

Connecting Threads

**Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
October - 2015**

October Program - Huck Lace

Presented by Anne Oglevie

This month our program will be from Anne, and she will be talking about Huck Lace, which will also be our topic for this year's Intensive. So if you are interested in this form of weaving or have no idea what we are talking about when it comes to Huck Lace then please plan to attend this very informative program.

❖ Melanie Smith, Vice President

Calendar of Events

- October 3, 2015 - COE Study Group
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Before the regular meeting
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- October 3, 2015 - Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Huck Lace**
by Anne Oglevie
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- October 7 & 21, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- October 8, 2015 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- October 20, 2015 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
The Home of Vila Cox
- October 16-18, 2015 - Weaving Workshop - Shadow Weave
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- January 16-18, 2016 - Weaving Intensive Study Group

Meeting Location

The Guild meeting will be held in the 2nd floor class room of Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704. To get to the class room head to the back of the store. There is an elevator almost straight back from the store's front door. Signs will be posted to point you in the right direction on the 2nd floor, but it's a fairly small area so it won't be too hard to find.



Christmas Party Mystery Challenge Exchange

This year the theme for our Christmas Party is a mystery. Lynn and Melanie will be bringing 12 mystery bags of fiber goodness to our October guild meeting. They might be fiber, yarn, buttons or other fiber fun, each bag will be the same. If you decided to take a bag you are asked to make something from the contents using any fiber-arts method you chose (weaving, spinning, knitting, needle felting, etc.) You can add to the fiber goodness, but please try to use as much as you can from the bag.

We will only have 12 bags, so once they are gone they are gone. If you are interested in taking a bag, but can't make the next meeting please email Melanie at yarnsntthreads@aol.com. Also, if you take a bag please plan to make something for the exchange, we know that things come up, but let's face it the more finished items the more fun we will all have. As usual if you brings something to exchange you will leave the party with something in exchange. So let's get those creative ideas flowing. I know I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with.

❖ Melanie Smith, Vice President



Fall Weaving Workshop - Shadow Weave

There is one last chance to join our own Rebecca Winter who will be teaching us a wonderful three-day workshop on *Shadow Weave*. We will be holding this workshop at JoAnn Fabrics on Milwaukee Road in Boise. The dates are **October 16-18, 2015**. If you are interested in taking this workshop, please don't delay in signing up as there is prep work that Rebecca needs to do before hand.

It's not too late to sign up. The cost is \$140 if you are interested in signing up please let Melanie Smith know ASAP.

- ◆ Melanie Smith, Vice President



From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

I was at a study group meeting today. It's a wonderful feeling to know there are others in the world as obsessed and crazed about the things they do as I am about my own projects. The outbursts of laughter are all the more fun when you know you are not laughing at something alone. Everyone in the group "gets it" and can relate in their own warped way. I love being supported in my craziness and in turn supporting others in theirs.

This is what GUILD means to me.

G - Genuine

U - Understanding

I - Inspiration

L - Love

D - Dedication

What does it mean to you?

- ◆ Vila Cox, President



Next Spring's Tea Party

Plans are now under way for our spring tea Party with Bigelow teas. At the party we will have a fun challenge contest to see what we can create from the yarn that has been given to us by Bigelow tea. At the October guild business meeting the categories for our mini challenge will be announced so that we have plenty of time to make something (s) for the tea party.

Membership

Sorry to say that I missed the first meeting, but now I can look forward to the Challenge at the end of September and the October meeting after that. Also, please welcome three new members, Joan Cloonan, Esther Kleinkauf, and Linda Trout. We now have sixty-one members, each with special talents and interests.

