

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
November, 2024



November Program: Complex Weavers Seminars Keynote Speech, by Rebecca Winter

Hello November! It has been a slow start to the Fall season, but it looks like it is finally here! We have some exciting things happening this month!

Our November Program will be presented by Rebecca Winter, who will do her Complex Weavers Keynote Speech. I'd like to personally thank Mary Berent for presenting her program on Borders last month, and helping fill in when we needed her. We are so lucky to be in a guild as close-knit as we are, where we all work together to continue our love of the fiber arts.

Speaking of working together, our upcoming Beginning Weavers Clinic is November 9th & 10th. Come join your fellow weavers for the weekend and learn some helpful tips and tricks on warping your looms from start to finish.

November is the month where we take the time to remember what we are thankful for. The Guild is something I am truly grateful for!

◆ Jenné Schiffhauer, Vice President, Program Coordinator

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

November 2, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Program ~ CWS Keynote Speech,
by Rebecca Winter

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room
Next meeting - December 7, 2024

Study Groups:

November 6, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

Nov. 14, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group
6:00 p.m. ~ Location TBA

November 12, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

At the home of Raelene Viste

November 19, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Mary Berent

November 21, 2024 ~ Tapestry Study Group
7 p.m. ~ At the home of Cindy Schafer

October 29, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns in
Fruitland

Workshops:

Nov. 9 & 10, 2024 - Beginning Weaving Workshop
April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving, with Connie
Lippert



Beginning Weaving Workshop 2024

Nov 9-10 at the Eagle Fire House

All are welcome to the Beginning Weaving Workshop - 2024. Beginner weavers will bring an undressed loom (rigid heddle, table, or floor loom), their yarn (5/2 cotton), and their tools (warping and weaving tools) to this two-day workshop, and will learn together the skills to warp a loom and weave a set of mug rugs.

More advanced weavers are welcome and encouraged to come in the role of mentor to help demonstrate and assist throughout the weekend. Mentors who do not want the study materials will have no cost to attend.

This round robin style study group workshop will encourage weavers from novice to expert to grow together as a community, encouraging one another in the art we love.

• Cost \$15

• **Please Note: Final day to register is Nov 2, 2024**



Workshop Information

We are looking forward to Shadow Weave: The Multifaceted Structure Workshop by Rebecca Winter on October 25, 26 and 27th at Brenda Hatch's Community Center. If you have any questions in regards to this event, please contact Jenni Jimmerson.

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Our Tapestry Workshop, which is called "Wedge Weave," is a 3 day workshop scheduled for April 11-13, 2025. It will be taught by Connie Lippert from South Carolina. Please check out her amazing work and her information, website: [www.connielippert.com](http://www.connielippert.com)

### ►The Class Description:

In contrast to most weaves which are woven in a plane horizontal to the loom, wedge weave is woven on the diagonal. This results in a weft-faced weaving with many distinctive characteristics and exciting design potential. Work on your own pre-warped loom to explore wedge weave through hands-on experience as well as with detailed handouts and images.

### ►Class Level:

Students should have warping and weaving knowledge. Some weft-faced weaving experience is helpful, though not required.

If you are interested in this workshop, please contact Jenni Jimmerson to register your interest as soon as possible. The cost of \$185.00 per person is calculated on having 12 paid participants. The sooner we can get this commitment from you, we will be able to finalize Connie Lippert's travel plans.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President, Workshop Coordinator



## President's Corner

As I write this I'm watching the full Hunter Supermoon rise over Lake Tahoe! It doesn't get better than that! Fall is my very favorite time of the year. I just love the fall colors and the crisp temperatures. To me the fall weather is very conducive to creativity, especially involving color. I hope you are feeling the creativity, too.

I wanted to include some information on about the "free table" that is available at most regular meetings. Members may bring any fiber related items for the free table. At the end of the meeting, if your item is still on the table, please remember to take it home with you. Some of these treasurers have been turned into exceptional show-and-tell by their new owners! If the meeting is held somewhere other than the Church, there won't be a free table, like our upcoming December Pot Luck.

◆ Mary Berent, President

## November Sample Exchange

This month's lovely sample has been woven for us by Cindy Schafer. She has chosen a shadow weave pattern taken from Rebecca's book *The Enigma of Shadow Weave Illuminated*. Woven with 8/2 cotton. It's a great example for another opportunity to dive into a shadow weave project. Thank you Cindy!

If you'd like to share too please contact me. Sending you peace & happiness.

◆ Christie Farrin, Sample Chair

## Mitzi's Annual Black Friday Open House

Annual Open House on Black Friday and the Saturday after Thanksgiving.  
November 29 & 30. 11am till 3 pm.

