

Connecting

Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

November, 2010

Calendar of Events

November 6, 2010 - Board Meeting

Moxie Java, 1122 S. Vista, Boise

9:30 to 11:00 am ☞ All are welcome!

November 6, 2010 - Guild Meeting - At the Adelman House at the Historical Museum

11:30 am - Business Meeting

12 noon - Social time

1:00 p.m. Program -**Edge Finishes**, by Ivy DeHart and Rebecca Winter

November 11, 2010 - Spinning Study Group

Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse

6:30 - 8:30pm

November 15, 2010 - Day Weaving Study Group

Home of Rebecca Winter, 4380 N. Longabaugh,

1:00 pm Meridian

January 15, 16, 17, 2011 - Weaving Intensive - Double Weave

March 12, 13, 14, 2011 - Weaving Workshop

Extreme Warp Makeover, by Robyn Spady

November Program: Edge Finishing

The vice presidents are proud to announce we will have demonstrations of edge finishes for the November meeting. Ivy Dehart will show us 1 or 2 rug techniques and Rebecca Winter will present plied fringes and hemstitching. The guild is a plethora of information to be shared, and I am grateful to be a part of this group!

♦Mitzi Meyers



2010 Challenge Show A Great Success

I would like to once again say "Thank You!!" to all the volunteers and participants of the Challenge and Museum Comes to Life. We had a good showing of Challenge entries and plenty of volunteers to make the day go smoothly. This is an important event for the Guild and it was wonderful to have so many participating in its success this year.



Here are the winners of the Challenge categories:

- 🏆 Flat Handwoven - 13 entries
- 🥇 1st #10 - Rebecca Winter - Green Shawl
- 🥈 2nd #9 - Vila Cox - Overshot Throw
- 🥉 3rd #11 - Melanie Smith - Green Scarf

- 🏆 Handspun - 8 entries
 - 🥉 1st #2 - Mary Berent - Purple & Mauve Skein
 - 🥈 2nd #3 - Mitzi Meyers - Purple & Pink Skein
 - 🥇 3rd #6 - Lynn Ruggles - Green, Blue, Purple Skein
- 🏆 Made from Handspun - 3 entries
 - 🥉 1st #3 - Lynn Ruggles - Doll
 - 🥈 2nd #1 - Melanie Smith - Purple Hat
 - 🥇 3rd #2 - Lynn Ruggles - Tea Cozy
- 🏆 Fiber Art - 5 entries
 - 🥉 1st #4 - Rebecca Winter - Journal Bag
 - 🥈 2nd #1 - Carol Freeman - Jacket
 - 🥇 3rd #5 - Melanie Smith - Brown Pillow

I'm looking forward to next year's Challenge.

❖ Vila

Handspun Entries



Challenge Photos by Rick Gerrard

UFO Program



UFO = Un Finished Objects: those craft/art things you started sometime ago that live in the back of the closet or drawer that you are too guilty to throw out, but for some reason or another you have not taken

the time or energy to finish. My hope in this is to help fellow fiber addicts clean out some of that stuff in one way or another. You might get inspired by showing it to the group, getting some wonderful advice from one of us, or decide it really is too bad or ugly to EVER finish, and toss it out of your life, making room for things/projects you want to put your energy into. I am sorry to report a "dog" on the loom does not apply, or fabric waiting to become something. The UFO does not have to be handwoven or handspun, it can be any craft type project you have hanging around. This is a yearlong program so you have until June 2011 to earn a prize.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be brought in to any regular monthly guild meeting in its unfinished/ugly state for all to see along with a 1 short sentence description. (I am concerned this could make our meetings too long so please do keep it short.)
2. Bring it back to any regular monthly guild meeting in all its glory finished for the group to be inspired by (we hope) and to receive a prize for your hard work.

UFO Program Update: I am sooooo very excited that some of you have been digging into the closet and bringing out some of those old projects. The UFO program is off to a great start with 13 items at the October meeting. Thanks for your enthusiasm! ❖ Mitzi

Holiday Party Note or Greeting Card Exchange



This year for our December Holiday Party in addition to a pot-luck lunch we are going to have a Note or Greeting Card Exchange for all who wish to participate. So far, I have 11 people signed up. We will make a set of cards for the number of participants involved. Each person in the exchange will get a card from each of the other participants. We need everyone who wants to do this to sign up as soon as you possibly can commit - but you must sign up by our November meeting. These non-denominational cards will be handmade; fiber related with preferably handspun, hand knit or hand woven inserts. Also, please include envelopes for your cards.

To sign up please email Mitzi at warpedweaver@hotmail.com or call 208-584-3116.

