

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
October, 2007

October Program: Cold Mangle and Beading by Cece Stricklin



Cece will give a two-part presentation. The first will be a demonstration of a Swedish Cold Mangle, and the incredible results you get on linen using this tool/machine. What a great opportunity for everyone to see the results of a cold mangle.

The second part of the program will be on Beading. The Peyote Stitch, free-form peyote, beading on a bead loom, and examples of bead crochet will be discussed and shown. During the program you will have the opportunity to learn to do the Peyote Stitch. Bring your glasses if you need them for close work and a small pair of scissors. Beads and beading needles will be provided by the Guild. This will be a small sample of peyote stitch that you will make to learn the stitch itself rather than an actual project.

Calendar of Events

- September 28, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.
Set up for Museum Comes to Life
- September 29, 2007, 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
Museum Comes to Life at the Idaho
Historical Museum
See the Guild shows in the
Adelmann House
- October 5, 2007 Guild Meeting - Adelmann House
11:30 am - Business Meeting
12 noon - Social time and check out the
library
1:00 p.m. Program
Cold Mangle and Beading
by Cece Stricklin
- October 20 and 21, 2007 at 9:00 am
Workshop - Linda Kubik
How are you coming on your fabric???
- November 3, 2007 at 11:30 am
Guild Meeting - Adelmann House

Museum Comes to Life

September 29, 2007
10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
Adelmann House

Museum Comes to Life is the biggest event for community outreach for the Guild. This is the day we let the public know there are weavers keeping the traditions of weaving alive. We can educate and enlighten those who attend Museum Come to Life, and reach possible new members.

This year we challenged ourselves to create circles. We share what we have created by setting up two displays of our work. One display is of the items made for the challenge, and the other consists of any handwoven items or hand spun items we have made.

We involve the
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Challenge
winners of the
chosen by



public by re-
opinion of our
Show. The
Challenge are
popular vote.

Volunteers are still needed to help on the day of the event and we really could use some more woven items to fill the display for things that do not fit into the Challenge. If you can volunteer or need more information, contact Vila at 323-7736.

October Workshop with Linda Kubik

The Guild workshop "Designing Fabrics for Garments" with Linda Kubik is fast approaching. The workshop is going to be held at the Middleton Trolley Station, 329 East Main Street, Middleton, Idaho (across the street from City Hall) on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21, 2007. The workshop will begin at 9:00 am each day. This is Part Two of the workshop will and will be the actual construction of your fabric into a garment of your choice, under her watchful

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direction. Have you always wanted to wear a garment of your own handwoven fabric, but didn't have the skills or courage to cut into your fabric? There has never been such a wonderful opportunity, to create something uniquely your own under the guidance of a master seamstress. Join us in this adventure into the realm of Fashion and Design. I hope everyone who is signed up has their fabric woven!!

November Program Preview

The November program, "Raising Pygora Goats and Working with their Fiber," will be presented by Louise Douglas. It will include a talk about the pygora goat as a breed, taking care of pygora goats and the different ways to use pygora fiber.



Ramblings from the President

As I am cleaning our home grown grapes to make grape juice, my mind wanders back to the recent fiber retreat I attended in Donnelly. The most direct route was closed at one time due to the forest fire that was burning in the area, but the website I checked assured that one lane would be open for travel with a pilot car and up to 30 minute delays. I decided to take that route, little knowing that yes, the round trip for the pilot car was 30 minutes, but only a few cars were allowed to go at a time, so there were several 30 minute waits.

Luckily, I had my ipod with me and had just downloaded the latest episodes of my favorite pod-casts; Weave Cast by Syne Mitchell (<http://wweavecast.com>) and Cast-On by Brenda Dayne (<http://www.cast-on.com>). I slipped on my earphones, turned on the ipod and sat back and listened. I occasionally reached into the bag of fleece that I had just cleaned for the retreat and "petted" the curly white locks. The time seemed to pass quickly, even though it was almost a two hour delay, I was in a great mood and my blood pressure wasn't elevated!

