

Connecting Threads



Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley November, 2023



November Program: Tips and Tricks and Treats

Be ready to share your Tips and Treats with the group at the November meeting. If it helps people to understand what you're talking about, please bring items to demonstrate or show what you are sharing with the group. If you are participating, please put your name in the felted purple hat that will be at the door when you enter the room at the church. During the program, names will be drawn from the hat to determine who will speak next. Once you have shared your Tip or Trick with the group, please take a treat from the basket on the table at the front of the room.

◆ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



Calendar of Events

Board Meeting

November 4, 2023 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Prior to the Regular Meeting at the church

Regular Meeting:

November 4, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m.
Program ~ Tips & Tricks & Treats
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

Study Groups:

October 31, 2023 ~ Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Jenni Jimmerson
Meets on the 5th Tuesdays, when they occur.
Next meeting - January 30, 2024

November 1, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore,
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

November 9, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns

November 14, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. ~ At the home of Raelene Viste

November 16, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group
7:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Anne Oglevie
~ In-person and via zoom

November 21, 2023 ~ Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

December 2, 2023 ~ COE Study Group
9:30 a.m., prior to the Regular Meeting
At the Church

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom
2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom link later in this Newsletter

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

Workshops:

November 11, 2023 - Fiberworks Mini-Workshop
with Mary Berent

March 15, 16, & 17, 2024 - Workshop: A Parallel Threading in the Weaver's Playground with Robyn Spady

May 7, 8, & 9, 2024 - Mathemagical Workshop
with Jennifer Moore

2024 Weaving Intensive - Overshot

Sign-ups for the January 2024 Intensive are open. The Intensive is January 13-15, 2024 and the topic is Overshot. For more information and to sign-up, see the flyer available in this newsletter. Get your check and sign-up info to Kelly Sandusky or Christie Farrin to secure your spot!

The library has a great collection of information about Overshot. You will find much of it on the table in the library - check it out!

◆ Kelly Sandusky and Christie Farrin, Intensive Study Group Co-Chairs



Robyn Spady Weaving Workshop ~ March 15, 16 & 17, 2024

The votes have been tallied for the Robyn Spady workshop in March. A majority of the members who voted selected A Parallel Threading in the Weaver's Playground. Of the 26 members who voted there were 13 votes for A Parallel Threading in the Weaver's Playground, 4 votes for Laces Weaves and the Rainbow Connection, 8 votes for Block Party and 1 vote for Pictures, Piles, Potpourri, & Perplexing Curiosities. Thanks to all who took the time to vote.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

One Day Mini-Workshop ~ Fiberworks PCW Weaving Design Software

Mary Berent will lead a one-day workshop on Fiberworks PCW, and the basics of how to do computer weaving. This one-day class will be held at Eagle Fire Station #1, 966 E Iron Eagle Dr, Eagle, on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you do not own Fiberworks software you can download a demo version onto your laptop free. There will be a Sign-up sheet at the upcoming Guild meeting. For more information see page 3.

❖ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

Thanks to Mary Berent

Thanks to Mary Berent for presenting the program on weaving Overshot at the October meeting. It was just what we weavers needed to get us excited and thinking about all of the possibilities there are for this weave structure on a 4 shaft (or more) loom. Mary did a wonderful job explaining Overshot and showing a variety of samples to illustrate what she was talking about. Thanks again Mary.

❖ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

President's Corner

There is always much ado bantered about related to the word "intensive." Personally I like the word, as it applies to our teacherless weaving workshop. Inside my computer the definition offered is "concentrated on a single area or subject or into a short time; very thorough or vigorous." IMO, this is a really great opportunity to spend concentrated time doing what we love, and the word describes it perfectly.

When I searched online for meaning, I found sources which also said these are opportunities for learning. The Steller Secondary School in Alaska offers intensive courses and described them as follows, "This unique class allows students the opportunity to engage deeply within a specific subject area and complete a quarter credit elective class in just two weeks." {<https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4638>}

Therapeutic Intensives provide a space for mental health "healing and hope through compassion and understanding." My, we could all use some of that, could we not? {<https://evoketherapy.com/programs/intensives/intensives-for-individuals/>}

Another website talked about dance intensives, in which dancers learn many styles of dance within a short period of time. Gotta' be in good shape to do that, for sure.

