

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
May - 2015

## May Program - Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

Our program for May, will be our annual equipment & fiber, guild sale. So clean out your stash and sort out your surplus and bring it to the sale! This is also your chance to buy bits & pieces you thought you would never find! The guild will receive 10% from the seller, the buyer will get good stuff, & the seller will receive compensation. A win, win, win!!!

◆ Pat Ann, Vice President

## Calendar of Events

May 2, 2015 - Guild Meeting

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12:30 am - Program - **Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale**

Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E. Third St., Meridian

May 6 & 20, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Aero Cafe

May 14, 2015, 2015 - Spinning Study Group

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse

May 12, 2015 - Rug Punch Study Group

6:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's

May 19, 2015 - Day Weaving Study Group

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Home of Julie Gerrard

June 6, 2015 - COE Study Group

10:00 to 11:00 am

Before the meeting at Anne Oglevie's House

June 13, 2015 - ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

Oxford Suites, S. Entertainment, Boise

## Clean-Up Hour

Lets have a clean up hour at the Studio House after the May meeting, and after the Yarn and Equipment sale, please. I will bring all the supplies we need, and if many hands pitch in, it won't take long at all. I will clean the bathroom and the kitchen counters myself, so there will be vacuuming or sweeping, light mopping and dusting to do. Thanks a million!

◆ Mitzi Meyer



## Election of Officers

The following Officers for the 2015-2016 Guild Year were elected by the Membership at the April Meeting. We look forward to the results of their hard work.

- \* Vila Cox, President
  - \* Melanie Smith, Vice President
  - \* Lynn Ruggles, Vice President
  - \* Janet Stanger, Secretary
  - \* Kathy McGowan, Treasurer
  - \* Irene Chandler, Membership Officer
- ◆ Mitzi Meyer, Nominations Chair

## From Your President

Presidents mumblings:

We certainly have spring and all the garden is blooming. Maybe it's an inspiration for some of us to dye, spin or weave all the wonderful colors that we see at this time of the year!

We have our sale coming up in May, so cleaning out my stash is on top of my list of things to do this month. I hope you are all able to participate. However, I have been known to bring home more than I have given away.

Woven together,

◆ Anne Oglevie,  
President



## Summer Spinning Events

There are lots of spinning and fiber events coming this summer. Some are guild-only events and others are open for all to enjoy. Below is a list for you to mark your calendars and enjoy!

### May

16-17 - Snake River Fiber Fair - Idaho Falls

23-25 - Fiber Train Festival - Nampa

### June

12-14 - Big Sky Fiber Fair, Hamilton, MT

19-21 - The Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene, OR

27 - Spin-In Spinning Day/Punch study group at Pat Day Hartwell's home (guild event)

### July

18 - Carding Day at Pat Day Hartwell's home (guild event)

### August

8 - Spin in spinning day at Mitzi's (guild event)

21-22 - Great Basin Fiber Fair, South Jordan, UT

21-30 - Western Idaho Fair Spinning and Weaving Demos

## Sample Exchange

The sample this month is a Canvas Weave. It is woven with a 3.5/1 red cotton slub and an 8/2 blue denim cotton. The canvas weave creates a pleasant pattern when two contrasting colors are used. The pattern this month is submitted by Irene Chandler, and was shown in the 2007-08 *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot* magazine.



The **sign up sheet for next year's samples** will be available at our next Guild meeting. Samples are not limited to weaving. We would all enjoy a variety of samples. Examples provided from our new study groups would be appreciated.

◆ Greta Ankeny, Chair

## Punch Study Group

Our new study group met last month, and the fun and inspiration was plentiful. Our aim is to get together and work on all types of punch work, either rug punching with the Oxford needle punch, traditional rug hooking, or Russian punch embroidery. No skills are required - just the willingness to learn and be inspired by others. We are not working on any specific project - just whatever you would like to work on. Our next get together will be May 12 at Melanie Smith's home. Starting at 6:30. We plan to rotate homes and times - one month on at Saturday and the other an evening. This way, all of those who are interested can participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Melanie at [yarnsnthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsnthreads@aol.com) or 608-0101.

◆ Melanie Smith, Chair

## April Program

A special thank you to Merri for the Dyeing program in April, it stirred a lot of energy for further opportunities to learn more. It makes us think about having more dye days.

