June: The June meeting will take place at Ann Oglevie's home in Weiser. Anne's place is perfect for a picnic potluck gathering. Please plan to attend!

Workshop:

Adding Texture to Your Tapestries Using Visual and Material Techniques
April 29-30, Bowmont Center. Currently we have a full house of 15 students signed on to an intermediate workshop taught by "our own" Katzy Luhring.

❖ Chris Brady & Barbara Redmond, Vice Presidents



Membership

I will not be at the March meeting so please see Rebecca Winter for any membership inquiries.

An addendum to the Directory has been created for those who joined after October, 2022. Pick yours up on the table where the sample box is located.

Membership Directories, including the membership addendum, have been mailed to those who've responded to my inquiry. Please contact me if you want a Directory, but haven't received one.

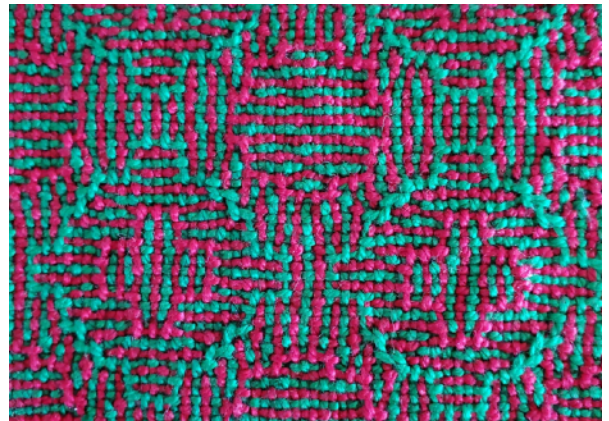
We still need volunteer(s) to make fabric samples for next years' Guild Directory. Please contact me if you are interested.

❖ Connie Griffin, Membership Officer

March Sample Exchange

The sample this month was provided by Greta Ankeny. If you attended the Intensive in January, you already saw this beautiful sample and had a chance to weave it yourself. But if you weren't able to attend the Intensive, come and get your sample of this great draft from the sample box now. Greta wove this in Shadow Weave using 5/2 cotton in red and green. The draft is from 1000 (+) *Patterns in 4, 6, and 8 Harness Shadow Weaves*, page 186 #6-1-12.

❖ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair

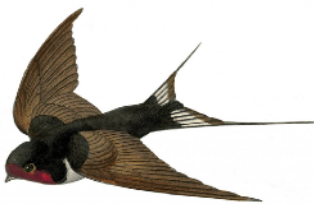


From Your President

What a great response we had to the Mini-Workshops at the February meeting. And the number of people attending was grand. One could wonder about the reason our Guild is growing at the rate it is. Is it the influx of people to our state? Or are people attracted to fibers, because they see the intrinsic value after (or even as a result of) the shutdown?

I welcome all of you to our group. The truth about joining is this. The more you become involved, the more you gain from any group. And with this growth, we will need more volunteers to assist in the activities of the Guild. Remember, also, our Purposes, which "are to carry on, study, and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning, and fiberarts." This is stated in our Bylaws, and is the basis of our group.

❖ Cheers, Rebecca Winter, President



Study Groups

Spinning Study Group

This month we'll once again be meeting at the Rubaiyat Book Store in Caldwell. 324 S. 6th. Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605. 11a-2p. The date is March 1.

The owner recently learned how to drop spin and really enjoyed our company last time. Another young man also enjoyed seeing my wheel and Peggy's little supported spindle. Both look forward to seeing us again.

- ◆ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

COE Study Group

Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 9:30 am at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, right before the regular March meeting. We will be talking about what the Study Group can do to support those interested in pursuing the COE. Anyone interested in the COE or using the COE booklet as a study guide is welcome.

