

Connecting Threads

handweavers guild of boise valley
November, 2018

November Program:

Fractals and Undulating Twills, by Vila Cox

You may have heard of fractals and love the fantastic designs, but how do they relate to weaving? Undulating twills should be a bit more familiar. In preparation for the Weaving Intensive coming up January 19, 20, 21, 2019, Vila will talk about Fractals and Undulating Twills. Hopefully you will come away with a better idea of the kind of patterning you can create with this interesting system.

Calendar of Events

November 3, 2018 - Board Meeting

10:00 a.m.

At the Church, prior to the Regular Meeting

November 3, 2018 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 pm.- Program: **Fractals and Undulating Twills**, by Vila Cox

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

Study Groups:

November 6, 2018 - Bobbin Lace Group

10:00 a.m.

November 8, 2018 - Spinning Study Group

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Melanie Smith's Home

November 20, 2018 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 p.m.

Julie Gerrard's Home

November 29, 2018 - Rug Punch and Punch Needle Meeting - The 5th Thursday

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

Jinks Hunter's Boise home

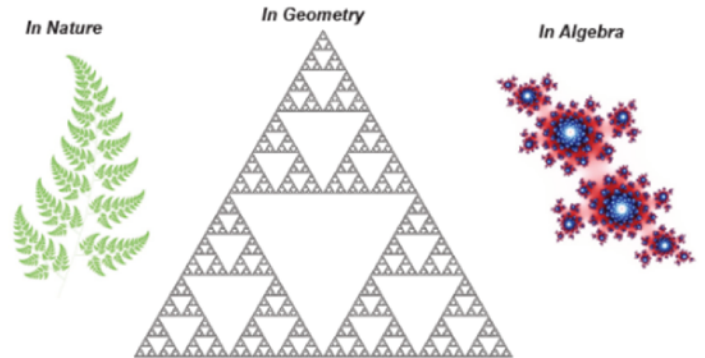
January 19, 20 & 21, 2019 - Weaving Intensive

Topic: Fractals and Undulating Twills

Workshop:

April 27 & 28, 2019 - Judie Overbeek Spining Workshop

WHERE DO WE FIND FRACTALS ?



Update - Judie Overbeek Spinning Workshop - April 27 & 28, 2019

Thank you to all who have signed up, making a total of 13 at this time. We can take two more, so let your friends know about this great opportunity for a Judie Overbeek spinning workshop in our area. We have 7 participants holding their space with a check. Please bring your check to the next guild meeting or mail to me made out to HWGBV, to 16325 Charleston Drive, Caldwell, ID 83607.

The cost of the workshop is \$130.00, and non-members will pay an additional \$25.00 to become members the Guild.

Those signed up at this time will receive by email a PDF of the proposed workshop subjects to chose from very soon. We will have you indicate which sessions are most interesting to you, and will choose the most popular. Any questions or comments, please call or email Jenni Jimmerson.

♦ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President

From Your President

My thoughts about our guild have bounced all around recently. My thoughts always return to all of the information I have learned in a wide variety of fiber arts. I have sat through dyeing, spinning, beading, book making and weaving programs just to name a few. I had no background in these areas

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until I joined this guild. I appreciate the wide variety of information I have heard and want to express my appreciation to all of the members who contribute their time to our guild.

The concerns voiced within our Guild these past couple of weeks caused me to wonder if I understood the focus of the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. I decided the place for me to check my understanding was to look at the Guild history and our By-Laws. So here we go, this is what I came up with.

The following is written on our website under Guidelines-Historical Background:

“The Handweaver’s Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. was formed in 1972 by a group of weavers and spinners in the Boise, Idaho area. Margaret Martin, who moved here from the Portland, Oregon area, was the driving force behind the formation of the guild. She had been very active in the Portland guild. The group incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1978.”

Also on our website is found our Guild By-Laws. In Article 1. - Name and Purposes:

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Handweaver’s Guild of Boise Valley.

Section 2: The purposes of the Handweaver’s Guild of Boise Valley are to carry on, study and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning and fiber arts.