Let us embrace the vigorous learning opportunity, concentrated into a short time, of gaining insights and ah-ha moments about Overshot Weaving. Dance on, my friends!

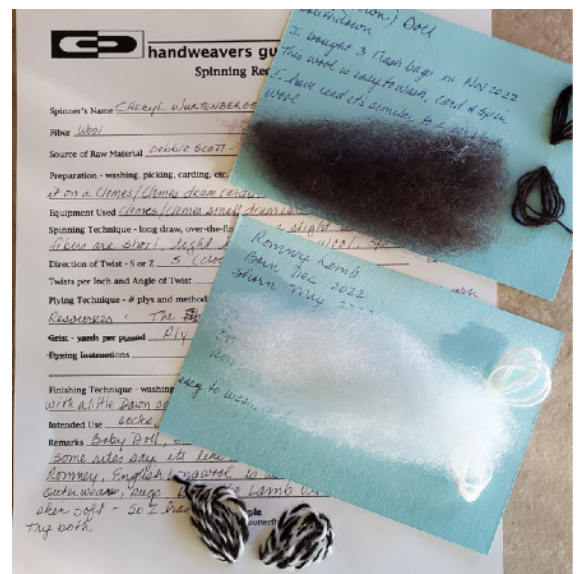
❖ Rebecca Winter, President



November Sample Exchange

Cheryl Wurtenberger provided a wonderful spinning sample for us this month. If you are a spinner, you will definitely want to pick up this one! Cheryl processed the wool and spun singles, one from Romney Lamb and one from Baby Doll Southdown. She then plied the two together creating a beautiful 2-ply yarn. The sample includes, not only the finished 2-ply yarn, but samples of both singles and both fibers! Her notes encompass both the processing of the fiber and the spinning.

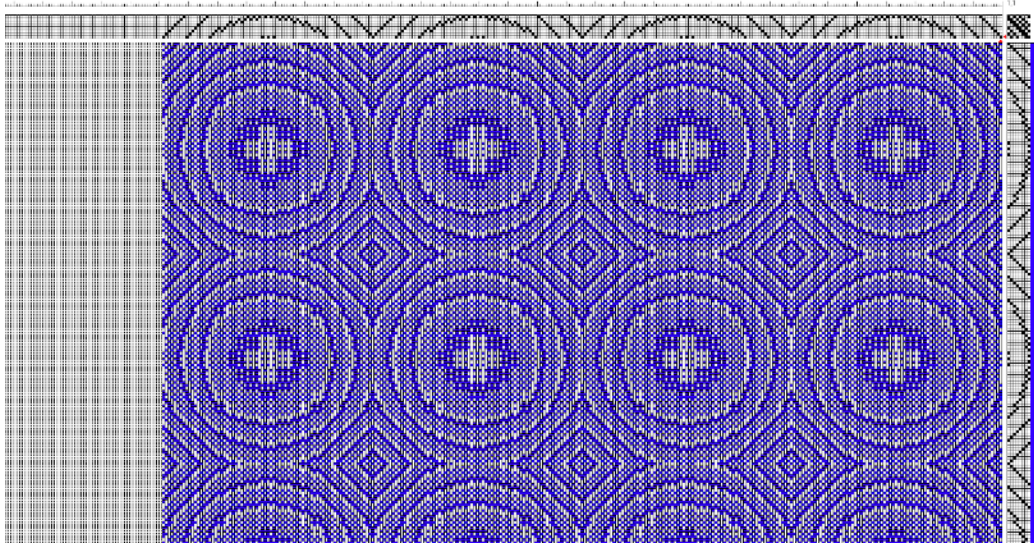
❖ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



Computer Weaving with Fiberworks PCW
One Day Workshop November 11, 2023

by Mary Berent

10 am to 3 pm at Eagle Fire Station #1, 966 E Iron Eagle Dr, Eagle



Have you always wanted to know how to use weaving software? Have you seen beautifully printed drafts others bring to meetings and wondered how to do that? Would you like to do more with your weaving software? This is your opportunity to see if Fiberworks PCW is the software for you! We will be learning to use the program and the various menu commands and options. Fiberworks is VERY weaver friendly! Just about the time you think you would like to change something or try something different, there will be a way to do just that.