- ◆ Irene Chandler, Membership Officer

Spinning Study Group

Now that the temps are cooling it time to think more about all those spinning projects that we have been thinking about. So please plan to attend the next study group spinning night at Maralyn's club house on October 8th. The fun starts at 6:30 and goes till 8:30. If you have any questions please email Melanie at yarnsnthreads@aol.com

- ◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

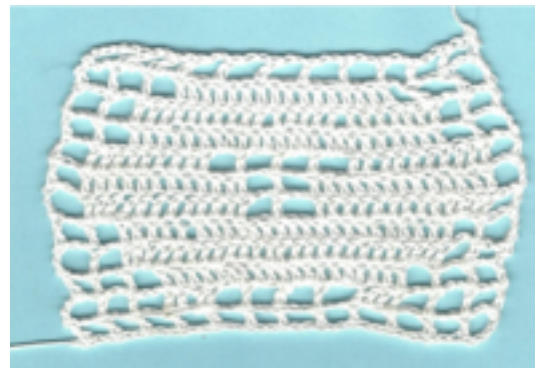
UFO Program (Un-Finished Object)

Remember our UFO rules have changed a bit. We now have the entire year from the month that you enter the UFO. Then if you need help or run out of steam you can have someone assist you or encourage you. Also, don't be afraid to give the stubborn thing away or (horrors) discard it!

Remember, you get prizes if you finish an older/neglected/not so fun item! However, the real prize is the feeling of accomplishment, and the roomier closet, and perhaps something that you can give to someone you love. Happy Finished UFO's!

- ◆ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman

October Sample



Tea Bag
String Filet
Crochet Lace
by Janet
Stanger

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.

Western Idaho Fair

Our guild is just plain awesome!. This year several members entered items in the Western Idaho Fair. Guild members entered items in weaving, spinning, rug hooking, knitting and punch needle, among other items. Our guild brought home several 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons.

Vila, Judy and Melanie won division wins and Melanie Smith won the Needle Arts sweepstakes and the Home Arts Department Grand sweepstakes. It was great to see all the wonderful creativity from our members, Judy learn that yes our work is worthy of ribbons. Please think about entering next year.



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Wow! Mitzi 's yarn shop got new yarns!!! Cottons for your weaving pleasure in 3 ply 1040 YPP, 9/3 in 5 colors, 8/2 in 18 colors, plus 2 new colors of 20/2 wool, a 98% rayon 2% nylon boucle in 6 colors (woven scarf at August 29th meeting, really soft and snuggly), organic cotton boucle for great towels/terry cloth, and some new colors of rayon chenille including a very calming variegated one. I am happy to deliver to Boise or make an appointment and come on out to Sweet. We have a great restaurant, The Triangle... Please call or email if interested; I'm happy to send samples. Mitzi 340-9775 warpdweaver@hotmail.com

Program Thank You

Thank you Rebecca for bringing us a wonderful program on record keeping. I know I gained some great ideas on making my craft record keeping a better and more useful tool that will help in future projects. ♦ Melanie Smith, Vice President

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting - August 29, 2015 - Joann's Fabric
Present: Rebecca Winter, Lynn Ruggles, Mitzi Meyers, Melanie Smith, Janet Stanger, Vila Cox.

Melanie Smith requests that our June meeting be moved to the second weekend of June as there is an ANWG meeting the first weekend of June that she and Anne Oglevie need to be at. After some discussion it was decided to move the event to the 2nd weekend of June as it would be better for several members.

President Vila Cox brought up discussion on the Guild Library. She has contacted several Storage Businesses that are closest to our meeting place. She presented information of cost, size and climate control. She will present the 2 that are most likely to meet our needs to the Guild for a vote.

Challenge-Janet reported that she would pass around a sign up sheet for people to help at the Museum Come to Life. She will be accepting entries starting today at the guild meeting. There was some discussion to make the Challenge Pay for itself. There was also some discussion as to change of categories and cost of entries. She will bring up discussion to the Guild members.

Meeting adjourned for Regular meeting.

♦ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Regular Meeting - 8/29/2015 - Joann's Fabric

Present: Ivy DeHart, Vila Cox, Penny Schraufnagel, Melanie Smith, Rebecca Winter, Kathy Shiflet, Julie Gerrard, Joan Cloonan, Ester Kleinkauf, Pat Day Hartwell, Katzy Luhning, Pat Ann, Mitzi Meyers, Anne Oglevie, Mary Berent, Lynn Ruggles, Greta Ankeny, Rena Lute, Linda Trout, Cynthia Newman, Dee Verde, Joan Sheehan.