◆ Pat Ann, Vice President

## Guild Equipment

Our guild has a wonderful stash of equipment for rent to its members...table looms, an inkle loom, a nice large warping board, drum carder, hand cards, and wool combs. Please email Mitzi at [warpedweaver@hotmail.com](mailto:warpedweaver@hotmail.com) if you are interested to arrange pick up.

◆ Mitzi Meyer, Chair

## Spinning Study Group

Our next spinning night of our regular year will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at Maralyn's club house, our theme this month is Guild Sale Finds. So bring some of those great guild sale finds that you picked up at the guild sale and share and spin. All are welcome to bring wheels, spindles or any other project you would like to work on. The fun starts at 6:30. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Melanie at [yarnsnthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsnthreads@aol.com) or 608-0101.

◆ Melanie Smith, 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.

## UFO Program (Un-Finished Object)

The Guild year is coming to an end and time is running out for those unfinished UFO projects. Didn't get it all finished? Well, there is always next year.

### ☞ Rules

- Bring the unfinished object to a regular meeting and give a short explanation.
- Fill out a short form registering your intentions.
- Then bring the finished thing-of-beauty to a regular meeting.
- And collect your rewards.
  - ♥ Kathy Shiflet, Vice President

## Study Group News

### ♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

### ♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE Study Group will meet June 6, 10:00 am, prior to the Picnic, at the home of Anne Oglevie. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

May 14th - spinning study group will be meeting at Maralyn's Clubhouse. If you have any questions or need directions please email Melanie at [yarnsnthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsnthreads@aol.com)

### ♥ Rug Punch Study Group

We will meet on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Melanie Smith. All are welcome.

### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Day weavers will meet on May 19th at 1.30 p.m. at the home of Julie Gerrard. Call Julie for her address.



