

Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley

May, 2018

May Program: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

This month is our annual Guild Yarn and Equipment Sale! Bring any fiber related item you would like to sell. Please have your items priced and with your name, so shoppers will know who to pay. Also, please remember 10% of all your sales goes to the Guild. Pay this to Vila, the Treasurer, at the end of the day.

Next month is our yearly picnic; it will once again be at Penny Schraufnagel's home.

•♦ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

May 5, 2018 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: Annual Yarn & Equipment Sale

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

Study Groups:

May 1, 2018 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

Vila Cox's Home

May 5, 2018 - COE Study Group

10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting, An "Extra"

At the Church

May 2 & 16, 2018 - Knit and Crochet Group

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aero Cafe

May 12, 2018 - Spinning Study Group

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Penny Schraufnagel's Home

May 15, 2018 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 p.m.

Rebecca Winter's Home

May 24, 2018 - Rug Punch and Punch Needle Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pat Day Hartwell's Home

September 7, 8 & 9, 2018 - REP Weaving Workshop

by Rosalie Neilson

See the Flier in this Newsletter

At Stevens-Henager College, Nampa

January 19, 20 & 21, 2019 - Weaving Intensive

Beading Class

Several of us had a wonderful time learning about loom beading in class on Saturday the 21st. We all got a good start on our bracelets. There was mention of modeling them at an upcoming meeting, however, no formal plans were made. So look for the members sporting the new beaded bracelets in the future.

We thank Esther Kleinkauf for leading us in our learning, and spending all the time it took to portion out multiple colors of beads into zip-lock baggies for each of the participants. She did a wonderful job of teaching, and was very patient with her class.



Photo of Mary Berent

•♦ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

From Your President

Have you recently acquired a tool or gadget that you find useful as you work on your fiber arts projects? Recently I purchased a color wheel. I had been thinking I would enjoy having a color wheel, but just hadn't remembered to look for one when I was at the right kind of store. I have been enjoying comparing my yarns to the colors on the wheel then finding other yarns that might go into a project with the first yarn. I find sometimes I let go of the first yarn idea and move onto other colors.

I have heard all of the terms and definitions of color theory, but have not studied color theory formally. I forget what the terms mean, then have to find a definition in order to apply colors to a particular scheme. My color wheel provides terms and short definitions! I believe this tool will help me with colors I put together in my weaving. I think it will help me be more adventurous, and as I learn I believe this is a good thing.

If you have a new tool or gadget that helps with your fiber arts projects, and it is small, easy to carry, you might want to bring it to our next Guild meeting. As we introduce ourselves this will be your chance to tell us briefly what you have found. We will need to be brief and anyone interested in a tool that has been shown can talk with the owner at the end of the meeting.

◆ Greta Ankeny, President

Equipment Rentals

A couple of new items have been added to the Guild's inventory of equipment available for rent. For knitters we have a nice blocking board that can be rented for \$5 a month.

We recently purchased an 8 harness table loom. Just the table loom can be rented for \$20 a month. For \$25 a month the table loom and weaving tools (warping board, shuttle, bobbins, and threading hook) can be rented. The 8 harness Baby Macomber floor loom should be heading this way soon. When it arrives, it will be available for \$30 a month or \$35 a month for the loom and weaving tools.

Contact Vila Cox if you would like to rent any of the equipment the Guild has to offer.

◆ Vila Cox, Equipment Chair



April Program

I would like to thank Merri Williams for a wonderfully informative program on all things silk. I have been spinning silk for many years and I know I learned a few things. I will also add, I am really enjoying working with the silk caps again. Thank you so much Merri.

◆ Melanie Smith, Vice President

May Mystery Member

Who Is This Mystery Member?

This month's clues are:

1. Floated the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon for 21 days.
2. Taught Middle School Art.
3. Was the Guild President in another state.

The first person to notify the newsletter editor correctly will have bragging rights for the May Mystery Member, whose identity will be published in the next Newsletter.

Last month's Mystery Member was Cynthia Newman. Here are the clues given:

1. First college degree was in Animal Science.
2. Has had 3 quilts juried into a national quilt show.
3. Has a second degree black belt in Ninjutsu.

Mary Berent guessed correctly. Brag on!

◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor



Summer Spinning & Fiber Events

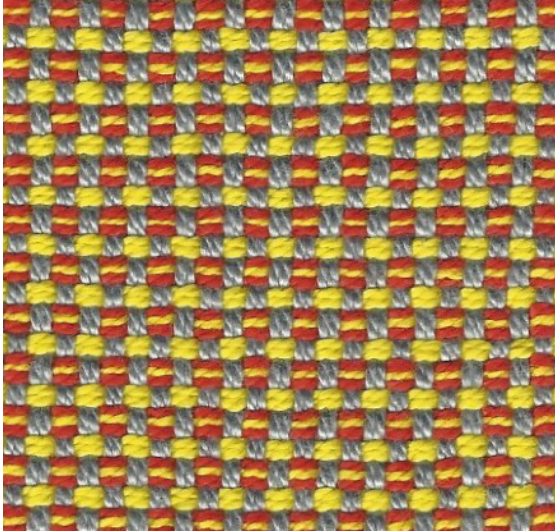
As you know the spinning study group takes the summer off, but that doesn't mean we stop spinning or working on different activities for the summer. So I would like to let you know some dates to add to your calendar.

- June 23 and 24 - Indigo Dye Days - Melanie will be hosting an indigo dye pot. You are welcome to bring fiber, yarn, or cloth to dip into the pot. More information, time, and RSVP will be in the next newsletter.
- July 7 - 29 - Tour de Fleece - Once again we will hold the Tour de Fleece. In the next newsletter will have more information and sign up's.
- July 7 - Spinning at Jink's Ranch - More information to come.
- August 4 - Paper Making, with Rebecca
- August 17-26 - Spinning demo's at the fair - Janet will once again be organizing demos at the fair.
 - ◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

Sample Exchange News

May's sample is by Vila Cox, and is a hopsack weave from The Handweaver's Pattern Directory. This sample features a 5/2 cotton in middle gray, red and yellow.

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, 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.

Study Group News

Certificate of Excellence Study Group

An EXTRA meeting of the COE Study Group will be on May 5 at 10:00 am at the Church before the regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence, this group can offer support and encouragement. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

- ❖ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Bobbin Lace

Bobbin Lace will be May 1st at Vila's, 10am.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weaving Study group will meet May 15th 12:30pm at Rebecca Winter's home. Please know all are welcome to join this group.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

May spinning study group will be May 12th at Penny's home. The fun starts at 10 until 12-ish, plan to bring your wheel, or spindle, or any project you would like to work on for a fun morning of making stuff. This will be our last meeting before the summer break so plan to join us. If you have any questions for need directions just let Melanie know. yarnsntreads@aol.com

- ❖ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

The Rug Punch - Punch Needle Group

The May meeting, on the 24th at 1 p.m., will be at my shop on 6 S Middleton, Nampa.

phone - 208-681-0480

- ❖ Pat Day Hartwell, Study Group Chair





IT'S IN THE WARP: COLOR AND DESIGN IN WARP-FACED REP
3-day Workshop – Rosalie Neilson, Instructor

Explore the multitude of designs possible in warp-faced rep by using two different colorways and two different weights of weft. Learn an easy way to tie a wide warp onto the front cloth beam rod, in addition to a versatile treading method to maximize the number of patterns. Discussions will focus on color, movement of blocks, skeleton tie-ups, and threading systems. Drafts for 4- and 8-shaft looms will be sent in advance, along with color suggestions for the two different colorways of pattern and background. **Weavers will warp and thread their looms prior to workshop and work exclusively on their own loom throughout the 3-day workshop.** Weavers will also learn the Cavandoli knot and participate in a color wrap session.

Materials fee: \$30 includes two spiral-bound notebooks, netting shuttle, supplies for color wraps

Date & Time: Friday-Sunday, September 7, 8 & 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Stevens-Henager College, 16819 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa

Cost for Members: \$200 includes \$30 materials fee

Cost for Non-Members: \$225 includes \$30 materials fee

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Loom: _____ Number of Harnesses: _____

Please send the completed form and payment to Mary Berent, 769 N Grey Pebble Way, Eagle, ID 83616.

The deadline to sign up is July 15, 2018.

April Meeting Minutes

Members Meeting -April 7, 2018

- Present: Lily Lee, Pat Ann, Cindy Schafer, Merri Williams, Peggy Jones, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Jinks Hunter, Karen Loughmuller, Cynthia Newman, Carol Freeman, Janet Stanger, Barbara Redmond, Lynn Ruggles, Dagmar Rapp, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Mary Berent, Kristi Turner, Melanie Smith, Christine Brady, Linda Morton-Keithley, Julie Gerrard, Rebecca Winter, Greta Ankeny, Angela Gronewold, Judie Daniels, Marita Turner, Ivy DeHart, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Esther Kleinkauf, Nancy Swenson

Greta Ankeny, President

Introductions -Share what is your favorite color to create with.

Free Table -There is a free table where fiber-related items can be placed to give-away. If you bring an item and it is not claimed by the end of the meeting you must take it with you when you leave.