Meeting was called to order by President Vila Cox and introductions were made.

Vice Presidents report- Melanie Smith announces that the cost of Rebecca's work shop is \$140.00 also you will be working on your own loom the whole time. The subject is Shadow Weave. She also reports that our June Picnic will be a Tea Party theme and will be the 2nd Saturday in June due to scheduling conflicts of several Guild members. Anne Oglevie is Chairman for the Intensive and the theme is Huck

Lace. Guild programs were scheduled as follows: Nov. will be presented by Lynn Ruggles, Dec. is Guild Christmas Party. Will be held at Penny Schraufnagel's home and the theme will be Mystery bags. Jan. Spinning Problems, Feb. weaving for garments, March finishing techniques, April Kumihimo Bracelets, May is the Guild sale and June the Tea Party.

Show and Tell- Ivy DeHart shared home grown apples with the group; Rena Lute showed hand woven towels. Lynn Ruggles told us of her trip; Anne Oglevie went to the Intermountain weaving Conference and wove a shibori scarf. Mitzi Meyers showed needle felted birds, dyed scarf, woven scarf and linen towels. Katzy Luring shared a drop spindle that she has just learned how to use and a hand woven birthday card that her father had woven. Joan Clognan has been experimenting with different fibers and a Shepard's Beret. Ester Kleinkauf shared her Kumihimo Necklace, A cowl that was made from yak and silk fibers. Kathy Shiflet hared polka dot woven sample and towels. Melanie Smith showed 3D printed Inkle Loom. Penny Schraufnagel showed us a basket weaving and a scarf. Vila showed a new weaving book that is now available. "Next Steps in Weaving", by Pattie Graver, and Joan Shehan showed a Shawl she was knitting for her daughters wedding.



UFO-

Janet Stanger presented Vila Cox with a beaded necklace she had finished.

Officer Reports:

Melanie Smith reporting for Kathy McGowan that there is \$3,840.04 in checking.

Membership- Vila reminds everyone that dues are due if you have not paid yours yet.

Newsletter- No report

Web Master- Vila Cox asks for new information from the study groups to update the web site.

Sample Box- Greta Ankeny reports that today's sample is from Melanie Smith, Next sample to be provided by Janet Stanger. Greta passed the sign up schedule around.

Janet Stanger explains Challenge and passes work signup around for Museum Come to Life. She is also taking entries for the Challenge.

Vila Cox reports to the Guild the finds of her search for a storage unit for the guild Library. After some discussion It was motioned by Rebecca Winter to postpone the decision of the guild Library until other options can be evaluated. Seconded by Mary Berent. Motion passed. Decision tabled.

Rebecca Winter reports that the ANWG Grant deadline is coming up fast so if we are going to file for one, we need to do it soon. Lynn Ruggles volunteered to write the grant, Joan Sheehan and Pat Day Hartwell volunteered to help her.

Study groups reported on their status. Please refer to their schedule in the newsletter and on the Web page.

Rainbow bag was won by Melanie Smith. She won a good supply of Marino Yarn.

Meeting adjourned,

❖ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary

Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

♥ Spinning Study Group

We will be meeting **October 8th** from 6:30 to 8:30 at Maralyn Larson's club house in Meridian. If you need the address please email or call me and I will get you directions. Melanie yarnsnthreads@aol.com 608-0101.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weavers Study Group will meet on Tuesday, **October 20th**, at 1.30 p.m. We will meet at the home of Vila Cox. For questions please call Anne at 208 994-2725. All are welcome.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **October 3**, before the regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.



