

ConnectingThreads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
May, 2023

Program: May Yarn & Equipment Sale ~ Details Below

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

May 6, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m. ~ **Yarn & Equipment Sale**
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
See also the Zoom link from Dyan via Email



Study Groups:

May 3, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyats Book Store,
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

May 6, 2023 ~ COE Study Group
9:30 a.m. ~ At the Church
Prior to the Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group - Topic: Tatting!
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. ~ At the home of Sue Cathey

May 11, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m. ~ at the home of Cindy Griewe
~ In-person and via zoom

May 16, 2023 ~ Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Anne Oglevie

May 18, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group
7:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Cindy Schafer
~ In-person and via zoom

May 30, 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

January 13, 14 & 15, 2024 - Weaving Intensive
Topic ~ Overshot

Highlights & Reminders:

- Bring your ANWG Conference Guild Booth items to the May Meeting
- Dues are due in June
- Learn Tatting at the Lace Study Group
- Join the Spinning Study Group
- Next Regular Meeting ~ June 3, 2023~Annual Picnic

VP News:

May 6 is the Guild Yarn and Equipment Sale!

When I was a beginning weaver I loved the Guild Yarn sales and found it a very affordable way to build my stash and add to my weaving equipment. Now, I am ready to clean out, downsize, and simplify my stash. So I will be selling!

1. **Christine and I would like to know how much you are bringing. For instance, I will have a table-full. Please email us an estimate of the footprint you will need for display. So far, 6 folks have gotten back to me on this.**
2. Tag each and every item with your name and the price of the item. Descriptions are helpful as well.
3. Sellers are responsible for collecting their own payments and paying out 10% of their total to the Guild. We will have a table and person designated to collect the 10%.
4. Sellers need to set up their items as best possible before the meeting. The tables will be gathered at the back of the room.
5. There will be no pre-sale browsing. The sale will open 15 minutes after our regular meeting.
6. I'd like to ask each person who attends the meeting to move their chair and personal items to the sides of the room after the meeting so we can pull the sale tables out into the room.
7. If you are a seller, please try to watch your table and wear a name badge so members can locate you.



Our June 3, Potluck/Picnic will be at Anne Oglevie's. Her address is in the Guild directory.

Meeting starts at 11:30 AM, followed by the picnic, followed by a social hour where you can bring your wheel, knitting, handwork, etc.

Please plan to carpool. Bring a chair and whatever you wish to drink. Bring a dish to share.

Paper plates, napkins and plastic-ware will be provided.

◆ Barbara Redmond, Vice President

ANWG Conference Guild Booth Information

Items for the booth will be collected at the May meeting. Be sure to label your items inconspicuously with your name. We look forward to seeing a lot of wonderful fiber art which will represent our Guild in Bend. The following are the parameters for the booth submissions:

- **Focus:** Fiber Connections of the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, using the Conference colors plus black and white. See the conference colors by clicking HERE.
- **What are our connections to fiber?** Cotton, wool, silk, or other, spun, knit, crocheted, woven, felted, tatted and bobbin laced, etc.
- **Using any fiber, but working within the ANWG color range;** Knit or weave a scarf or towel, felt a bowl, make a doll, hook a rug, needle punch a tiny scene... anything fiber related.
- **Projects are due at the May meeting.**

May Sample Exchange

This month's sample was spun by Jinks Hunter. It is Crepe Yarn from Sarah Anderson's *The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs*. Jinks was nice enough to quote some of the text from the book describing the yarn and its' best uses. She also drew a schematic to show us how it's done! So pick up your sample for a free spinning lesson. Jinks did a great job creating this beautiful, soft merino yarn sample.

There are spots open on the sign-up sheet for making samples for the 2023-2024 Guild season. It will be sitting out by the sample box at the May meeting. If you are looking for an easy way to volunteer for the Guild, this is it! If you are not at a meeting and still want to sign up, feel free to contact me directly.

- ◆ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



Handweaving.net

There is a fantastic resource on-line for weavers. It is Handweaving.net. The site includes thousands of historical documents that no longer have active copyright including magazines, newsletters, monographs, and hundreds of entire old books. There are also tools like a draft editor, color editor, amalgamation draft editor, and profile drafting with a block substitution tool. Have I overwhelmed you yet! There are also almost 80,000 .wif drafts. Those are weaving drafts that are in computer format. If you don't have a weaving program (yet), remember one of the tools on the site is a draft editor, or simple weaving software.