I also enjoy listening to the pod-casts while weaving, especially if the weaving is easy and repetitive. I wonder what our ancestors would think if they could see us "plugged-in" to our craft and listening to another weaver hundreds of miles away?

At the retreat we learned techniques for knotted rugs. The slow and laborious weaving on the frame looms would not normally be my choice compared to the ease and speed of using a floor loom, but it was great for the companionship and sharing that ensued.



Lynn Ruggles happily weaving at the retreat.

Our instructor was Judith MacKenzie McCuin, who is always a joy to have as an instructor. She is an advocate of throwing nothing away, so we had cut up thrums and carded them with fiber to make novelty yarn and cut old garments into strips for our rug samples. As I make "grape sauce" out of the dregs of the grapes for my husband, who also throws little away too, I reminisce of the time spent with Judith and think, "Even though this isn't fiber related, she would be proud of me!"



Louise Douglas making great progress.

See you at the guild meeting, if not sooner, at Museum Comes to Life!

Marlene

Deciphering the Color Code for October: Red and Blue

What happens when you mix red and blue together? Find the answer to that question by hunting for red, blue and violet in fiber – skeins, woven and spun. Bring your finds to the October guild meeting and we'll continue our exploration of color and fiber.



Weaving Intensive: Color-and-Weave January 19, 20 and 21, 2008

Our next “teacher-less” workshop will be exploring **Color-and-Weave**. It will be held January 19th thru January 21st. This is Saturday thru Monday. Monday is a state and federal holiday. There will be a flyer available at the October guild meeting with all the pertinent information. It will also appear on the guild web-site soon.



Schedule of Programs and Presenters for 2007 - 2008

August/September - Summer Stories
October - Cold Mangle and Beading
Cece Stricklin
November - Pygora Goats
Louise Douglas
December - Christmas Potluck and Exchange -
location TBA
January - Julie Gerrard, topic TBA
February - Rebecca Winter, topic TBA
March - Tapestry Weaving
Caroline Dade
April - Linda Mercer, topic TBA
May - Yarn & Equipment Sale
June- Summer Potluck
location TBA



Study Group News

Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group will not be meeting in October, but we will meet in November. In December we will have a dessert-pot-luck and a small white elephant exchange. Mark your calendars! We meet on the second Thursday of the month in Meridian. Contact Lynn Ruggles for directions (375-9172).

Weaving Study Group

At this time there are no plans for a weaving study group. If you would like to become involved and study some aspect of weaving, contact Julie Gerrard (342-8562).

Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE (Certificate of Excellence) Study group will meet October 6, before the regular guild meeting at Vila Cox's home at 2668 N Westminster, Boise. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am so members can get to the Museum in time for the regular meeting. All are welcomed to attend this study group. Contact Vila or Mary for more information.

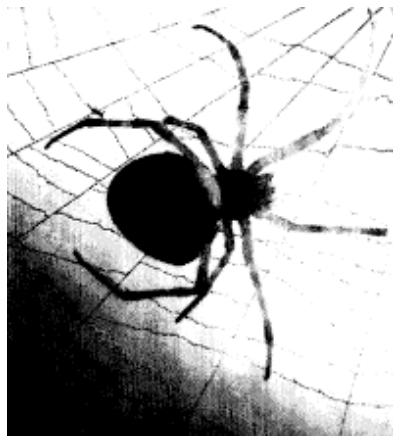


Guild Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2007

The meeting was called to order by new president, Marlene Bean. Everyone then introduced themselves as there were several new faces present. Present were: Marlene Bean, Julie Gerrard, Penny Schraufnagel, Carolyn Dade, Ivy DeHart, Cindy Schafer, Vila Cox, Maralyn Larson, Al Hayden, Irene Chandler, Mary Berent, Lynn Ruggles, Jean Zaske, Rebecca Winter, and Mary Ireland. New people included Carrie Michels from Caldwell, Janet Holland from Emmett, Kathryn Avenson from Nampa and Jennifer Benson from Boise.