Here is a link for some ideas thanks to Rebecca. Pdf found at:

<http://www.weavingindiana.org/PDFs/EleanorBest/>

Guild Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2010

At the home of Vice President Kathy McGowan

Meeting was called to order by Cynthia Newman, president.

• Attendance: Kathy McGowan, Carol Freeman, Cindy Schafer, Al Hayden, Janet Stanger, Pat Ann, Irene Chandler, Mitzi Myers, Vila Cox, Cynthia Newman, Mary Berent, Rebecca Winter, Marilyn Larson, Marita Turner, Penny Schrafnagel, Chris Baron, Ushi Shamba, Julie Gerrard, Melanie Smith, Rena Lute, Melissa Yarno.

President Cynthia Newman introduced the people in charge of the study groups. No reports given by these groups to make more time for todays demonstration. If you have questions or would like more information, you can get in contact with these people for help. Certificate of Excellence study group is Mary Berent, Day Weaving study group is Rebecca Winter and the Spinning Study Group is Lynn Ruggles.

• Vice President Report: The Robyn Spady work Shop is March 12- 14th, 2011. The cost is \$150.00. Get your sign up sheets to Kathy McGowan. Kathy requested a volunteer to host Robyn in their home during the workshop. Kathy volunteered if no one else would. Kathy is also open to suggestions for the 2012 workshop. Kathy suggests Mary Berent or Rebecca Winter from our own guild. Mary could do a workshop on Supplemental Warp and Rebecca could do something on Shadow Weave or Color-and-Weave Stars.

Mizti Myers reported that there were 11 signed up for the card exchange for the Holiday Party and she passed around examples. Mizti also passed around HGA coupons for borrowing their materials. Rebecca Winter claimed the coupons. Mitzi also had available the UFO forms. Several Unfinished Objects were shown. Projects ranged from a folding chair that needs rewoven, a quilting project, some wool rovings that need to be spun and made into something and a braided rug or 2 that need to be finished.

The November program will be on edge finishings.

• Treasures Report: Irene Candler reported that we have \$3,840.44 in our checking account as of Aug 31, 2010 and \$4,504.44 in our savings account as of 9,24,2010. Our CD. Account balance is \$11,266.40. A deposit of \$285.00 was made on

9/10/2010. There were no expenditures submitted.

Irene submitted the annual budget of 2010-2011. Projected income is \$4,902.00 and projected expenses are \$4,620.00

• Membership: Penny reports that there are 40 paid members. 12 have not renewed from last year. She plans on calling or e-mailing those 12 to make sure they know it is time to pay their dues. Membership fees are \$25.00 and the members name goes into the membership directory.

Rebecca is our ANWG representative. She reports that they are still looking for money for prizes and our guild to put up a booth in their upcoming conference. Has anyone have suggestions of what we can put in the goodie bag? Rebecca also took a moment to explain the sample exchange and sign up that is available to our guild members and if you have things to put in the guild news letter she needs to have the information at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

• Vila Cox: Announces the award winners from our September challenge and issues their award.

Handwoven Category:

1st #10 Rebecca Winter - green shawl

2nd #9 Vila Cox - overshot throw

3rd Melanie Smith - green scarf

Handspun:

1st #2 Mary Berent - purple and mauve skein

2nd #3 Mitzi Myers - purple and pink skein

3rd #2 Lynn Ruggles - green, blue, purple skein.

Made from Hand spun:

1st #3 Lynn Ruggles - doll

2nd #1 Melanie Smith - purple hat

3rd #5 Lynn Ruggles - tea cozy

Fiber Art:

1st #4 Rebecca Winter - journal bag

2nd #1 Carol Freeman - jacket

3rd #5 Melanie Smith - brown pillow

Vila also thanked all the volunteers that helped. Now get ready for the Double Weave intensive workshop in January. Vila announced that she is now the local representative for Harrisville. She can get your thread for \$12.50 a cone. Includes shipping. Mary Berent sells Henry's Attic. She is getting ready to send in an order.

Al Hayden has had a Teacher contact him to have someone come to her 1st-2nd grade class to put on a little demonstration on spinning.

Meeting adjourned for todays program on warping the loom.

• Respectfully Submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



Ramblings of the President

Hello weavers and spinners,

I want to thank Al and Mary for the great warping demonstrations in October; I have a better understanding of how to approach my warping in different situations. I also appreciate the ease in which they presented the information, without any of the "ughs" and "arghs" that sometimes accompany warping. We have some great teachers and resources in the guild.