- ◆ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The March meeting of the Beginning Weaving Study Group will be hosted by Brenda Hatch. Look for the address in upcoming emails. We will be studying how to troubleshoot and fix errors. This will be a true round-robin meeting where we will each bring our own troubleshooting advice and questions to discuss. Bring examples of your own questions and solutions as well as any resources you use to help you troubleshoot and solve problems. As always there will be time for show-and-tell and additional questions.

- ◆ Cindy Griewe, Study Group Chair

Lace Study Group

The Lace Group meets March 14th, 10am to 12pm, at Raelene Viste's.

- ◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

Tapestry Study group: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Meeting place TBD. Will update by email to group.

- ◆ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Please consider joining this group if you are interested in learning and exploring your weaving experience. Come to be inspired by the many talented projects, people, and ask questions about your own projects. It is an open and sharing forum.

It is open to everyone that can come in the day time, we meet at each others homes on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:30am. We will be meeting March 21 at vila Cox's home.

If questions or for directions, contact Jenni.

- ◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

There will be a Garment Study Group on Tuesday March 28th at 10.30am at the home of Julie Gerrard in Boise. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Anne Oglevie 208 994 2725.

- ◆ Anne Oglevie, 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. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzlzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Guild Equipment Rental

Here is an updated Equipment list. Contact Vila if you would like to rent equipment from the Guild and to see if it is available. Items are rented month-to-month. If no one else requests an item, it can be rented for the next month. The Guild's equipment rental policy can be found on our website. <http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org/policies.htm>

Equipment Rental Fees

Weaving Equipment

Baby Mac 8H Floor loom - \$30/month \$35/month with tool bundle**

Harrisville 4H Floor loom - \$25/month \$30/month with tool bundle**

J-Made 4H Floor loom - \$20/month \$25/month with tool bundle**

8H Table Loom - \$20/month \$25/month with tool bundle**

4H Table Loom - \$15/month \$20/month with tool bundle**

**Weaving Tool Bundle: 2 shuttles - 6 bobbins - reed hook - heddle hook -
warping board - bobbin winder

Warping Board - \$5/month

Warping Raddle - \$5/month

Inkle Loom - \$5/month 3 available

Tapestry Loom - \$5/month

Misc Reeds - \$5/month

Spinning Equipment

Fricke Drum Carder - \$5/month

Coarse Drum Carder - \$5/month

Pat Green Picker - \$5/month

Blending Board - \$5/month

Schacht Wool Hand Cards - \$5/month

Cotton Hand Cards - \$5/month

Indigo Hound 4-Pitch Wool Combs - \$5/month

Other Equipment

Rag Strip Cutter - \$5/month

Blocking Board - \$5/month

Bead Loom - \$5/month

Projector - \$15/month



Board Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2023

The Board meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Winter. Additional members present were Co-vice presidents Barbara Redmond and Christine Brady, Secretary Sally Johnston, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Membership Officer Connie Griffin and Mary Berent.

Rebecca started the meeting with the Weaving Intensive budget. Our guild made a profit of \$74.00 after paying for materials such as notebooks and page covers for those who participated in the event. Rebecca also reported that last year HGA held a retreat for guild development. She said we had four of

our guild members in attendance. This year the retreat has been postponed. She asked board members if they would consider doing it again this year, when it is rescheduled.

We then discussed the location of our upcoming June meeting (the end of our fiscal year in which we pass on to the newly elected officers). Barb told us that Anne Oglevie has volunteered to hold the meeting at her house. We are grateful for the offer, but she lives in Weiser and we decided to see if we could find a setting closer to Boise. Barb said she would look into local parks that might suit our needs. She passed around a map for us to indicate our home location. This would allow her to see which areas are more populated by members of our guild.

The next item on Rebecca's agenda involved planning workshops for next year. It may seem early, but we must identify presenters and get our guild on their busy schedules. Possible artists include Robin Spady who would be an expert for teaching those new to weaving and Celia Quinn for spinning. Other possibilities may be those artists who are teaching at upcoming conventions. Mary Berent suggested getting a signed contract for their workshop dates required.