Another pertinent section is Article 3-Officers:

Section 2. - B says: Duties of the Vice Presidents

1. Plan programs and workshops
2. Act as aides to the President and perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

Our vice-presidents have the biggest responsibility each year to provide for the Guild members.

After reading through the history and By-Laws of our Guild these are the ideas I came away with:

1. Our Guild includes the broad fiber arts area without any definition of what this includes.
2. The intent of our founders, because their main interests were weaving and spinning, was to focus in these two areas.
3. The name of our Guild would indicate the weaving area was of high priority of our founders.

One last very important quote from the historical section of our website: “Our members are a diverse population. They weave, spin, dye, knit, crochet, sew, bead, felt, make baskets and create fiber. The members are the guild’s greatest resource,

offering a wide array of expertise. The guild works to foster all members, from novice to expert. Mentoring is encouraged among guild members.”

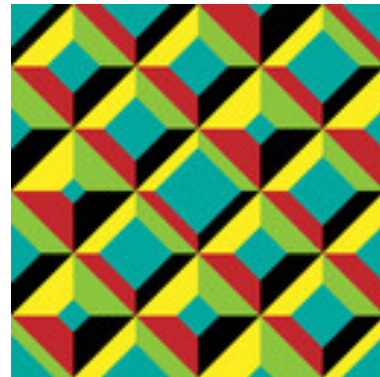
I look forward seeing you on November 3 at our next Guild meeting,

◆ Greta Ankeny, President

October Program

Kirsten Badger gave a terrific presentation on her process in the development of her Tapestry. Kirsten brought many samples and pictures of her completed work which displayed her progression to excellence. Thank you from all of us, Kirsten, it was a truly inspiring program.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President



Certificate of Excellence Study Group

The COE Study Group will be taking a bit of a hiatus now that those working toward this goal have completed their studies. In the future if anyone would like to work on any of the COE, we will plan to meet again. Also, there were some conversations about the Stubenitsky Code Study Group meeting in the COE Group time slot, but that has not been decided at this point. Look for those details in the future. If you have questions call Mary Berent 208-901-5640.

◆ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

New Study Group is Under Way: The Stubenitsky Code

Study of the book *Weaving Stubenitsky Code*, by Marian Stubenitsky, is well under way. Our approach right now is each person will create their own study plan by reading the book and weaving their own projects from it.

A new and separate [groups.io](https://downtherabbitHole.groups.io/g/main) has been formed. The group is called DownOurRabbitHole, and can be found at <https://downtherabbitHole.groups.io/g/main> If you would like to be included in the Code Study Group go there and request to join.

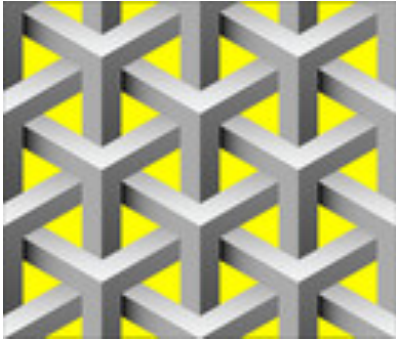
◆ Rebecca Winter, Study Group Chair

Spinning Social Study Group

The spinning study group will once again meet at Melanie Smith's home for pot luck and spinning on November 8th and everyone is welcome. So plan to bring your wheel, spindle or other fiber project and a food item to share. The fun starts around 5. If you need directions just email Melanie at:

yarnsnthreads@gmail.com

- ◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair



Library Updates

Just a friendly reminder that we will not be meeting at the church for the month of December so if there is anything you might want to check out please do so at the November meeting. All materials that are checked out at the November meeting will be due at the January meeting.

- ◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

Sample Exchange News

Our sample this month is dimity weave. The pattern was found in the John Hargrove book *The Weavers Draft Book and Clothiers Assistant*. This fabric could be used for towels as well as clothing. There are many variations of dimity weave, which all produce vertical stripes. Our weaver this month is Greta Ankeny.

- ◆ Jinks Hunter, Sample Chair



Fractals Link

Here is a link to some amazing Fractal Art. Get into the mood for our program this month. Check it out at: <https://blog.spoongraphics.co.uk/articles/30-mind-blowing-pieces-algorithmic-fractal-art>

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

Advertisement

For Sale:

- ◆ 6 foot Adjustable Triangle Loom with easel, \$395. Comes with \$50 worth of yarn. Let Mitzi Meyers know if you are interested - phone 208-340-9775.