We will be back at the Adelman House this month and therefore have access to our amazing library. I would like to encourage all of the new members to see what is new in the library. If you are looking for something in particular, talk to our librarian Katrina Duckett, or one of the "older" members that can help to familiarize you with our extensive library.

I am looking forward to our program this month on edge finishing; I hope that you will be able to join us. I am also looking forward to seeing if any of the UFO's are now finished, great suspense.

❖ Cynthia Newman, President

Monthly Sample Exchange

This month's sample is from Mitzi Meyer. It is 100% rayon chenille in both warp and weft, in plain weave. What a colorful addition to our sample box!



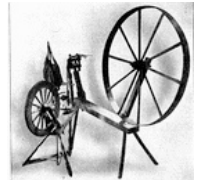
Remember to pull your samples from the Sample Exchange Box at each regular Guild meeting. And remember to check your name off the list in each file folder. If you would like participate or have questions, contact the Sample Chair, Rebecca Winter.



Study Group News

♥ Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will meet on **November 11, 2010**, from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Maralyn Larson's clubhouse in Meridian. The study subject this month is "Mixed Fibers: Cross Breeding Alpacas and Angoras," by Joan Sheehan. On December 9 we meet at Maralyn's house and the topic is "The Benefits of Blending Dark Chocolate and Merino". Hope to see you all there! For directions, contact either Maralyn (888-2650) or Lynn (375-9172).



♥ Day Weaving Study Group

We will meet on **November 15** at Home of Rebecca Winter, 4380 N. Longabaugh, 1pm Meridian. Call Rebecca at 859-2822, for more information.



♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group will meet on Saturday, **December 4**, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. We will meet at the Moxie Java on the corner of Vista and Kootenai in Boise. All are welcome to participate. Call Mary Berent for more info at 939-8906.

Guild Officers and Chairs

President: Cynthia Newman (541) 523-2451

Vice-presidents: Mitzi Meyers 340-9775

Kathy McGowan 939-7215

Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746

Treasurer: Irene Chandler 467-4997

Membership Officer: Penny Schraufnagel 342-1288

Librarian: Katrina Duckett 697-7040

Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Weaving Intensive Study Group: Vila 323-7736

Spinning Study Group: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Rebecca Winter 859-2822

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

Past President - Al Hayden - 343-7300

Website

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

More Challenge Photos

Flat Handwoven Challenge Entries



Made From Handspun

Fiber Art



Challenge Photos by Rick Gerrard



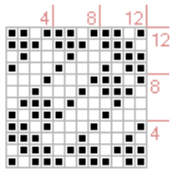
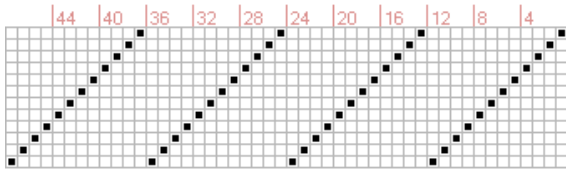
Draft Inspirations

On the following page find another draft from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about each draft, as well as download a .wif file.