Penny Schraufnagel gave a report on her trip this summer to the Intermountain Weaving Conference in Durango, Colorado. She took a class with Daryl Lancaster on a pieced vest. She had two lovely examples of what she had learned in her class.



The secretary minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Mary Berent and Vila Cox then reported on upcoming workshops. The second half of the Linda Kubik workshop will be held October 20 and 21st to construct a garment from the fabric we are supposed to have woven. There are still openings for this and you need not have attended the first class. For information or to sign up, contact Mary or Vila.

The March workshop by Karen Selk was then discussed (Weaving Fabric for Silk Clothing) and it was reported that this workshop is full with two people on a waiting list. Karen Selk has asked that this workshop be moved by one day to help her in scheduling another workshop. This was okayed, so her workshop will be moved to March 22, 23, & 24.

Vila then talked about upcoming programs and the success they have had in getting everything scheduled. Next month Cece Stricklin will present a program on the Cold Mangle and also Peyote Stitch beading.

Cindy gave the treasurer's report. The Guild Budget is in good shape. A reminder was given to the group that dues were due in June. The dues are \$25.00 and can be given to Cindy Schafer or mailed to her at 11254 Camas, Boise, Idaho 83709.

Marlene thanked Vila for doing the newsletter for the August meeting.

It was brought up that we need a volunteer to do the membership booklet this year and Lynn Ruggles graciously volunteered to do that. Cindy sent around a list for members to check their name, address, e-mail, etc to make sure they are correct for the new membership book.

Rebecca Winter was asked about the Policy committee. She will bring an updated list of things to the next board meeting for discussion.

Vila then discussed "Museum comes to Life" It is coming up the last weekend in September. It is an annual event that the guild takes part in. It showcases lots of old traditions such as free trappers, blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, etc. Displays for weaving and spinning will be up. Our theme for the challenge this year is "Circles". It is a challenge for us to think in the round and see what we come up with. Volunteers are needed for the set up and take down as well as to be there on Saturday to hand out ballots, answer questions, etc. It was also brought up that we will need someone to chair next year's committee for "Museum Comes to Life" and the Challenge for the guild.

Study group reports were asked for. Lynn said that the first fall meeting of the Spin Group will be the 2nd Thursday of September at Maralyn Larson's club house. There will be no spin group in October, but the group will meet again in November and then in December they will have their Christmas party. Spin Study Group meets from 6:30 - 8:30. Call Lynn Ruggles for information and questions.

Mary Berent stated that the COE Study Group will be meeting every other month starting in October. They will meet at a member's house. Check the newsletter for details.

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Beginning Weaving will be starting up again in the near future. Vila and Rebecca will work on that.

Al talked briefly about the Intensive coming up after the first of the year. This year's theme will be Color & Weave effect and will be January 19, 20, 21, 2008. This is a low cost workshop (usually around \$30 - \$40) and is a great way to learn from your peers. This is an excellent workshop for beginning weavers.

Jean Zaske
Color Study
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Jean will put
the newsletter



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The Gold Bag will return next month.

Al reported to the membership that the library is going to be moved into the small front room with shelves being added for the guild equipment. He will check into whether we will be able to lock this room.

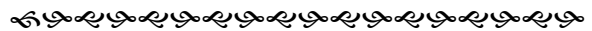
Show and Tell was then shared. Ivy showed table runners woven in tied weave out of Chenille, tencel and cotton that she did for wedding presents.

Jennifer Benson brought her scrapbook of her weavings to show and share from her guild in Wisconsin.

Mary Ireland brought two baby blankets that she had done over the summer with 5/2 cotton as warp and baby yarn as the weft.

Janet Holland brought two beautiful coverlets that will go in MCL in September .
The meeting was then adjourned.