Melanie Smith and Penny Schraufnagel, Vice Presidents

- Thank you Rebecca Winter for leading last month's program on *Honeycomb Weave*. For today's program Merri Williams will share with us about *Not Your Usual Silk*.
- Next month is the annual *Yarn and Equipment Sale*. All items brought in to sell must be pre-priced. 10% of the profits from each item sold will go to the guild.
- In June we will have our *Annual Picnic* at Penny Schraufnagel's house. Remember, it may be a good idea to carpool because this is usually the weekend that the neighborhood yard sale is in the subdivision.
- On April 21 from 10AM-3PM Esther Kleinkauf will teach a beading workshop at Rebecca Winter's studio.

Greta Ankeny, President

The election ballots for next year's officers were distributed. In order to vote you must be a paying Guild member. Ballot instructions were given. Pat Ann and Irene Chandler collected and counted the ballots.

Show and Tell

15 members had shows and 3 had tells.

Highlights: Barbara Redmond shared several finished including a handwoven rag pillow (with a zipper sewn into the seam!!!), a handwoven scarf made from strips of silk Hawaiian shirts, and felted bags. Jenni Jimmerson is a member of an online guild where she has been working on a color program led by Jean Stafford on the Fibonacci sequence. She brought in many beautiful samples that address designing using the Fibonacci sequence with color. Ivy De Hart is also in the guild and shared many samples she has woven of original drafts focusing on border designs inspired by Southeast Asian patterns.

Greta Ankeny, President

Guild business cards are available for members.

Fiber Arts Trivia -Secretary, Lily Lee

Another month of Fiber Arts Trivia questionnaires were distributed to members present for this cumulative competition. A status update was given with Rebecca Winter in the lead, followed closely by Lynn Ruggles in second and a 3-way tie for third between Julie Gerrard, Mary Berent and Melanie Smith.

Treasurer, Vila Cox

There is about \$5,000 in the checking account.

Librarian, Cindy Schafer

If you plan to check out a book for the summer you need to do so at the May meeting. The June meeting will be offsite so the library will not be open then.

Membership Officer, Rebecca Winter

Membership forms are available for next year.

Mystery Member

Clues:

1. Set a swimming record in Contra Costa, California, for the fastest 50-yard butterfly.
2. Studied Printed Woven Textile Design in Aberdeen, Scotland.
3. Loves to Garden & is an OSU Master Gardener.

The Mystery Member is Cynthia Newman. Mary Berent got it right!

Equipment Chair, Vila Cox

Equipment can be rented for one month with the option of an additional month if nobody is on the waiting list for it. Over the summer you may check out equipment for a longer duration but will have to pay the rental fee for each month you have the equipment.



Event Chair, Janet Stanger

The Rendezvous in Meridian will be from 9AM-3:30PM on April 18th in the Middle School gymnasium. Contact Janet for more information. A potential future idea would be to have a Guild dye garden. The guild in Kalispell has one.

Sample Box, Jinks Hunter

This month's sample is a handwoven circle pattern in cotton by Jenni Jimmerson.

Newsletter Editor, Rebecca Winter

Please send me your information to add to the newsletter.

Webmaster, Vila Cox

The website will be getting an update soon so please share any suggestions you may have for that with me.

Greta Ankeny, President

Election Results: The voting guild members present have voted unanimously to approve the board members for next year:

President: Greta Ankeny

Vice Presidents: Mary Berent & Jenni Jimmerson

Treasurer: Vila Cox

Secretary: Lily Lee

Membership Officer: Rebecca Winter

Future Vice President, Mary Berent

Next year there is an opportunity to have Rosalie Neilson do a three-day workshop on Repp Weaving in September. This is not our usual time for a

workshop. A survey was passed around for members who seriously intend to take this workshop to vote on their topic of interest. The cost to take the workshop will be roughly \$200.

Study Groups

See the Newsletter for more information.

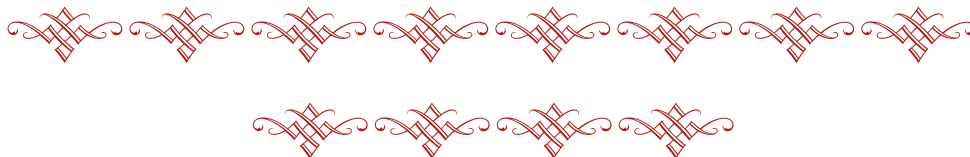
- ◆ Respectfully Submitted, Lily Martina Lee, Secretary

Officers and Chairs

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- Treasurer: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
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- Web Master: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 208-859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Jinks Hunter 208-867-2953
- Equipment: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 208-377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 208-939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- Rug & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 208-459-4324

Website

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



“In the perfection of the beat lies the fundamental perfection of a textile.”

Harriet Douglas

(Later known as Harriet Tidball.) From her *Handweaver's Instruction Manual*, 1949, page 18. Found at:
http://www2.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/monographs/dhc_man.pdf

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