

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
October, 2016

October Program: Using a Drop Spindle ~ Parking is the Secret

Mitzi Meyers will be presenting the program in October on Using a Drop Spindle. She has fascinated many people at Museum Comes to Life with her ability to simultaneously walk around, talk to people, and spin yarn using a drop spindle. Mitzi asked that you bring your drop spindle if you have one and some clean fiber. She will have a few drop spindles with her if you don't have one and she'll also bring some fiber.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Vice President

Calendar of Events

- October 1, 2016 - - Regular Guild Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Drop Spindle - Parking is the Secret, by Mitzi Meyers**
At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise
- near State Street & 23rd

- September 22, 2016 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting
1:00 p.m. - all afternoon
Pat Day Hartwell's Home
- October 1, 2016- COE Study Group
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting
- October 5 & 19, 2016 - Knit and Crochet Group
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Aero Cafe
- October 11, 2016 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m.
Vila's Home
- October 13, 2016 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- October 18, 2016 - Day Weaving Study Group
1:30 p.m.
Vila's Home

- September 24, 2016 - Museum Comes to Life
- March 10,11,&12, 2017 - Weaving Workshop, "Forgotten Weaves," by Margie Thompson
- April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 - Spinning Workshop, "Take Control of Your Spinning (Drafting) and Plying Techniques," by Sara Anderson



Museum Comes to Life

We will be in Julia Davis Park on September 24 for our annual presentation for this event. Come join us for the fun, or just stop by to see what we are up to.

Spinning Workshop Topic Results

The result of the tally of the vote for the spinning workshop with Sarah Anderson is "Take Control of Your Spinning (Drafting) and Plying Techniques." Sarah will combine these two topics into a 3-day workshop. Lily and I will have more information about the workshop later.

◆ Julie Gerrard, Vice President

From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

WooHoo! Fall is here again. I have been freezing beans, canning tomatoes, teaching weaving, weaving baby blankets, and preparing for winter. I hope everyone has been planning and preparing for their winter projects. It would be a shame if a sudden blizzard struck and there wasn't sufficient yarn and fiber supplies on hand to hold us over if we were actually shut in. Sounds like a good excuse to shop to me!! Oh wait. I just looked at my stash and I think I'm actually set for the next five years.....

◆ Vila Cox, President



Spinning Study Group

This is the month spinners!

If you remember last winter, we did a fiber challenge. Those who chose to participate brought 6 ounces of fiber to exchange and were challenged to spin and make something with the yarn. It could have been knit, spun, woven, felted or anything else you can come up with the fiber.

This month they are to bring their finished item to give back to the original owner of the fiber. All are welcome to come and see how all our hard work turned out.

We will be meeting at Maralyn's club house on Thursday, October 13th, at 6:30 to 8:30. If for some reason you will not be able to make our spinning night and you have your project finished, or if you were unable to finish your project for any reason please let me know as soon as possible, so we can work out any issues. See you on the 13th.

- ❖ Melanie Smith, Spinning Study Group Chair
yarnsthreads@aol.com

Knitting and Crochet Study Group

We meet October 5 and 19th at the Aero Café, on the corner of Orchard and Bethel in Boise from 1 to 3-ish. All are welcome to come and work on a current project or get some help starting a new one. If you have any questions please email Melanie at yarnsthreads@aol.com

- ❖ Melanie Smith, Knitting & Crochet Study Group Chair

UFO Program - Un-Finished Object

It was decided at the last meeting that the UFO Program would take a hiatus.

October Sample - Handspun Yarn

SPINNERS, take a look in the sample box this month! The sample this month is spun merino wool from the Black Sheep Gathering. It is a wonderful shade of blue. Our spinner is Melanie Smith. On the sample sheet she explains her spinning technique and twist along with a narrative of acquiring this wool.

- ❖ Greta Ankeny, Sample Chair

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.

Study Group News

♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

♥ Spinning Study Group

October 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article on page 2 for details.

♥ Day Weaving Study Group

October 18th - 1:30pm at Vila's

♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

The Rug Punch/Russian Punch Needle group will meet at the home of Pat Day Hartwell on **September 22** at 1 pm. We will meet all afternoon and will be dyeing felting pieces for making felted bowls that Phyllis showed us how to make when we were at her home in Donnelly in July as well as working on our punch pieces. It will be a busy afternoon.

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

The COE study group meets every other month before the regular meeting. The next meeting will be **October 1**, 2016, at 10:00 at the Church. For more info contact Mary at 901-5640.

♥ Bobbin Lace

Meets **October 11th**, 10am at Vila's.

Website

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



Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612 & Julie Gerrard 342-8562
- Secretary: Joan Sheehan 794-6049
- Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215
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- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
- Weaving Intensive: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Rug Punch & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324

Membership Reminder ~~ Dues were Due in June

If you have not done so already, it is time to recommit to a year of great fun and camaraderie with your Guild friends. Your dues are only \$25.00 per year, and they are due in June of each year.

Here are some of the benefits of membership:

- * Meeting attendance, to participate in the educational programs
- * Workshop participation
- * Study Group participation
- * Access to the extensive fiber related Library
- * Monthly Fiber Samples
- * Jumping-in to help organize the fun

If you have not submitted your dues, they are happily accepted by the Membership Officer.