There will be a limited number of us spinning, a few different artists with things for sale, and a tarot reader for added fun! Also, snacks will be provided. Please come by for a visit and maybe pick up a gift for someone on your list. Thanks, and please spread the word!

2580 N. Maple Grove Rd. 208-340-9775

If you would like to join for spinning, please private message me with your preferred day.

◆ Mitzi Meyers



## Equipment Rental

If you want to rent equipment from the Guild, please remember to check with the Equipment Chair (Vila Cox) before the Guild meeting. Equipment is rented on a month-to-month basis. A renter has the option of renting equipment for another month if no one else has asked for it. If another person asks to rent equipment, it needs to be returned the next Guild meeting, so it will be available for the next person to use.

It is the responsibility of the renter to return equipment to the church. My goal is to send a reminder email to each renter the weekend before the Guild meeting. Please do not hand equipment off to someone else without talking to the Equipment Chair. This helps ensure equipment is properly tracked so it is not lost and never returned.

Yes, if you want to rent something and it is available at the meeting, no problem! Fill out the form, pay the fee, and take it home for a month (or maybe more). But if you haven't asked ahead of time, the person who has it may have been told they could keep it for another month.

Sound complicated? Maybe a little, but it is all about communication. Just remember these steps:

- Ask about equipment at least a week before the meeting to be sure of availability.
  - Fill out the form and pay the monthly fee. (forms are on the equipment shelves)
  - Respond to the reminder email if you want more time or need to make other arrangements.
  - Return equipment to the church when it is due.
- ❖ Vila Cox, Equipment Chair



## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

The spinning Study group is meeting Wednesday, November 6, at 11-2. We are still at the Rubaiyat bookstore in Caldwell. The address is 314 S. 6th Ave. We look forward to seeing everyone!

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Lace Study Group

The Lace group will meet at Raelene Viste's Tuesday, November 12th from 10am to 12pm.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

The next meeting of the Tapestry Study Group will be Thursday, November 21 at 7pm at the home of Cindy Schafer in Boise. The Tapestry Study Group meets the third Thursday of every month.

- ❖ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

We are meeting on November 19th at Mary Berent's Home at 10:30am. Please come to share your work, learn and have fun. Contact Jenni Jimmerson if there are any questions. See you there!

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

## **Equipment Rental Fees**

### **Weaving Equipment**

- 8H Baby Mac Floor loom - \$30/month
- 4H Harrisville Floor loom - \$25/month
- 4H J-Made Floor loom - \$25/month
- 8H Table Loom - \$20/month
- 4H Table Loom - \$15/month
- Tool Bundle - \$7/month ~ 2 shuttles - bobbins
  - bobbin winder - reed hook - heddle hook
  - warping board
- Warping Board - \$5/month
- Warping Raddle - \$5/month
- Reeds - various sizes - \$5/month
- Spool Rack - \$5/month
- Inkle Loom - \$5/month
- Tapestry Loom - \$5/month

### **Spinning Equipment**

- Louet Spinning Wheel - Bulky Flyer - \$10/month
- Fricke Drum Carder - \$5/month
- Coarse Drum Carder - \$5/month
- Pat Green Picker - \$5/month
- Schacht Wool Hand Cards - \$5/month
- Co on Hand Cards - \$5/month
- Indigo Hound 4-Pitch Wool Combs - \$5/month

### **Other Equipment**

- Rag Strip Cutter - \$5/month
- Blocking Board - \$5/month
- Bead Loom - \$5/month



## Garment Study Group

The next Garment Study group will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, at 10.30am. It will be held at Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland. Everyone is welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

## Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet weekly via zoom with our projects to work on. We just chat about whatever comes up, help each other w project questions and such. We feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff.

We're very flexible and have come to really enjoy our time together. I look forward to time with my zoom friends every week. Please feel welcome to join us.

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

## Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving Study Group will meet on Thursday November 14th at 6pm, location TBA. We will focus on a debriefing of the Beginning Weaving Workshop.

- ❖ Cindy Griewe, Study Group Chair



## Regular Meeting Minutes ~ September 7, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes ~ October 5, 2024

Call To Order at 11:35AM

- Present were 27 attendees: Mary Berent, Dyan Lay, Alyssa Bangs, Robin Conrads, Irene Chandler, Anne Oglevie, Irma Atkinson, Hanna Meinikheim, Christie Farrin, Nancy Alzola, Jenné Schiffhauer, Sara Ann Mancus, Cynthia Newman, Raelene Viste, Susan Inouye, Tom Thompson, Lisa Baker, Jackie Girard, Brenda Hatch, Cindy Griewe, Patty Holland-Bender, Connie Griffin, Jenni Jimmerson, Nancy Swenson, Sally Johnston, Tessa Stone and Marita Turner.