Officers and Chairs

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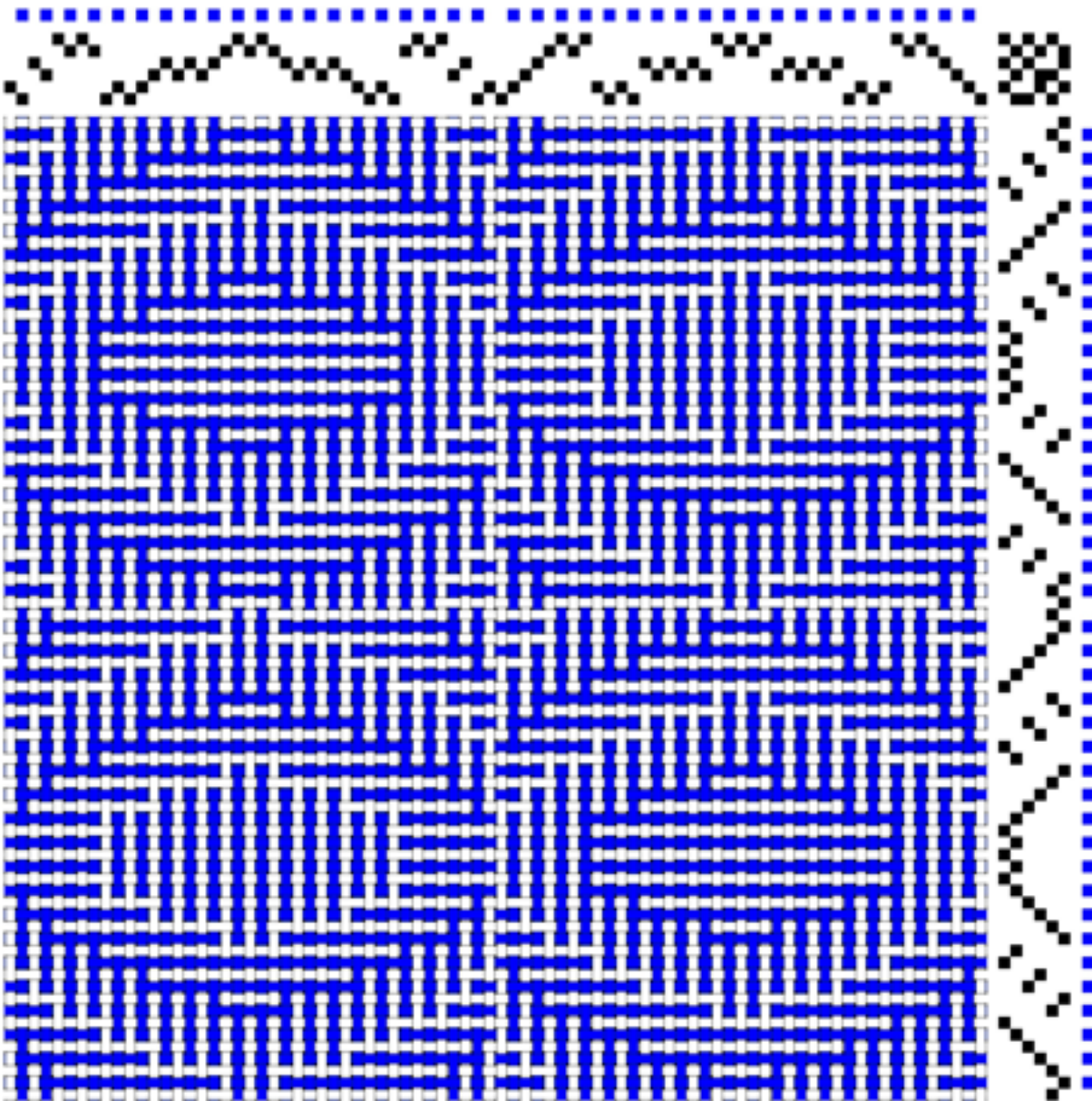
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<http://www.handweavers-guild-boise.org>

From the Editor: My New Favorite Draft

Source: Powell, Marion. 1000 (+) Patterns in 4, 6, and 8 Harness Shadow Weaves, McMinnville, OR: Robin and Russ Handweavers, 1976, page 180, Draft #6-18-13.



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