

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
May, 2016

May Program: Annual Fiber and Equipment Sale

Our May program is the Annual Fiber and Equipment Sale. This is your opportunity to pass on all of those fiber related items that no longer sing to you, but now need to find a new home. Please mark all items with your name and price. The seller will be responsible for paying the 10% to the Guild and the buyer will go home inspired to weave, spin, knit or dye those fabulous treasures that you have snatched from the hands of other eager shoppers! ♦ Lynn Ruggles, Vice President

Calendar of Events

- May 7, 2016 - Board Meeting
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Before the regular meeting at the Church
- May 7, 2016 - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale**
At the Church
2201 Woodlawn, Boise - near State Street & 23rd
- May 2 2016 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
2:00 p.m.
Cindy Schafer's Home
- May 4 & 18, 2016 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- May 10, 2016 - Bobbin Lace Study Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila Cox's Home
- May 12, 2016 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- May 17, 2016 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Julie Gerrard's Home



Please Note: The June meeting will be held on June 11, which is the Second Saturday.

June Meeting and Program

For our June program, we will be meeting one week later than usual, on the second Saturday, June 11, at Pat Day Hartwell's house in Sunnyslope (20021 Hoskins Rd, Caldwell).

This will be a Tea Party to show off all the wonderful woven whimsies that we have created from the infamous TBS, or Tea Bag String, donated by Bigelow Tea Company. We are expecting a few guests from Bigelow to attend. The party will be our traditional start of summer potluck lunch. If you are inspired to dress for tea, please feel free to indulge your creative side (hat and gloves will not be required, but will be admired!)

♦ Lynn Ruggles, Vice President

Election of Officers

We had a fine election at the April meeting and the new slate of officers are: Vila Cox, President; Julie Gerrard and Lily Lee, Vice Presidents; Joan Sheehan, Secretary; Kathy McGowan, Treasurer; Rebecca Winter, Membership Chair. Thank you all past and new officers for doing your part. We really appreciate everyone's hard work.

♦ Your Nominating Chair, Mitzi

From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

Not only are we having our annual stash redistribution, the church is also holding a plant sale on May 7th. So you may want to either bring your checkbook or blinders. Please park in the lot across the street to leave spaces for customers that will be coming and going during the day.

♦ Vila Cox, President

Membership

What a pleasure it is to watch the weavers and spinners and knitters and kumihimo fans in our Guild all enjoying their various fiber activities. This inspires all of us to learn and do new things. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and for sharing your expertise. This summer, as you meet new people, please recommend the Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley to others. Membership is only \$25.00 for a year of friendship and information.

◆ Irene Chandler, Membership Officer



May Sample - "M & W" Twill

The sample for May is an "M and W" twill pattern. The warp thread is 8/2 tencel and the weft is 8/2 orlec. Complete instructions will be found on the work sheet in the Sample Box as well as in *A Weaver's Book of 8-Shaft Patterns*. This is an easy pattern to follow and creates a very attractive fabric. That is a good combination!

◆ Greta Ankeny, Sample 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.



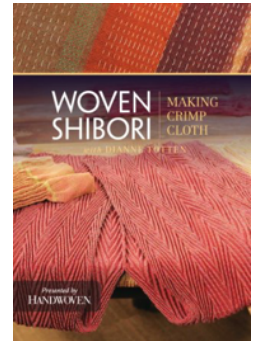
DVD Review:

Woven Shibori with Dianne Totten

(2 disc set)

Fresh from our spring workshop, inspired to weave crinkle vests and scarves, this video is an excellent refresher if you missed out on some of Dianne's instructions during class. If you missed the class, this video will walk you through the process of setting up and weaving either weft crimp or warp crimp fabric. There are 2 video discs, one for weft and one for warp. You might want to keep a notebook handy to make note of any instructions you might have missed during the workshop, or as suggestions for variations that you might not have tried. This video is also full of useful tips, weaving suggestions and directions for finishing your garments.

◆ Lynn Ruggles, Vice President



UFO Program - Un-Finished Object

Members, get ready to enjoy our last business meetings of May and June. Then we will have the summer off, and time to travel and enjoy the sunshine. Let's plan to finish up some Unfinished Objects while we have longer days and vacation time. I look forward to seeing your projects.