Officers and Chairs

- President: Greta Ankeny 208-318-6028
- Vice-presidents: Mary Berent 208-901-5640 & Jenni Jimmerson 360-220-0350
- Secretary: Lily Martina Lee 208-922-8612
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- Equipment: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
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- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter 208-859-2822
- Sample Exchange: Jinks Hunter 208-867-2953
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger 208-377-0746
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 208-385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Vila Cox 208-323-7736
- 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>

Groups-io Link

<https://boiseguild.groups.io/g/main>

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.

Minutes Section

Board Meeting - September 26, 2018

Attending: Greta Ankeny, Jenni Jimmerson, Mary Berent, Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter. Secretary Lily Lee was absent, Mary Berent taking minutes.

From Agenda:

1. Policies were discussed to see if any need updating. Rebecca said we need a new description for a few of the committees. Those who volunteered to draft updates will submit them to Rebecca by October 10 and the changes can be presented to the membership at the November meeting.
 2. Website: Vila reported that Groups.io is working fine. Discussion of forms giving permission to post photos of people and their work.
 3. Library Funding: Greta reported that it was suggested by Melanie Smith, Librarian that we might have a separate sale to sell books and magazines that have been donated and are duplicates and therefore not needed in the library. She suggested putting the money from this sale into the Library Fund. Discussion touched on where money collected for equipment rental goes. It was MOVED by Rebecca and seconded by Jenni that the money collected for equipment rental and income from library sales go into the general fund. Also included in the motion was to ask Melanie for more information on the interesting projects and ideas for sales she has. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. The board discussed suggestions for improving guild meetings as per letter received:
 - a. Introductions take too much time. Board discussed and decided to shorten this to just name and offices/jobs within the guild. We will also try the use of name-tags at meetings.
 - b. Meetings should stick to the agenda. This was discussed and while it is difficult to do, Greta will try to limit side discussions during the meeting.
 - c. Committee reports are too long. Board decided to put more of these reports in the newsletter so meeting reports could be eliminated or shortened.
 - d. Chairs to stand when reporting: as in C above, reports will be in the newsletter, but when there are reports/ announcements the chair will stand.
 - e. Too many conversations during the meeting: this cannot really be controlled.
 - f. Greta will write a response addressing these comments.
 5. Officers, study group chairs, committee chairs will put more information and reports in the newsletter and have no report, or shorter reports at the meetings.
 6. Party for COE recipients: discussed and found to be a great idea. Congratulations to Rebecca and Cynthia for their achievement. A budget of \$400 for the party was set. Party committee: Mary Berent, Jennie Jimmerson and we will ask Anne Oglevie.
 7. Community Outreach Committee: a committee will be appointed and will meet with the Board. The Board will give the committee direction and get reports from them directly.
 - a. Suggested committee members: Lily Lee, Cheryl Wurtenburger, Barbara Redman, Julie Gerrard, Anne Oglevie. These people have volunteered or will be asked to serve on the committee. Julie will be asked to chair the committee.
 8. Other business:
 - a. What to do with the \$500 profit from recent Rosalie Neilson workshop. Discussion. A MOTION was made by Rebecca and seconded by Vila that we purchase Rosalie's book 'Exaltation of Blocks' with these profits, not the library budget and the workshop recipients be refunded \$25 per person. Any remainder going to the general fund. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Discussion on proposed workshop with Judie Overbeek in April of 2019. Jenni presented a flyer with information.
 - c. There could be tweaking to workshop cost estimating page in our 'Policies' on-line.
 - d. A letter with information was received from St Al's about an upcoming juried art show. This is the very thing the Community Outreach committee will be addressing.
 - e. Discussion of wearing name-tags at meetings. While none of us really love the idea, we will try it. There will be no consequences for not wearing a name-tag.
 - f. The COE party was again discussed
 9. Meeting adjourned.
- ◆ Respectfully submitted, by Mary Berent, substituting for Lily Lee, Secretary