You will need to bring:

- A laptop computer, either PC or Mac, **WITH FIBERWORKS PCW ALREADY LOADED!!!** The demo program is free to download, please do this BEFORE the day of the workshop. <http://www.fiberworks-pcw.com> Make sure your laptop is in working order. Bring a power cord and extension cord for your laptop.
- Your lunch, we will take a short lunch break, maybe 30 minutes.
- Notebook, pen, etc for note taking if you want.

We will all be working on our own laptops. Instruction will be on a large screen so you will be able to see the different menu commands and how they can transform a draft before trying it on your own computer. Each part of the draft; threading, tie-up and treadling will be manipulated using Fiberworks, plus some things you can't do when drafting with graph paper! This will be a fun and concentrated day of computer learning and designing. if you have questions, call, message or email Mary Berent 208-901-5640 maryberent@yahoo.com. Workshop from 10-3 with a short lunch break.



'Hokett Memorial Loom Sale'

Too many Looms ~ Sew little Thyme 🍁 Liberating my collection
Domestic and Exotic ~ 6-dent and 8-dent ~ Kits and Loom only
Contact Georgianna Goetsch ~ Aurora Studio for details ~
payettegeorge@yahoo.com

2024 Weaving Intensive Study Group

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Overshot

A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - January 13, 14 & 15, 2024

9 AM to 5 PM - Location: Fairview Terrace Community Center
- 700 E. Fairview Ave. in Meridian

Fee - \$35.00 - A Great Value!



- Choose a favorite Overshot Draft to share with the group.
- This will be our usual “teacherless” workshop. We each have the opportunity to be the expert in our chosen area of study.
- Mentors are available prior to the workshop to help you prepare!
- For this workshop each participant will warp their loom using their chosen overshot draft. This will be a round robin workshop. Each person moves from loom to loom weaving samples on as many as they wish.
- The weaver may also choose any yarn that would be appropriate for the draft. The weaver will also provide all the materials needed to weave samples on their loom. Calculate your warp length by the number of possible samples needed. Generally, if you are planning 4 to 6-inch long samples, 4 to 5 yards would suffice. Warp width would also be best at about 6 inches, or a width needed to show your design. Pattern yarn is normally about double the size of warp/tabby yarn for Overshot.
- At the beginning of the workshop, the weaver will present their Overshot study to the group, and give instructions for weaving. Plan for the presentations to be about 8 to 10 minutes. If you need a basic outline of what to say, this resource is available.
- You may wish to weave your own sample ahead of time so you can teach us from experience how this sample works. Another possibility would be to cut your sample from the loom and retie. This would give the opportunity to show finishing methods applicable to the sample.
- We recognize, and also value, the camaraderie and social aspect of the Intensive. We envision this opportunity to have great potential for experimentation and learning. Just think of the benefit of three days of discussion and exploration with others of like mind.
- Printable project plans and draft sheets (electronic or hard copy) will be submitted no later than January 5, 2024. Each participant will receive a binder containing all of the plan sheets and drafts.
 - ~ **Please include all information required for reproducing this cloth.** This includes 6 things - threading, tie-up, treadling, yarn, sett, and colorway.
 - ~ We need more than just a .wif file.
 - ~ Additional notes about what you learned are also wonderful to have. There are Weaving Record Sheets available in the Library and on the Guild website [HERE](#).
 - ~ Send your Instructions and draft in printable form to Kelly Sandusky or Christie Farrin by January 5, 2024. This is a final deadline.

The Fine Print:

- ★ The workshop is open to guild members. If non-members wish to attend the Intensive, we invite them to join the guild.
- ★ There are Guild Looms available. No rent is assessed for Guild Workshops or Intensives.
- ★ Keep this information available, as it is the only pre-workshop information you will receive.
- ★ Your payment of the fee is your confirmation for participation in this event.
- ★ The Guild will accept cancellations with a refund through January 5, 2024. After this date cancellations will be considered on an individual basis.
- ★ Bring sack lunches, drinks, snacks to share as you wish.