Jean Zaske then gave a program on her amazing bike trip across America. She had a wonderful slide show of her adventures this summer.



For Sale: Ashford Traveler Spinning Wheel

Has a double treadle. Comes with the regular flyer and four bobbins. In addition, it has the jumbo flyer, four large bobbins, and a custom made carrying bag with numerous pockets. Asking \$375.00.

Contact Mary Ireland at 337-4833 or mlmeeireland@netzero.com



For Sale: Gilmore Loom 40", 4 harness

- *Nearly new hard maple, in natural color finish.
- *Loom has a folding back top bar, which when folded forward allows the loom to easily pass through a 30" doorway.
- *The warp beams are about 25" around with 2" sections.
- *Lease sticks are included.
- *The 9" flat steel heddles are 10" long overall.
- *Lift off breast beam.
- *Front to back measure is 34".
- *2 wooden shuttles.
- *No bench.
- *Box of misc. yarn included.
- *Only used twice.

This loom is approximately \$2100. new.

Will sell for \$1600. firm.

Jennifer Williams
5655 Kercliffe Court
Boise, Idaho 83704
323-1915



For Sale: LeClerc Nilus Loom 45" 4 shaft



This loom has been used about a month total, and was in storage for 20+ years. It has new: 12 dent stainless steel dent, front breast beam, take up motion

handle, canvas aprons and beater bumpers. I am asking \$500 for it and Paypal is available as a payment option. Delivery may be available for an additional \$50. Please contact me at mbell@clearwire.net or Martha Beller, 286-7239.

Guild Officers and Chairs

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

<http://my.calendars.net/handweavers/>



Welcome to the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. The guild has been sharing its craft with the community for 35 years. Our stated purpose is to "carry on, study and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning and fiber arts." The Guild meets from September through June on the first Saturday of the month. Generally, meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. at the Adelman House at the Idaho Historical Museum in Boise. Look frequently for details in this newsletter, or please contact any member for inspiration, or for answers to your questions.



TRICK OR TREAT!!
It is a TREAT, we assure you.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES???
HERE'S YOUR REMINDER

The Guild year begins in July, so dues are due in June for the following year. So check your records to see if you have paid. You will receive all the benefits of the Guild, including the Newsletter, the Directory of Members, access to the Guild's extensive library, and most importantly, all the educational opportunities the Guild offers. Come join us for the fun!

2007 - 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES
PAYABLE TO: HANDWEAVERS
GUILD OF BOISE VALLEY

AMOUNT: \$25.00
SEND TO: CINDY SCHAFER
11254 CAMAS
BOISE, ID 83709



Note from the Editor: Here is something to pique your interest for the next Weaving Intensive. As you may know, it is one of my favorite topics. Enjoy, Rebecca
 P.S. Squint your eyes at the draft. It brings out an interesting pattern.