Member's Meeting - October 6, 2018

Present: Kathy McGowan, Patricia Ann, Vila Cox, Greta Ankeny, Peggy Jones, Susan McNall, Cindy Pollock, Esther Kleinkauf, Cindy Schafer, Irene Chandler, Mitzi Meyers, Joan Sheehan, Doug Ranck, Joan Ranck, Lynn Ruggles, Raelene Viste, Sally Johnston, Penny Schraufnagel, Jinks Hunter, Pat Day Hartwell, Janet Stanger, Sally Maag, Karen Loughmuller, Nancy Alzola, Kirsten Badger, Julie Gerrard, Dagmar Rapp, Jenni Jimmerson, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Marita Turner, Barbara Redmond, Angela Gronewold, Lily Lee, Tera Jones, Connie Griffin

Greta Ankeny, President -Introductions

Happy National Weaving and Spinning Week. Today we will try to expedite the meeting to facilitate our goals of community development by providing time between the meeting and program to converse with one another. There is a sign up sheet on the table with the sample box exchange to join the Community Outreach Committee.

Mary Berent and Jenni Jimmerson, Co-Vice Presidents

The REP weaving workshop with Rosalie Nielsen last month had 14 members sign up. The expenses were less than anticipated, leading the workshop to generate revenue. With these funds the guild will purchase Rosalie Nelson's book and refund the remaining revenue to the workshop participants.

Judie Overbeek of Kalispell, Montana is scheduled to do a spinning workshop April 27-28. The workshop will need to have a minimum of 11 participants to cover the cost. The capacity for the workshop is 15. Currently 8-9 members have signed up.

Rebecca Winter, New Study Group

There is a new study group studying the Stubenitsky Code (no sample exchange). This code was developed by Marian Stubenitsky, a weaving teacher from the Netherlands. This study group has its own groups.io email list.

Greta Ankeny, President -Show & Tell

Twenty members had shows and two had tells.

Highlights: Many members shared their projects from the REP Weave workshop including Doug Ranck. During the workshop Rosalie Nelson would refer to the participants as a group by saying "ladies and Doug!" His REP weave project was woven as a four-harness pattern but using eight harnesses. Lynn Ruggles finished a tapestry weave bag woven on a box in a fringeless technique from a Sara Sweat workshop, and started 20 years ago. All of the yarn used was handspun from various workshops. Esther Kleinkauf also had an impressive UFO (Unfinished Object), a quilt using dye samples made at a batik workshop from 1994! Raelene Viste shared some lace made at a lace convention this year. Vila Cox shared her REP Weave projects from the workshop as well as an advancing twill chaos design she wove with 60/2 silk warp. It will be exciting to learn more from Vila about these complex patterns in the Fractals and Undulations in Weaving Program she will be doing next month.



Greta Ankeny -President

Check the guild newsletter for announcements. The guild website includes the newsletter and additional information about the guild. It is visible to the public. We also use the groups.io app as a platform for communication within the guild.

Vila Cox -Webmaster

A Permission Form was distributed for members to sign. This release form gives the guild permission to display photos including projects by members and pictures of members on the website. Images of members and their projects will only be put on the website once signed copies of the forms have been received.

Stephen Hatcher from Arts Idaho is asking for help locating Thaw Re. She is an immigrant weaver who lived in New Plymouth. She is a Karen refugee who has sold handmade bags at a gallery in Ontario. The gallery wants to pay her but cannot find her.

Rebecca Winter -Membership Officer

New membership directories were distributed. This year's directories feature a handwoven cover with a summer and winter design of the guild logo done by Mary Berent. The guild currently has a total of 61 members!

Mary Berent -Special Announcement

Cynthia Newman and Rebecca Winter have both recently earned their Level II Certificate of Excellence (COE).

This award is administered by the Handweavers Guild of America, and is extremely rigorous. Since the development of the COE program in 1972 only 59 people total have achieved this distinction. Only three of those people have achieved the honor of earning the the Level II COE twice. Rebecca Winter is one of them.

Congratulations to Rebecca and Cynthia for this truly impressive achievement!