Many features are available free, but the full threading, treadling and tie-up information for the 80,000 drafts requires an annual subscription of \$29.99. WELL worth it! Make sure you get a nice cup of tea/coffee before diving down this wonderful rabbit hole.

- ◆ Submitted by Mary Berent



President's Corner

As the year winds down let's consider all we have accomplished this year, as a Guild and personally. We have more members than we ever have in the past. We had the largest attendance at a single regular meeting, as a result of some creative planning for mini workshops on the part of our Vice Presidents. We have had two unique workshops. Our nine Study Study Groups are rocking the topics and camaraderie. There are wonderful fiber arts being created by so many of our members. Many of these artful items will represent us at the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds Conference in Bend this June. May we continue to grow and be true to our purpose of fostering the arts.

How are you meeting your creativity goals?

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, President



Study Groups:

Spinning Study Group

We'll be meeting at the Rubaiyat book store once again on May 3, 2023, from 11-2. We look forward to seeing everyone who comes to spin and hang out. Come share what you've learned about spinning!

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

COE Study Group

COE Study Group Saturday, May 6, 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 Beginning Weaving Study Group will meet on Thursday May 11th at 6pm at the home of Cindy Griewe in Kuna. We will focus on the weaving structure Twill. Be looking into the many uses and variations on this weave structure. Bring examples and ideas. We will have time for questions, troubleshooting, and show-and-tell.

(Rebecca, you are free to include my contact info and address as well, if you'd like. 1907 W. Yukon Dr, Kuna 208-761-7679)

- ❖ Cindy Griewe, Study Group Chair

Lace Study Group

The Lace Study group will meet on May 9th, from 10am to 12pm, at Sue Cathey's. The topic in May will be Tatting. So dust off your grandmother's tatting shuttle and join us. We will be brushing up on our rusty tatting skills or learning all over again.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

- Meeting location: Cindy Schafer's Home
- Date: May 18 at 7 PM

Bring your tapestry from the workshop - finished or in progress. Or bring what you are working on.

- ❖ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Please join us to be inspired by the many talented projects, people; and to ask questions about your own projects. It is an open and sharing forum. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:30am. We will be meeting on May 16th at Anne Oglevie's at 10:30am.

The June meeting will be at Rebecca's home, mark your calendars - June 20.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The garment study group will meet at the home of Julie Gerrard on Tuesday, May 30th, at 10:30 AM. 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=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2023

Board Meeting

Members Present: President - Rebecca Winter, Vice President - Christine Brady, Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers, Cheryl Wertenberger, Vila Cox.

The membership will vote today on the Budget and on the slate of officers for next year. Both were published in the April Newsletter.

There was discussion about the upcoming Tapestry Workshop. One member has cancelled and the board decided to offer a refund to this person, as there are enough other participants to cover costs.

The State Corporation information has been filed by Sally Johnston, Secretary.

Follow-up about the P.O.Box - Barbara Redmond is checking the box and we are receiving mail.

Cheryl Wertenberger brought information about the Wool Growers Association Conference being held in November. There was a discussion about the guild becoming involved in some way at the conference. It was recommended the Outreach Committee become involved in this process.

A question about the use of additional church space and/or equipment (the use of the Fireside Room and the PA System) for the fashion show was held within the Board's group. In discussion group. Will there be additional rent applied for this additional use? A motion was made and approved to pay for any additional expense incurred. Vila, as church contact person, will inquire. We have venue contact people in place to coordinate meeting place use. This helps to make things easier for venue staff members, and makes us better stewards in relation to how we utilize our venues. A church staff member came to turn on the PA system to be used for the Fashion Show. He was given \$20.00 for his efforts. Also, Margo Vaughn was given a \$50.00 honorarium for narrating the show. No additional expense was required by the church and these final expenses are within our previously approved program budget.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Winter, for Sally Johnston, Secretary

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Hanna Meinikheim, Mitzi Meyers, Kelly Sandusky, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Nancy Alzola, Cynthia Newman, Mary Berent, Katzy Luhring, Sue Saxon, Sheila Miller, Cindy Griewe, Doug Ranck, Connie Griffin, Stacy Goble, Nicole Phillips, Jenni Jimmerson, Vila Cox, Anne Oglevie, Pat Dayton, Sherry Bittner, Peggy Jones, Dagmar Rapp, Raelene Viste, Cindy Schafer, Esther Kleinkauf, Janet Stanger, Jean Zaske, Brenda Hatch, Michele Belson, Jenne Schifffhauer, Barbara Redmond, Bethany Coleman, Marita Turner, Julie Gerrard, Chris Brady, Greta Ankeny, Ellen Pineda, Marissa Pineda, Rebecca Winter. Zoom Attendees: Joan Sheehan, Linda Morton-Kiethley, Cheri Byrnes, Marlene Bean.