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent and introductions included each attendee's name and favorite color.

Business

- Mary Berent announced a switch in programs. Rebecca Winter will present her Complex Weavers Seminars Keynote speech at the November regular guild meeting. Today's program is Mary's presentation on borders.
- Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds (ANWG)
  - Mary, Jenné Schiffhauer and Connie Griffin discussed ANWG which is an association of fiber arts guilds located within the Pacific Northwest United States and Western Canada.
  - Connie is our Guild's ANWG representative.
    - ◆ ANWG holds a conference every two years with the next conference June 16-21, 2025, in Yakima Washington.
    - ◆ Contact Connie if you want to highlight a guild member or project.
  - Jenné brought samples of this year's color theme.
    - ◆ The Guild will host a booth dedicated to the color theme this year.
    - ◆ The conference theme is "weaving webs."
    - ◆ Booth planning will be discussed at the November meeting.

Show and Tell

- Christie Farrin presented two books: The History of Fabric and The Golden Thread.
- Nancy Alzola showed a shawl with handwoven warp and weft in a twill pattern.
  - She discussed project shrinkage, and Mary Berent provided this tip: soak the weaving first and it won't shrink as much; agitate the fabric and it will shrink more.
- Hanna Meinikheim presented knitted baubles, wee socks and Niffy the Rabbit.
- Brenda Hatch exhibited baby linens and a lovely, bordered piece.
- Raelene Viste passed around an antique bobbin made of a tube of bark.
- Irma Atkinson displayed a "crazy scarf" which is knitted with a crochet border and fringe on one side.
- Jenni Jimmerson presented horse head pattern towels.



- Cindy Griewe showed her mother's Turkish tapestries and her own lake tapestry.
- Marita Turner brought a woven piece from Mexico.
- Connie Griffin spoke of her vintage circular sock machine and brought a sock and sample gauge piece.
- Patty Holland-Bender was a first-time meeting attendee who spoke of her looms, her use of churro wool and Navajo weaving as well as her extensive sock experience.

#### Board Reports

- Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson
  - Jenni promoted the October 25-27 Shadow Weave workshop by the wonderful Rebecca Winter, and there is one spot left. The workshop is round-robin style for 4-8 shaft weavers.
  - She mentioned that Connie Lippart's April 2025 tapestry workshop will be about \$245 to attend.
  - She also made a call to members to suggest what the Guild would want for future workshops. If you have a suggestion, email Jenni.
- Vice President – Jenné Schiffhauer
  - Jenné explained today's program, November will be Rebecca's keynote speech, and the December potluck will be at Brenda Hatch's clubhouse.
  - She provided details from the January 2025 mini workshops: Katzy Luhning from Lunatic Fringe will be demonstrating build-a-bag.
    - ◆ She asked the membership for teaching volunteers or ideas for the mini workshops.
  - Jenné spoke of the February program: the Fashion Show sponsored by Lunatic Fringe.
- No Treasurer's report.
- No Secretary's report
- Membership - Cindy Griewe
  - Cindy announced that the new 2024-2025 Membership Directory was available with the cover weaving piece done by Cindy.
  - She also spoke of the Beginning Weaving Study Group will be holding a two-day clinic November 9-10. Participants will be making mug rugs, and the registration form is now available. This is a self-guided study clinic with mentors available, and attendees need to bring a loom pre warped. There is a cost of \$15, and the event will be held at the Eagle Fire House conference room. See the latest newsletter for all details, and members must sign up by November 2.

#### Committee Chairs

- Outreach – Mary Berent for Janet Stanger
  - Mary spoke of how much fun providing demos at community events. She urged everyone that if they are interested in volunteering, contact Janet.
- Sample Box – Christie Farrin
  - Christie explained the Sample Box program, and still needs a January sample volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19PM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary





2025 Weaving Intensive Study Group  
 Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
**Borders**

A Weaving Retreat, with Weaving Presented by Each Participant  
 Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - **January 18, 19 & 20, 2025**  
 9 AM to 5 PM - Location: To Be Announced  
 Fee - \$35.00 - A Great Value!

- Choose a favorite Border Design 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 border design. 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 and design. 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 about 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.
- At the beginning of the workshop, the weaver will present their Border Design 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, since this is a Study Group. 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 4, 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 Rebecca Winter by January 4, 2024.

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 4, 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 Pat Dayton.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fee amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