On November 10 there will be a COE Party to celebrate Rebecca and Cynthia at Ann Oglevie's house in Weiser. An anonymous donor has contributed \$500 for this party. The guild passed a motion for an additional one-time expenditure of up to \$400 for the COE Party.

Vila Cox -Raffle

The Handweavers Guild of America offered two free bags to guilds recently, and because Irene Chandler prodded us, we obtained them from HGA. Thank you to Irene. One of the bag was raffled off at our last meeting. Today Cindy Schaefer won the second one!

Greta Ankeny -President

Study Group information is on the website and in the newsletter.

Jinks Hunter -Sample Exchange

More people need to sign up to do samples this year. We are still missing three months. This month Melanie Smith did handspun yarn for the Sample Exchange.

Janet Stanger -Events

Thank you to Mitzi Meyers for doing demonstrations at a library. This month there is the Trailing of the Sheep Festival and one at Dry Creek.

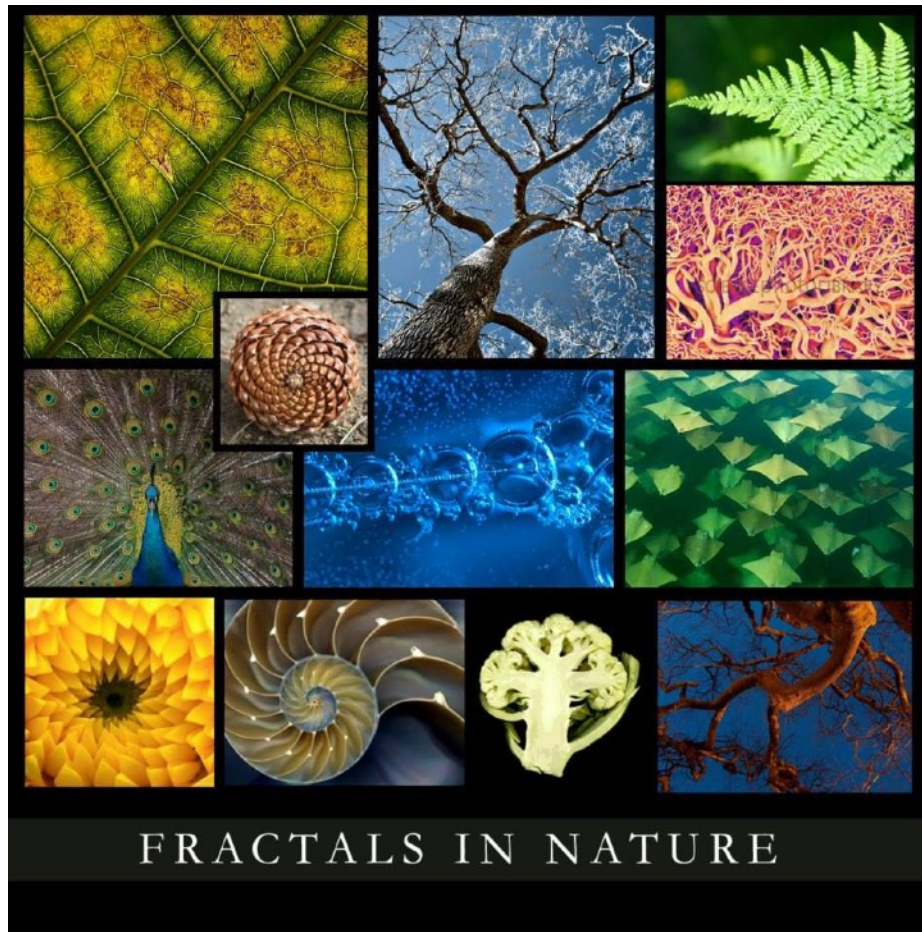
Greta Ankeny -President

A bouquet of flowers was given to Cindy Schaefer to thank her for all of her service as librarian. During that time she was responsible for moving the entire guild library twice. Thank you for all of your hard work Cindy!

Kirsten Badger -Program

Kirsten Badger gave a program called *The Evolution of a Tapestry Weaver*.

♣ Respectfully submitted, by Lily Lee, Secretary



The monthly newsletter from the



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