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Rebecca Winter.

Member introductions were made and new members/visitors were welcomed.

Budget: The budget for the new guild year (July 2023 through June 2024) was presented for approval. Anne Oglevie motioned to accept the budget as presented in the April 2023 newsletter. Vila Cox seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The budget was based on 90 members and increases were made in budget categories for ANWG dues, liability insurance, outreach, PO box, equipment, books. The membership voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Election of New Officers: The slate of officers for the next guild year was presented for membership vote.

President: Rebecca Winter, Vice President: Julie Gerrard, Vice President: Cheryl Wurtenberger

Secretary: Dyan Lay, Treasurer: Mitzi Meyers, Membership Officer: Cindy Griewe

Paper ballots were distributed to all members present. The vote was "yes" or "no" for the entire slate of officers. Ballots were collected by Mary Berent and counted. Results: Slate of officers elected unanimously with 37 "yes" votes. A big thank you was given to the Nominating Committee: Mary Berent, Kelly Sandusky and Cindy Griewe.

Rebecca Winter will be starting her third term as president and she asked that someone else volunteer for next year. She encouraged members to think about volunteering to be an officer or committee chairperson. Rebecca also thanked the outgoing officers for all of their hard work and efforts. New officers will take over at the end of the June 2023 guild meeting.

Sample Box: Kelly Sandusky sent a sign-up sheet around for next year's samples. When you sign up to provide samples, the month you sign up for is the month you turn in your samples. Those samples

will then be available at the following month's guild meeting (Example: if you sign up for October, your samples are due at the October meeting. The samples will be available in the sample box at the November meeting.)

Spinning Study Group: Peggy Jones announced that social spinning is held the first Wednesday of every month at The Rubaiyat book store in Caldwell from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They would love to have more people join them and will help new spinners learn to spin.

Show and Tell: A variety of wonderful items were shared including origami, spun skeins, woven rugs, woven shawl using ANWG conference colors, handwoven towels sewn into a shirt, woven mug rugs/ cocktail carpets, machine knitted cotton towel, small tapestry, a shadow weave sample for the ANWG booth, Christmas overshot runners, inkle weaving, and woven diversified plain weave.

Vice Presidents' Report (Barbara Redmond and Chris Brady): There is a sudden opening in the upcoming tapestry workshop. Cost is \$145. Workshop will be held April 29-30, 2023 at the Bowmont Center.

The May 2023 program will be the guild's fiber and equipment sale. Ten percent of sales goes to the guild. If you have handmade items, those can be sold too. It's a great time to clean out your studio of items you no longer want or need and for newer weavers and spinners to do some shopping!

The June 2023 guild meeting will be a potluck at Anne Oglevie's house near Weiser. Find friends to carpool with. The program will be UFO's - just bring something to work on.

Membership Report (Connie Griffin): Dues are due by the June 2023 meeting. Please fill out a membership form and hand it in along with your dues (\$30). The membership form can be found on the guild website. If you pay in April the dues are good through the next guild year. Payment must be received by the September guild meeting to get your name into the directory. Volunteers are also needed to provide woven samples for the cover of the guild directory.

Treasurer's Report (Mitzi Meyers): We have money.

Outreach (Janet Stanger): There's not much going on right now, but if you hear of any activities, let Janet know. There is a wool growers conference in November and some libraries have display cases the guild may be able to display items in, as has been done in the past.

Study Groups: The guild does not meet in the summer (July and August), but most study groups do meet. The study group chairs will send out notices via email for meeting dates and locations.

ANWG Guild Booth: Please bring your completed items for the ANWG Guild Booth to the May meeting. Items made need to use some of the ANWG colors and can use black and white.

Program: Guild Fashion Show emceed by radio personality Margo Vaughn. Fourteen models modeled 28 handmade fiber fashions in a delightful and fun runway show! Many thanks to Barbara Redmond and Chris Brady for organizing and to Margo Vaughn as the sparkling and entertaining presenter.