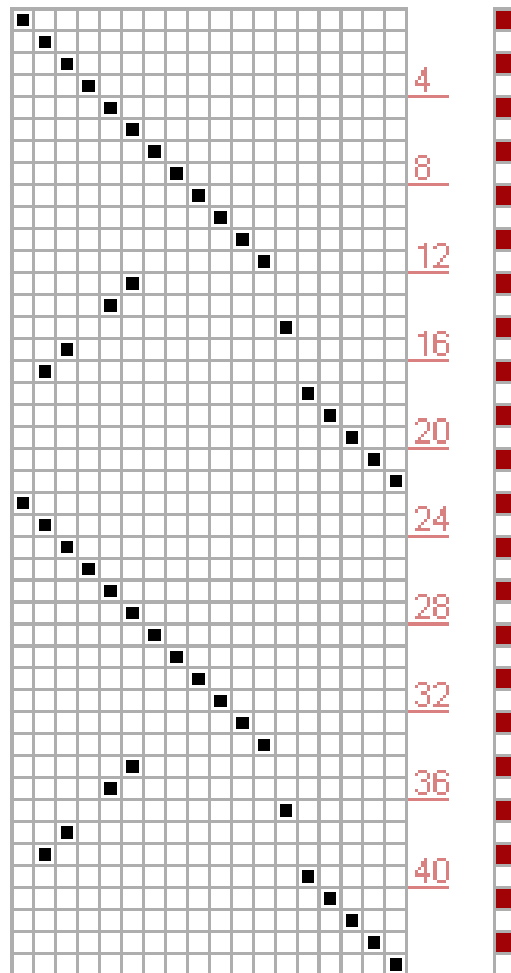
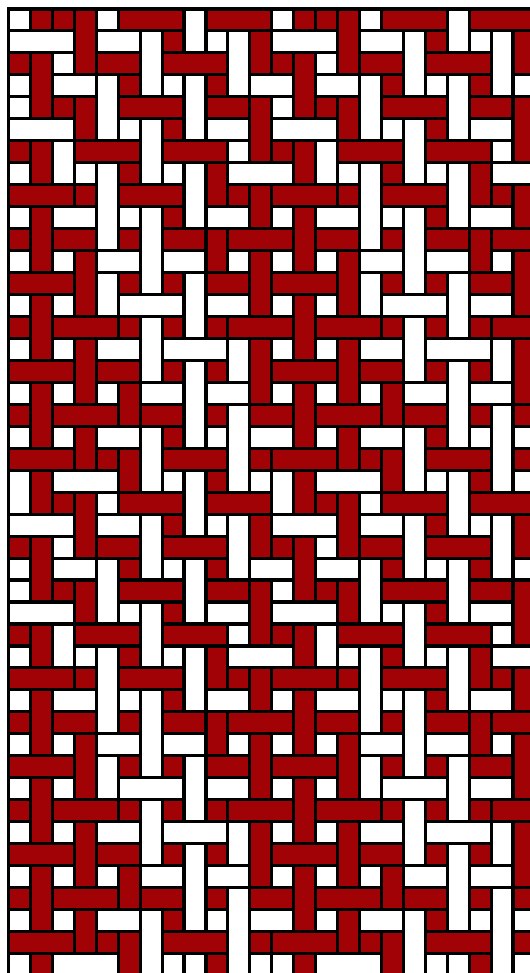
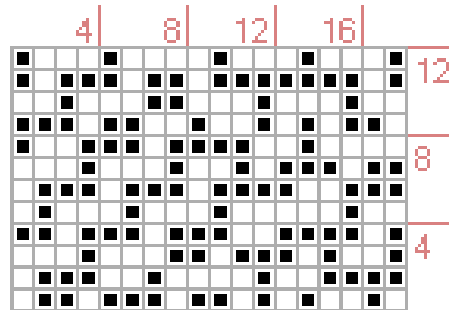
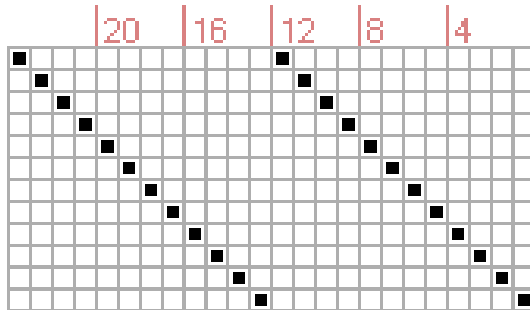
Color-and-Weave Effects Project

Draft #41528 at www.Handweaving.net

12 Shafts

18 Treadles

Area of Origin: United States, Date: 2004, Provided By: Ralph E. Griswold



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The monthly newsletter from the
Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

Please Remember:

Challenge Show 2007 - Circles: Come see the show on September 29 at the Historical Museum during Museum Comes to Life. The show is open from 10 am to 5 p.m.. And if you signed up to work at the show, remember to come for the fun.

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October Color Code: Red and Blue

Dues are due now.