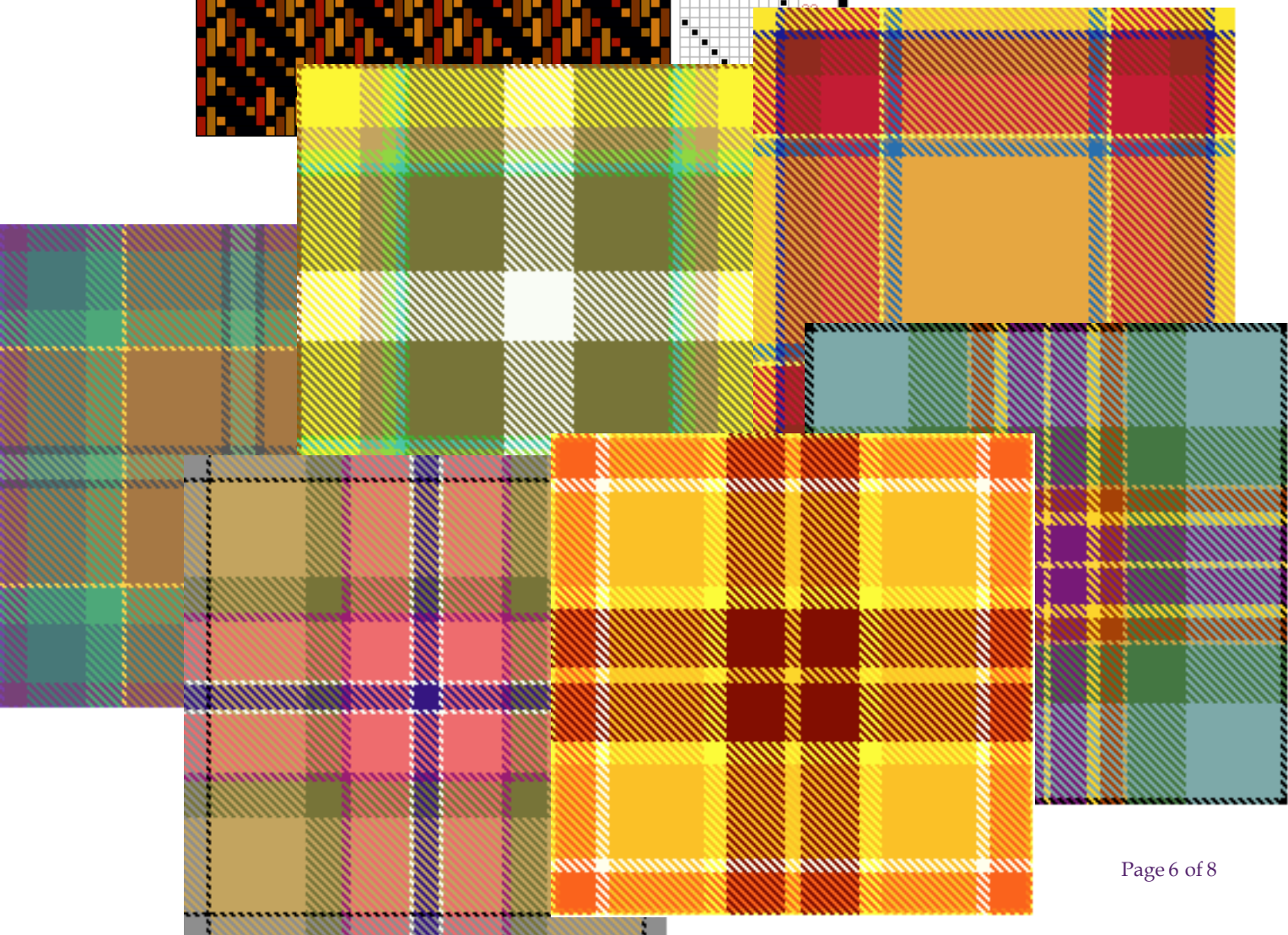
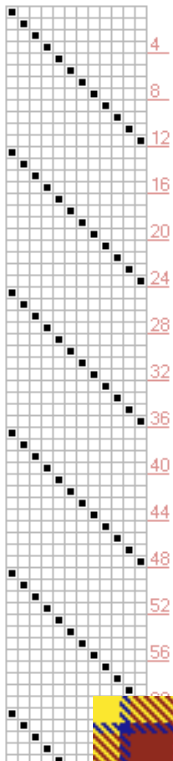
Doesn't this first one look like Fall!!

Then I went looking for some more Fall colors. I found the Griswold Tartan collection, made up of 452 drafts. If you are a color person and want to get assaulted by an incredible array of colors (we love to do this, trust me), go to the website and find the search-for-drafts page. Type into the key word box "griswold tartans," and you will find this fabulous collection. A few samples are included below.

❖ Your Editor



Draft #8774



Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley 2011 Weaving Workshop: Extreme Warp Makeover

Taught by Robyn Spady

March 12-14th at the Caldwell Public Library

Cost: \$150



Class Description: Hate to warp, but love to weave? Want more versatility from a single warp? Then this is a workshop for you! In this workshop, participants will warp their loom with their choice of one of three four-shaft threadings and perform an extreme makeover and weave it many different ways..... from twill, lace, and overshot to swivel, corduroy, deflected weft and double-faced. At the same time, participants are presented with the basics of different structures and how to adapt a single threading to weave a number of different weaves, including concepts such as star vs. rose fashion, weaving on opposites, and echo treading.

Don't miss it!

Signup:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____



Return your form to Kathy McGowan, 3496 Holl Drive, Eagle, ID 83616

Note: There is no refund after Feb 1, 2011 if you are unable to attend for any reason. You may find someone to take your place.

What loom are you bringing to the workshop?

Table Loom _____ or Floor Loom _____

How many harnesses? _____

The monthly newsletter from the



handweavers guild of boise valley, inc.

November Newsletter Highlights:

- ✿ November Program: Edge Finishing
- ✿ Robyn Spady Workshop - Coming in March "Extreme Warp Makeover"
- ✿ Year Long Program: UFO's
- ✿ Holiday Party - Note or Greeting Card Exchange