◆ Respectfully submitted, Jean Zaske, for 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

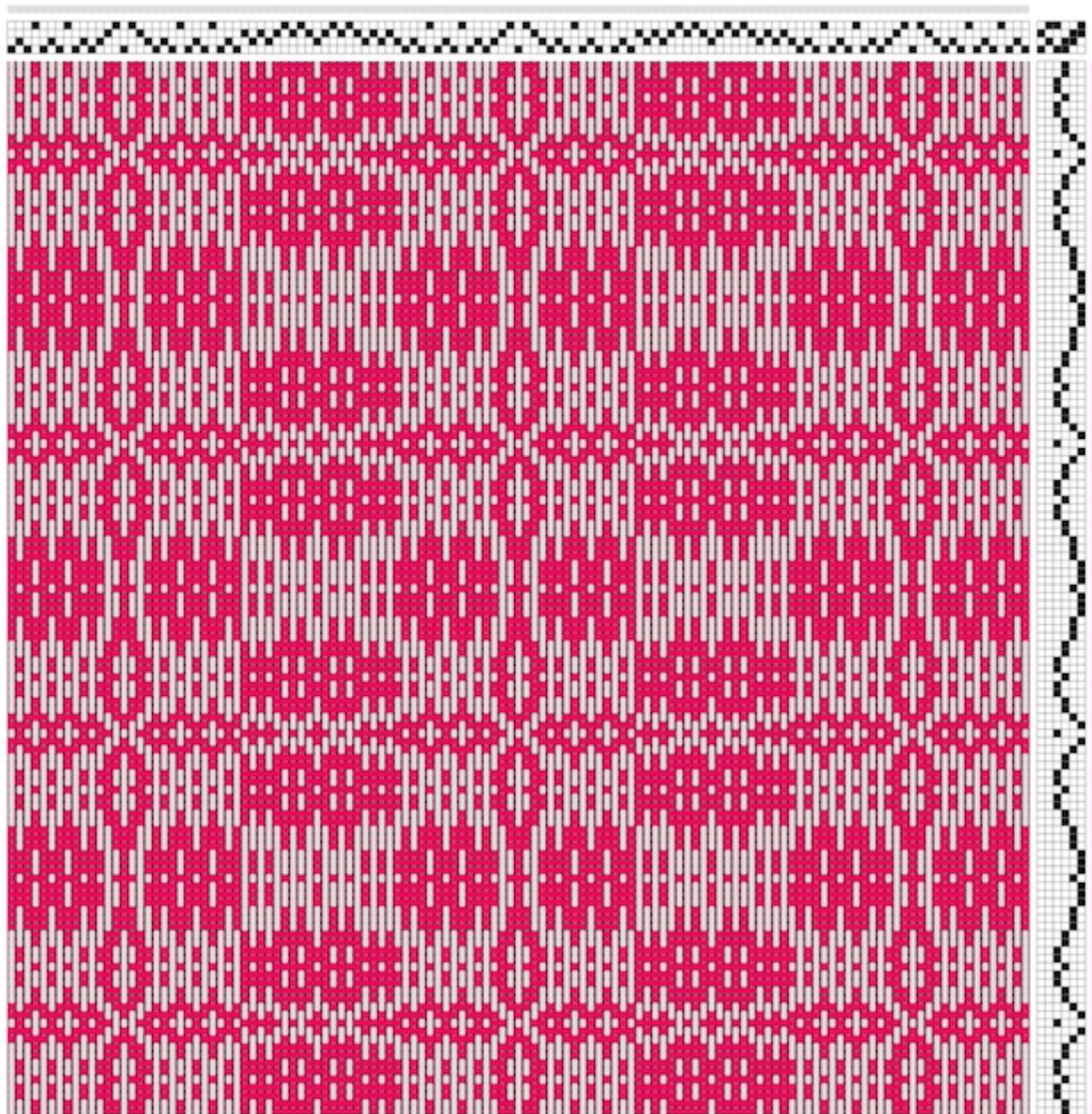
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Overshot Draft ~ "Ancient Rose Design" from Marguerite Davison's Green Book



Reference: Davison, Marguerite Porter. A Handweaver's Pattern Book. 1944, Twenty-second Printing - 1983, John Spencer, Inc., Chester, PA., page 140.