Return the following information with your fee to Christie Farrin or Kelly Sandusky.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Fee amount included \$ _____



2024 February Fun and Fabulous Fashion Show

Hi Everyone!

On February 3 at the regular guild meeting, we will be having a fashion show to highlight our talented members' creations. Start thinking now of what you would like to model for the show. It can be anything you have created. Come with a sense of fun to model your hat, shawl, rug, coat, socks, dishcloth, or any other handmade item! Or just come to the meeting and enjoy the show!

We have found a local radio announcer to be our MC. She is not a weaver, but will appreciate the craft. We are asking guild members to donate handmade items for a thank-you basket for the announcer in lieu of payment. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let Jenne or Katzy know.

Here are the Guidelines for entrants:

1. Please model your own creation. If you choose not to, please find a substitute to show off your creation.
2. Walk slowly, smile, turn and stop several times while going down the runway.
3. Fill out an index card to hand to the announcer as you enter the runway. The card should have the following information CLEARLY written out so the announcer can talk about your wonderful creation. Consider writing your name phonetically to help the announcer.
 - Your Name:
 - Name of your entry:
 - Description (50 words or less) (Please include Fiber Content, Technique, what is it and what makes it special?)
4. Entrants may submit up to 3 items.
5. Participants and Donors of the announcer handmade basket items will receive prizes provided by Lunatic Fringe Yarns.

We can't wait to see what we all come up with! It is going to be a lot of fun!

Brought to you by the hard work of the members of the Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley; and Katzy, Jenne, and all the Lunatics at Lunatic Fringe Yarns!



Study Groups:



Garment Study Group

The garment study group will meet at the home of Jenni Jimmerson on Tuesday October 31st at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions. And please bring your own lunch

- ◆ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

November Spinning Study group is meeting November 1st at the Rubaiyat bookstore in Caldwell, 11a-2p.

- ◆ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving Study Group will meet at Lunatic Fringe Yarns the 2nd Thursday in November at 6pm. The address is 2291 SW 2nd Ave. Fruitland, Idaho 83619.

This month's topic is "Tools." There are many different types of weaving tools. Please bring any of your favorites (or ones you are unsure of) to with the group. Jenné will have a variety of tools for both floor looms and rigid heddle looms to show in the studio.

- ◆ Jenné Schiffhauer, Study Group Co-Chair,

Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace Group will meet November 14th, 10am to 12pm, at Raelene Viste's.

- ◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

The November meeting of the Tapestry Study Group will be Thursday, November 16, at the home of Anne Oglevie. Anne will tell us about a Rebecca Mezoff Tapestry Workshop she attended in Colorado this summer. If you can't attend in person a zoom link will be included in the reminder email.

- ◆ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - November 21, at 10:30am, at the home of Rebecca Winter.

- ◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

COE Study Group

The next COE Study Group meeting will be before the regular December meeting. We meet every other month. Anyone interested in learning more about the Certificate of Excellence is welcome.

- ◆ Mary Berent, 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.

Meeting ID 845 6374 4178, passcode FiberArt.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzlzaUtEaUtITZz09)

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- ◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Regular Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2023

Call To Order

- President Rebecca Winter called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.
- Members present were Vice Presidents Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Secretary Dyan Lay, Membership Officer Cindy Griewe, Vila Cox, Jenné Schiffhauer, Sarah Sherman, Katzy Luhning, Jeannie Phillips, Sally Johnston, Nancy Alzola, Nicole Phillips, Bob Reinhardt, Sheila Miller, Hanna Meinikheim, Mary Berent, Raelene Viste, Christie Farrin, Robin Conrads, Irma Atkinson, Tasha Denegal, Marita Turner, Jenni Jimmerson, Kathy McGowan, Marianne Poling, Pat Dayton, and Anne Oglevie.



Welcome and Introductions

- Each attendee gave their name and favorite weave/stitch.