There was a short conversation about name tags. They would especially be beneficial to have them when we go to events. We will need volunteers to set up this process. Fiber Frolic will not be held, because the Twisted Ewe, who sponsored the event this last year, is closing sometime this year. We still have the Old Farm event in the Fall and a booth at the ANWG conference. The name tag project will be tabled until Fall.

The topic about library space was revisited. Vila is our main person who communicates with the church. She is also the person in charge of equipment rental. I am the book librarian and Rebecca oversees historical items, as well as keeping an inventory of items available on our website. Vila would like to clean and get rid of some items kept in the Library room and see if it gives us more room. To this end the three of us will meet in the library and suggest items for sale, rent and/or free to members. For example: mannequin for free, yarns and books below cost. The J-made loom won't fit in cars for events and takes up library space. We may decided to sell that one loom.



Officer reports: Treasurer Mitzi Meyer reported we are solvent. Membership Officer Connie Griffin reported that our membership is one hundred and four (and became one hundred and seven by the end of this meeting). There are directories available, but some members haven't picked them up. If you would like one talk to Connie.

Barbara (VP) is planning a style show of garments for the April meeting. There will be a sig-up sheet passed around at the meeting today.

Mitzi informed us that magazines will be sent to her address. The meeting was adjourned. Several items were cleaned from the Library and added to the Free Table, including the manikin and the heavy wooden box containing a display system. These items were taken away today.

Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2023

Rebecca as president called the general meeting to order. Additional members present include: Co-vice presidents Barbara Redmond, Chris Brady, treasurer Mitzi Meyers, secretary Sally Johnston, membership officer Connie Griffin, Irene Chandler, Douglas Kelly, Brenda Hatch, Peggy Jones, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Linda Morton-Keithley, Raelene Viste, Jean Jaske, Ellen Pineda, Hanna Meinikheim, Pat Dayton, Sherry Bittner, Paula Huddleston, Richard Huddleston, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Nancy Alzola, Nancy Foster, Georgianna Goetsch, Jamie Landry, Greta Ankeny, Mary?, Cindy Schafer, Sheila Miller, Doug and Joan Ranck, Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Julie Gerrard, Cindy Griewe, Kelly Sandusky, Marlene Bean, Joan Sheehan, and Janet Stanger. I know this list does not cover all members at the meeting. A quick headcount was used to determine how many members were present. This was the highest level of

meeting attendance in the history of our guild membership with approximately 60 out of 107 members. If you count the number of attendees versus the number from the sign in sheet there should many more names on the sign in sheet. At our next meeting I will again announce how the system works. When the meeting begins I pass a sign in sheet (on a clipboard) for members to sign in. I will then place this sheet on the table nearest the door for latecomers. We want to hear from and get to know you. This is one of the ways we employ toward meeting that end.

Due to the large numbers present and time constraints, Rebecca decided to change the way we introduce ourselves. Instead of every member introducing themselves, she asked all board members, officers and chairs introduce themselves so that new members would know who to contact when needed. The same method was used to give information about study groups. Lastly, new members introduced themselves along with their interest in fiber arts.

Rebecca informed members regarding the Free Table and Show Tell procedures. Other reports included the sample box, upcoming conferences and programs. Several talked about study groups and style show. As librarian I announced a new library workday and asked for volunteers. The mini workshops are new. Based on member interest we are having workshops after the general meeting today. Barb explained the workshops: inkle looms, paper weaving, spinning with a drop spindle, and kumihimo.

The meeting was adjourned.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Sally Johnston, Secretary

Officers and Chairs

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Barbara Redmond
- Vice President - Chris Brady
- Secretary - Sally Johnston
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Connie Griffin
- Past President - Doug Ranck
- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck
- Sample Exchange - Kelly Sandusky
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- Weaving Intensive Study Group - Chris Farrin & Kelly Sandusky
- 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
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- ANWG Guild Booth & Name Tags - Barbara Redmond
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Barbara Redmond

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