◆ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman

Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

♥ Spinning Study Group

We will once again meet at Maralyn's club house for spinning, chatting and all around good time **May 12th** from 6:30 to around 8:30.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving study group will meet at the home of Vila Cox's home on Tuesday **May 17** at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

The Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting will be at Cindy Schafer's Boise home on Monday **May 2** from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome including traditional rug hookers.

♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

Bobbin lace study group will meet on **May 10**, 10am, at Vila's house.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE Study Group will meet **June 11**, before the regular guild meeting at Pat Day Hartwell's at 10:00. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions call Mary Berent, 939-8906.

Website

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

Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172 & Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101
- Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
- Membership Officer: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736 & Mitzi Meyers 208-584-3116
- Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Greta Ankeny 318-6028
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085

April Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting 4/2/2016

First Congregational United Church

Present: Melanie Smith, Lynn Ruggles, Jinks Hunter, Tera Jones, Judie Daniels, Mitzi Meyers, Lily Lee, Marita Turner, Carol Freeman, Kathy McGowan, Irene Chandler, Martie Hawkins, Pat Ann, Rebecca Winter, Penny Schraufnagel, Esther Kleinkauf, Ivy DeHart, Julie Gerrard, Vila Cox, Greta Ankeny, Janet Stanger, Pat Day Hartwell

President Vila Cox called the meeting to order and introductions followed.

Vice Presidents Lynn Ruggles and Melanie Smith report that today's program will be on Kumihimo and presented by Melanie Smith, May meeting's program will be the Guild Equipment Sale, and June is the Guild Potluck (Tea) featuring our items made from tea bag string. The Potluck will be June 11th at the home of Pat Day Hartwell.

Challenge Chairman- Jinks Hunter, went over the criteria for the event and read some of her family history that she has researched for this event.

Election Committee Chairman Mitzi Meyers presented the slate of officers to be voted on and passed out ballots. Vila Cox for President, Vice Presidents Julie Gerrard and Lily Lee, Secretary Joan Sheehan, Treasurer Kathy McGowan, and Membership Chairman Rebecca Winter. Vote was unanimous.

Show and Tell: Vila Cox showed her samples from the Diane Totten workshop, Greta Ankeny showed her sampler from the workshop. Melanie Smith showed a hat that she knitted too big so she felted it. Lynn Ruggles showed her sampler from the workshop, also a dish towel that was a thrift store find and a coverlet that was made by her Great Grandmother. Jinks Hunter showed some of her hand spun yarn. Tara Jones showed her sampler from the Spinning Silk workshop and a

- Weaving Intensive & Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Rug Punch & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324



Shawl. Mitzi Meyers showed a shadow weave sampler. Carol Freeman showed a machine embroidery sample that she used tea bag string to sew with. Martie Hawkins showed a color gamp and a Baby Blanket. Pat Ann shared information on the Idaho Wool Growers Association's annual event, she also showed a knitted scarf made with Polworth yarn. Rebecca Winter showed her workshop sampler. Ester Kleinkauf showed Kumihimo Bracelets, a cord that she made on a Marudai and she showed her Marudai. Julie Gerrard showed a woven scarf and a yarn sample.

Treasurer Kathy McGowan reports that we have \$4,116.01 in our checking account, she also presented the budget. It was motioned by Pat Day Hartwell to accept the proposed budget. It was seconded and motion passed unanimously. Membership- Irene Chandler has nothing new to report Librarians are now working on arranging the Guild magazines. Rebecca Winter has nothing new to report on ANWG or the Newsletter. Melanie Smith explained the ANWG annual meeting, which will be held the first week of June in Victoria, BC, and wants to take some of our tea bag string projects with her to show. Study Groups announced their meeting times and places. Please refer to the schedule listed in the newsletter. UFO's- 2 finished projects were presented by Ivy DeHart; rugs that were woven with Pendleton wool selvages.

Rainbow bag was several skeins of yarn. Meeting adjourned for presentation of Kumihimo Braiding.

❖ Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Back to Our Roots

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley 2016 Challenge for Museum Comes to Life - Saturday Sept 24

Hope you've all been working on your entries for this year's challenge!!