Business

- Website
 - Dyan Lay gave a brief synopsis of the Website Committee Kick Off Meeting held on October 5. Committee members are Rebecca Winter, Robin Conrads, Connie Griffin, and Vila Cox.
 - The committee will present three website proposals to the Board.
 - Once one option is approved, the committee will present to the membership at a regular monthly meeting.
 - Committee members are currently researching hosting, design, content and more.
- Directories
 - Cindy Griewe thanked the volunteers for the weaving sample, collating and assembling directories.
 - Directories are available for pick up at Membership desk.
 - This year's cover is double weave with buttons done by Rebecca Winter.
- Sample Box
 - With Kelly Sandusky on vacation, Rebecca Winter explained the purpose and location of the sample box.
 - Members were urged to take samples freely and sign up for providing samples.

Show and Tell

- Rebecca Winter showed a book and spinning button.
- Cheryl Wurtenberger presented a 6:2 cotton, 20% wood and 80% acrylic piece.
- Christie Farrin showed a tapestry loom beach piece.
- Hanna Meinikheim displayed knit ornaments.
- Katzy Luhring presented a spectrum turned summer and winter blanket.
- Raelene Viste passed around lace pieces.
- Jenni Jimmerson created a stainless-steel thread scarf.
- Jeannie Phillips showed a miter square blanket.
- Tasha Denegal won third place at the Western Idaho Fair.
- Cindy Griewe presented a huck lace piece.
- Several other projects were passed around, later displayed on the Show and Tell table.

Officer Reports

- Vice President Report by Julie Gerrard
 - There is a mini-workshop on Fiberworks PCW, a weaving design program, taught by Mary Berent on November 11 from 10AM-3PM at the Eagle Fire Department. There is no limit on the number of attendees.
 - Robyn Spady workshop is scheduled for March 15-17, 2024, and there are several workshop options. A sign-up sheet for members to choose which option they would prefer to attend is available.
 - The Guild will be collecting winter scarves, hats, gloves, etc. at the December regular meeting to donate to a local shelter.
- Membership Report by Cindy Griewe
 - Membership is about 80 members.
 - Directories were available for pick up at today's meeting.

Officers

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Julie Gerrard
- Vice President - Cheryl Wurtenberger
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Doug Ranck

Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox, Dyan Lay
- Equipment - 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 - Christie Farrin & Kelly Sandusky
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Marianne Poling & Jenne Schiffhauer
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Kelly Sandusky
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

Website

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

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Chair Reports

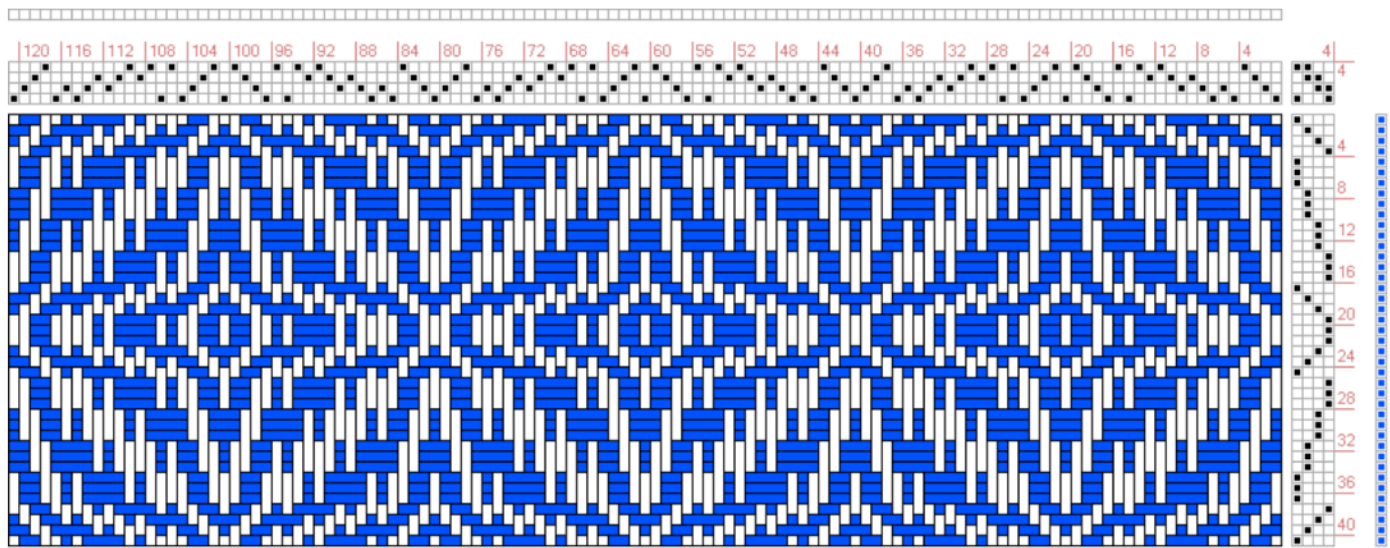
- Library Report by Sally Johnston
 - Sally requested fiber samples for the library bulletin board.
- Outreach Report by Rebecca Winter
 - Per Rebecca, Janet Stanger thanked everyone that participated at the Old Time Farm Day; the event was a success with several spinners and other demonstrators able to attend.
- Beginning Weaving Study Group update provided by Marianne Poling
 - Jenné Schiffhauer is new co-chair.
- Christie Farrin discussed a self-study intensive workshop in January 2024 where everyone studies Overshot and comes prepared to discuss what they learned.
 - More details will be provided.
 - Attendees will bring a warped loom.
 - Vila Cox mentioned that the Guild has rentable looms and other equipment.
 - Guild equipment for workshops can be borrowed at no cost.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

