

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
March, 2025



March Program: Finishing ~ From the Beginning, by Vila Cox

What do you need to do to get the "WOW!" effect in the end? Finish each step as you go!

Vila Cox will talk about the steps we need to remember to make each weaving project a success. From planning the draft to fixing errors along the way. There are many details that go into each successful handwoven warp.

Calendar of Events

Board Meeting

March 1, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Prior to the Regular Meeting at the church
All members are welcome to attend.

Regular Meeting:

March 1 2025 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Program ~ Finishing ~ From the Beginning

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
Next meeting - April 5, 2025 - at the Church

Study Groups:

March 12, 2025 ~ Spinning Study Group
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell
Mar. 13, 2025 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m. ~ At the studio of Sherry Bittner

March 16, 2025 ~ Paper Study Group

1:30 p.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

March 11, 2025 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. ~ At the home of Sue Cathy

March 18, 2025 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Mary Berent

March 20, 2025 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ At the Yarnageddon Shop

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Meets on Zoom

April 29, 2025 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the new home of Anne Oglevie
Find her new address

Workshops:

April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving

September 19-21, 2025 - Diversified Plain Weave

Workshop Information

The Fiberworks Class, by Mary Berent was held February 15th, with so much information given. Participants learned all about designing with this weaving software. Despite the weather, which wasn't that bad, quite a few people ventured out. A BIG THANK YOU TO MARY!!!

Diversified Plain Weave, by Vila Cox: Is coming to us on September 19-21, 2025. We will have more information for you soon, however, here is a description of the workshop to get you excited:

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.

Wedge Weaving Tapestry Workshop, with Connie Lippert is on schedule for April 11-13, 2025 and is fully booked at this time. However, if you want to get on the waitlist, please contact me.

☛ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President



President's Corner

Winter is a cozy time for weaving. Just stay inside with a nice fire in the fireplace and your cat or dog curled up nearby. Too bad there are so few days like that! Our lives have gotten so busy and we find that a week or a month have gone by and we haven't worked on that weaving project we were so excited about. I suggest you put your weaving (or other fiber work) on your list of things to do—right near the top of the list! Give your weaving the importance it deserves. Some tasks are easiest with a bigger block of time, while there are lots of steps that may be broken up into relatively small chunks of time. Only 15 or 20 minutes here and there in your daily routine will keep you excited about your project. Put your weaving on the list of important things to do.

◆ Mary Berent, President



March Sample Exchange

This month's beautiful sample has been made for you by Irma Atkinson. Made on a zoom pin loom. There are lots of lovely colors to choose from. Sounds like a nice way to bring a little weaving with you when you're on the go! Thank you, Irma. If you would like to share your talents with the guild please contact me.

◆ Christie Farrin, Sample Chair



Study Groups:

Spinning Study Group

We're once again meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Rubaiyat in Caldwell, 11a-2p. Join us for spinning and tea!! Tea is provided by the bookstore.

◆ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Lace Study Group

The Lace Study group will meet at Sue Cathy's house on March 11th from 10am to 12pm.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The beginners weaving meeting will be at 6 pm on March 13. We will be meeting at Sherry Bittner's studio. See the Directory Member List for the location, or for more specific directions please email me. We are studying Huck Lace at this meeting.

◆ Sherry Bittner, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

The March meeting will be at the Yarnageddon Shop.

March 20, 2025

7 PM

Also available on zoom. See the emails for the Zoom link.

◆ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair



Day Weaving Study Group

We will be meeting 10:30 am, March 18th at the home of Mary Berent

- Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Paper Study Group

We again had a wonderful meeting in February. There is so much inspiration being shared. The next meeting is on March 16, at my home, at 1:30 p.m. Our focus for March is to study book structures and how they are made. The study results will be shared, and I will demonstrate how I do the Coptic Stitch binding.

I hope to see you here as we share more inspiration and discoveries.

- Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The next Garment Study group will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10.30am. We will meet at my new home. Everyone is welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are 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



Regular Meeting Minutes ~ February 1, 2025

Call To Order at 11:40AM

- Present were 40 attendees: Mary Berent, Dyan Lay, Connie Griffin, Kate Holestine, Julie Gerrard, Rebecca Winter, Cindy Griewe, Alyssa Bangs, Cynthia Brandt, Tessa Stone, Nancy Alzola, Jean Zaske, Kelly Sandusky, Mary Donato, Katzy Luhring, Bob Reinhardt, Joy Shaffer, Brenda Hatch, Lisa Baker, Sheila Miller, Chelsea Grigsby, Sally Blevins, Lee Turner, Zena Zaleshi, Christine Farrin, Hanna Meinikheim, Teal Gardner, Pat Dayton, Sherry Bittner, Irene Chandler, Cynthia Newman, Vila Cox, Raelene Viste, Linda Morton-Keithley, Irma Atkinson, Sheila Anderson, Andie Frosch, Megan Hawigfeld, Marita Turner and Annie McCutcheon.

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent (wearing fabulous boots!) with introductions by members in attendance.

Show and Tell

- Mary Berent showed a sample exchange piece in an argyle pattern.
- Connie Griffin brought a divine hat and malabrigo lace cowl.
- Bob Reinhardt demonstrated a twill-style weaving piece.
- Joy Shaffer presented two spun balls.
- Irene Chandler showed several bikini-carrying bags.
- Chelsea Grigsby presented her first ever weaving project she did at the recent intensive workshop as well as a cream angora spun scarf.
- Hanna Meinikheim brought her intensive project and binder, and inlaid woven piece, four knit ornaments and her completed Kumihimo piece from the January mini-workshop program.
- Kelly Sandusky is doing a paper weaving alphabet.
- Cynthia Newman presented her sample from Rebecca Winter's October workshop.
- Katzy Luhring announced Lunatic Fringe's guild affiliate program and discount.
- Kari Lawton displayed her completed mug rug and a woven piece from the intensive.
- Lisa Baker brought a silver Tencel scarf and a piece off her loom.
- Irma Atkinson presented a sample box pattern on a pin loom.
- Linda Morton-Keithley showed a Tencel scarf.



- Cynthia Brandt, a new member, brought a wonderful Spanish wool kimono piece.
- Raelene Viste showed her four Kumihimo pieces.
- Kate Holestine presented her first knitting project, and some alpaca spun balls.
- Rebecca Winter brought her intensive binder, a few built books with woven covers and a collaged yellow book.
- Brenda Hatch found her 4th grade project: a length of woven fabric colored with crayons.
- Julie Gerrard showed her finished Kumihimo piece as well as her intensive basket weave with baby alpaca project.

President's Report

- Mary Berent announced that at the March regular meeting, the 2025-2026 Board nominations and budget will be presented for the members to vote on at the April regular meeting.
- Connie Lippart's upcoming April workshop is full.
- The February 15 Fiberworks Workshop will start at 10AM at the Eagle Fire House #1.
- The March program, held after the regular meeting, will be by Vila Cox called "Finishing from the Beginning."
- Mary reminded everyone to check out the many study groups listed in the monthly newsletter.

Board Reports

- Past President – Rebecca Winter
 - Rebecca announced that she and Pat Dayton are looking for someone to lead the Intensive Study Group. While they will still be involved as mentors, volunteers should contact Rebecca or Pat if interested.
- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
 - Kelly had no report.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
 - Dyan had no report.
- Membership – Cindy Griewe
 - Cindy announced that membership is north of 100 people.
 - She has a cheat sheet for registering and using groups.io.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09PM. The program is the Annual Fashion Show emceed by Melissa Hart.

- ♡ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

Officers

- President - Mary Berent
- Vice President - Jenné Schiffhauer
- 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 Luhning
- Sample Exchange - Christie Farrin
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- 2025 Weaving Intensive Study Group - Rebecca Winter & Pat Dayton
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- 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 - Cindy Schaffer & Kelly Sandusky
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Eagle Fire Station #1 Contact Person - Julie Gerrard
- Fairview Terrace Community Center Contact Person - Brenda Hatch
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

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