Museum Comes to Life will be held at Julia Davis Park again this year. Let's have a great turnout!

Volunteers at the event are needed to make it a success. Tasks include: set-up, handing out ballots, talking to visitors, teardown and demonstrating the fiber arts our guild practices. It would be great to have demos of all our practices – weaving, spinning, bobbin lace, kumihimo, rug punch, etc. I'll have a Sign-up sheet at the June and August meetings, and will send reminders with other details - parking pass, etc., closer to event.

Tables are provided, but we need canopies – Anne – are yours available?

Attire: "Period Costume" – long skirt & blouse with apron or shawl and any other accessory that works for you.

We want lots of participation and a great display of entries to show the public what we do and for them to vote on. And we need to prep for the event by printing cards for each item prior to day of event to present uniformity in identification of each item to the public for viewing and voting.

Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

Registration: Finished Items with completed entry form including "roots" description—due by Saturday September 17th!

Apparently submissions have been trending toward arriving later rather than earlier. So in the spirit of achieving highest participation – let's try this approach. If you can turn in your entries by Sept 17, that would be ideal. But if you are a last-minuter working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me jehunter101@gmail.com by **9pm Sept 22**. (I do need some time to type up and print labels....). Bring your item to my house Friday, Sept 23, or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by 8am so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.

Back to Our Roots Theme Description

From an historical background, the focus is to create projects that reflect your roots, roots you have an interest in, or roots you feel a connection to. This would be based on where your family is originally from, where you were born, a place you have lived that is special to you, or any other connection you feel for a heritage you have an interest in.

As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags (just to name a few) to come up with creations in categories, as indicted on the form.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Chair



Back to Our Roots - 2016 Challenge - Registration Form

Theme Description: Projects that reflect your roots or roots you have an interest in or feel a connection to. As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags, etc., to come up with creations in the categories below.

Registration: We're hoping for lots of participation and a great display of entries for the public to view and vote on. Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

- All entries must be entirely your own work since last September.
- Finished Items with completed entry form, including "roots" description are due by Saturday, September 17th! **Receiving all submissions by Sept 17 would be ideal.** But if you are a last-minuter (like me..), working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me jehunter101@gmail.com by **9pm Sept 22.** (I do need some time to type up and print a label for each item)
Bring item early to event and do stay and help set-up if needed.
- Bring your finished items with completed form —
 - * To the September meeting
 - * **Actual Deadline - September 17**
 - * Or to my house Friday, September 23, for late comers
 - * Or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by **8am** so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.
 - * Please note: No submissions will be accepted after the 8am deadline on Sept 24. And these will only be accepted if an email was sent by Sept 22 at 9pm.
- Submit Items w/forms to Jinks Hunter, 12030 Savage Dr Boise, ID 83713, 208-867-2953 (or Vila Cox, 323-7736 or Janet Stanger, 377-0746, if you don't reach me)

Categories:

1. Flat Handwoven Items – includes yardage and hemmed or fringed pieces (scarves, shawls, towels, rugs, etc.)
2. Handspun Skeins – Colors or fibers that represent your roots
3. Made From Handspun Yarn – must be made from handspun yarn that would qualify as handspun skein this year
4. Fiber Arts – Items made from handspun or other fiber arts practiced in our Guild that fit the theme

| Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____ | |
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| Address: _____ | |
| Category # | Description of piece and how it connects to your roots. |
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Number of entries will determine prizes. Entry Fee \$3.00 for each item.

Number of Items _____ X \$3.00 = fee for entries \$ _____

The monthly newsletter from the



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Mary Berent says yellow is a challenge to work with in weaving. I have yet to give it a try, but I do have a basket of yellow yarn waiting to be applied to the loom. What has been your experience with yellow as a color?

And something else I'm interested in is the meanings of words and how they impact our lives. What does Yellow mean to you? Here are a couple of websites that may give you some interesting answers. Just click on "Link" in your electronic version of this Newsletter.

[Link #1](#) [Link #2](#) [Link #3](#) [Link #4](#)

❖ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

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| flaxen | butter | lemon | mustard |
| corn | medallion | dandelion | fire |
| bumblebee | banana | butterscotch | dijon |
| honey | blonde | pineapple | tuscan sun |