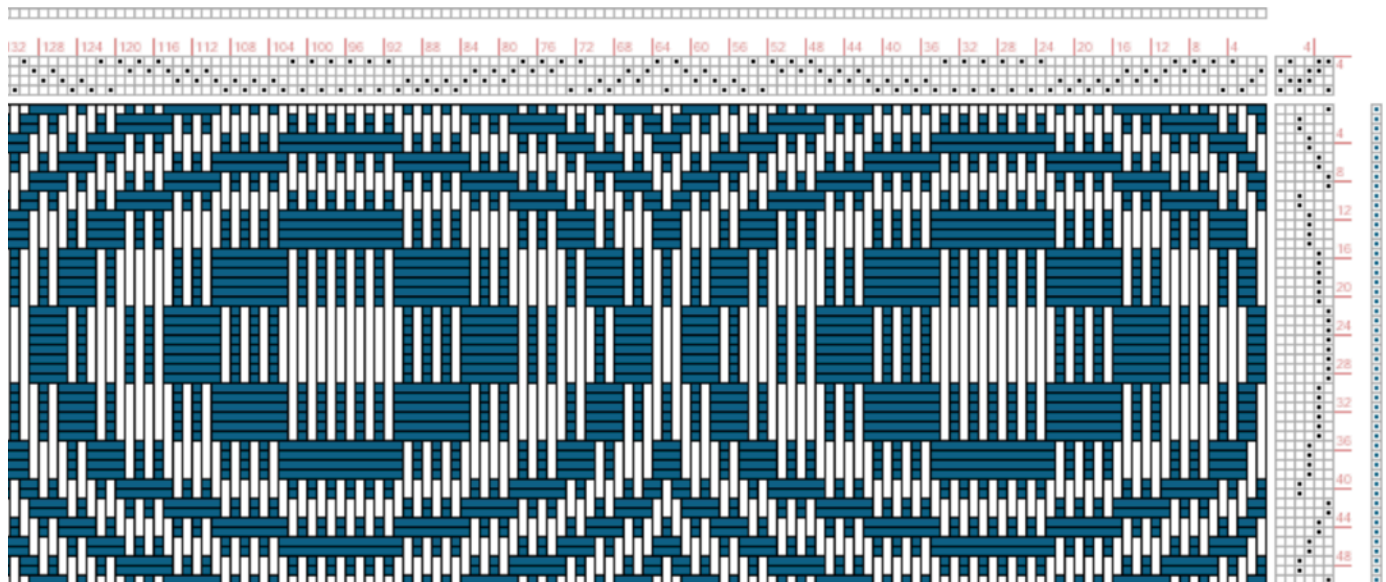
The program was “Overshot, Basics and Beyond” presented by Mary Berent.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

[Overshot Drafts from the Net ~ https://www.handweaving.net/](https://www.handweaving.net/)



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