## Officers and Chairs

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## Website

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

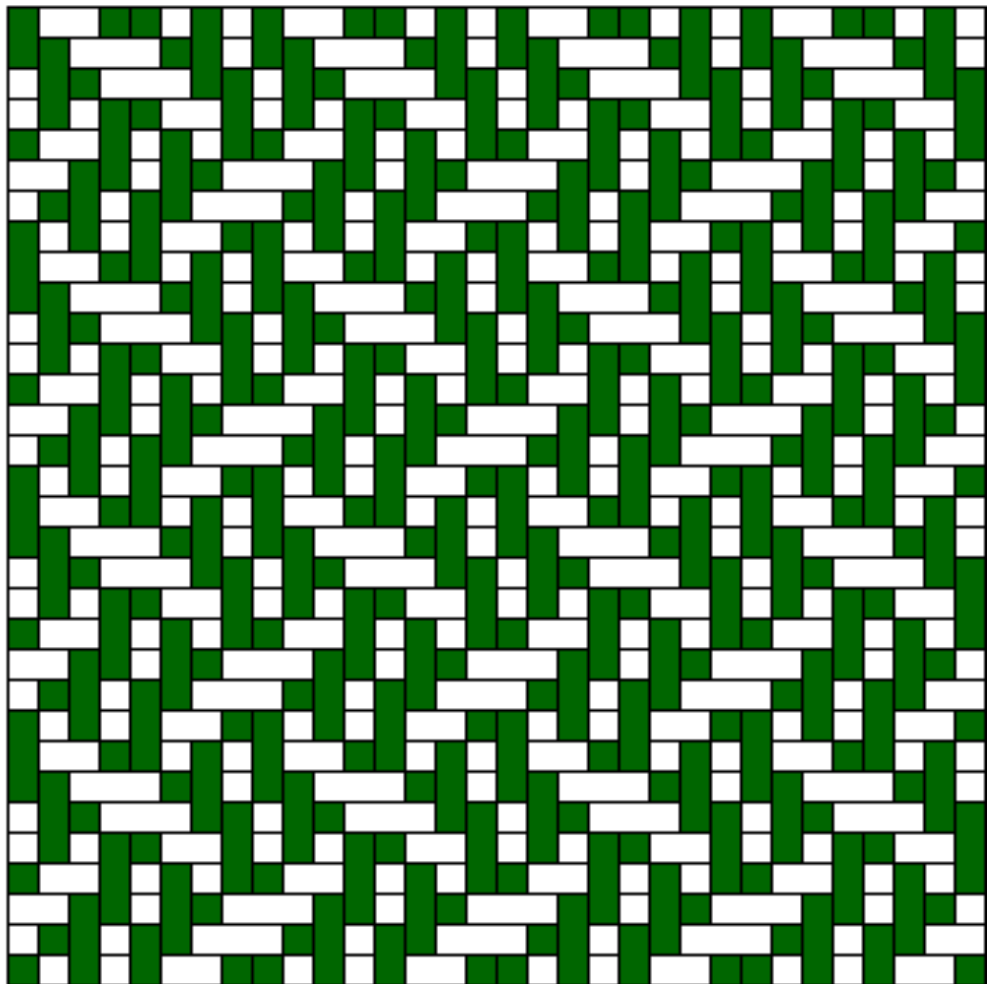
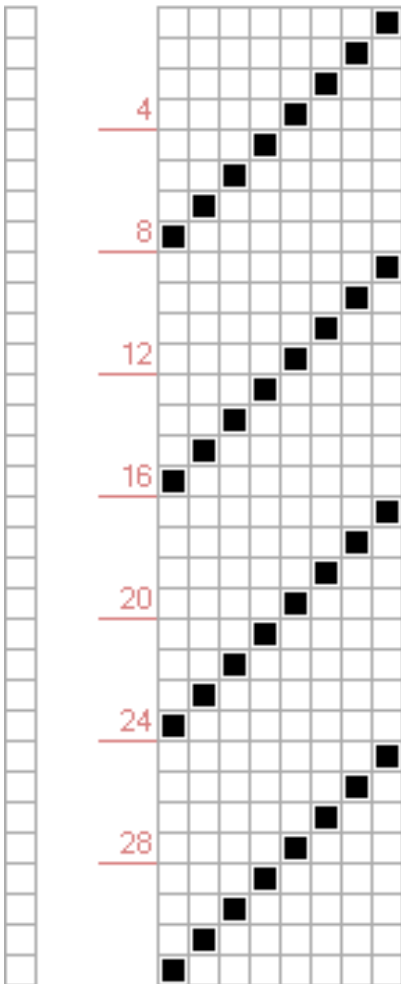
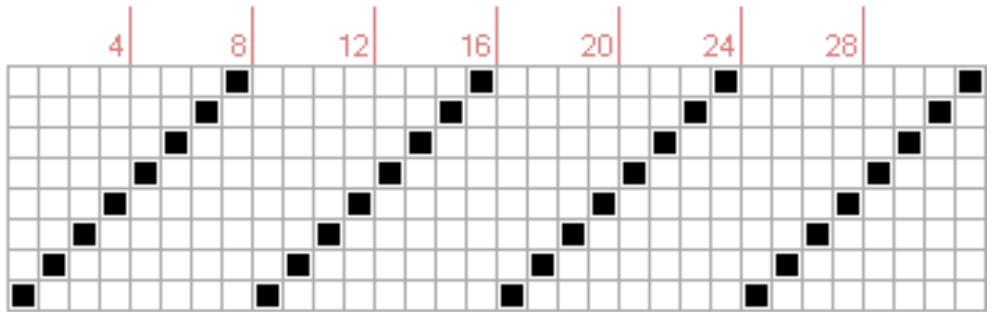
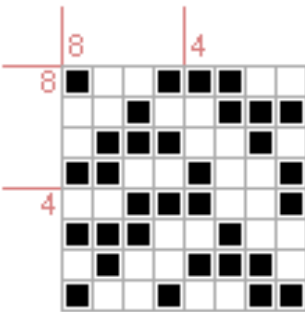


## Draft Inspiration

Here is a nice draft for Spring. Enjoy!

Source: [handweaving.net](http://handweaving.net), which has a whole new look. Nice!

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# Tail of Two Yarns

This is a tail of two different yarns that joined together to make a beautiful finished piece. The two (or more) yarns that gathered together were of different pedigrees.

Some were LARGE

some were small.

Some were from one kind of plant  
some from another kind.

And then there were those from various critters.

In each finished piece there was a something from two different pedigrees. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers  
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

The same tail goes for those crafty spinners. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers  
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

Plied, Cabled, Blended or whatever else may apply.

The Fine Print

The two different yarns need to be easily seen

Made by you this year (Nov 2014 - Sept 2015) Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

## Challenge 2015



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