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2016

Attending: President, Vila Cox; Vice President, Lily Lee; Treasurer, Kathy McGowan; Membership Officer, Rebecca Winter; Secretary, Joan Sheehan.

Meeting called to order by Vila at 10:13 am

Reviewed policies procedures of Articles and By-Laws, and job descriptions.

VP report was given.

There was a discussion about the UFO Program. Ideas included posting pictures of projects online.

Vila, as Webmaster, needs revised info from VP's and programs.

Programs: Anna Matejcek, MFA student, is presenting crocheted fiber art for today's meeting. The remainder of the year's programs were published in the September Newsletter.

Membership-Rebecca Winter

We currently have 43 members. A dues announcement was sent to those members who have not paid on Thursday of this week. An analysis was completed on paid and unpaid members, in comparison to the roster and the Yahoo group. Rebecca presented a new member brochure, and also guild directory ad handout. Motion made and carried to allow Vila to have free ad as barter for her payment of web domain and fees for over three years. The membership will be asked to verify information for directory today.

Newsletter: Mailing 9 issues via snail mail. 6 members are paid, 3 have not paid yet. ISU art department at ISU. Naomi S. Adams is new contact person at ISU.

ANWG- Dues have been paid.

Treasurer: Kathy McGowan

Checkbook, monthly report, bank statement in file. Small discrepancies found (-\$300.00) between our records and the bank records; has not matched for over one year. Motion made for: Correct our records to match the bank statement forward from July 1, 2016. Kathy will do so. She is keeping records of all accounts. Librarian Report: Cynthia - not present.

President - Vila Cox

There have been donations of equipment, etc., to the Guild. Vila feels the equipment portion of library should be planned for and have further planning. Her proposal is to form a new committee person for equipment. She would also like to have a committee of around 3 persons. Vila will ask members to volunteer today.

Idaho State Fair: Janet Stanger volunteered to be an Events Coordinator, which would be an additional chair person. She would remind about what is coming up, and be a liaison. This will create more outreach. Ideas included Sheep to Shawl at the fair, spin-off with other guilds. Motion made by Rebecca, seconded by Joan, and carried to have Janet begin in this role.

Meeting Adjourned 10:55am.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Joan Sheehan, Secretary



Regular Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2016

Attending: Rena Lute, Anne Oglevie, Penny Schraufnagel, Melanie Smith, Katzy Luhring, Lily Lee, Esther Kleinkauf, Lynn Ruggles, Pat Ann, Joan Sheehan, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, Kathy Shiflet, Janet Stanger, Marita Turner, & Vila Cox.

Also in attendance were the following New Members: Jonathan Drews, Anna Matejcek, Vera Hunt, & Jenni Jimmerson. We welcome our new members and wish you years of happy weaving and spinning!

President Vila Cox called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

New Business:

Vice President Announcement: Described the March weaving workshop on Forgotten Weaves. Lily also provided 3 topics for those planning to attend the Sarah Anderson spinning workshop. A vote is being compiled to determine the favored topic. For details please see the program schedule and September newsletter.

Library: Cindy not in attendance. Joan assisted on the last library workday, and reports that all inventory is now in a data base, card indexed, and shelved. Pat Ann made a request that the Braid Conference book be purchased for our library.

Events: Challenge Chair, Jinks was absent, and in her place, Vila described our annual Museum Comes to Life and Guild Challenge. Volunteers are needed for set up. Event is on Saturday, September 24th. Rebecca will bring a loom. An educational display will be set up from the Diane Totten workshop to follow up on our ANWG Grant. Lynn Ruggles is the contact person for this part of the display. Participants of the weaving workshop are requested to bring samples by September 17th, and/or to September 8th spinning night.

ANWG: Ann Oglevie is the current president of ANWG, and mentioned that the 2017 ANWG conference will once again be held in Vancouver, BC. The 2017 Northwest Weavers Conference sponsored by ANWG will be held in Victoria B.C. on the grounds of the University of Victoria. The dates for the pre-conference workshops are June 28th to June 30th. The conference is July 1st and July 2nd. Participants from 5 US states, and 4 Provinces of Canada will be in attendance.

Show and Tell:

Marita brought a multicolored linen stitch scarf.

Jenni Jimmerson, a new member to our guild, modeled her clasped weft silk blouse. She designed the pattern.

Kathy shared a story of her 15-year-old granddaughter learning to weave mug rugs, and then hand delivering them to an assisted living facility.

Greta brought two infinity scarves woven of exquisite pale gray and blue tencel and silk; also wool woven for a bag.

Mary brought a 24 shaft towel pattern that has circles, and is reversible in turquoise and white.

Joan shared a friends gathering of Qivuit from Nome, Alaska, that she will help process and spin.

Lynn has been fiber dying all summer, and teased Vila about 2 Indigo dyed skeins of Cashmere-did she get them both back???

Esther has been to a braid conference and brought a book and 3 samples, one in a leno type braid, a strung bead braid, and an in process 'channel' braid.

Lily is in a sample exchange and had two large samples to show woven in neutrals on white.

Melanie brought her Jenkins Ivory wood Lark drop spindle that she purchased at Black Sheep for a special pouch she received in our guild exchange (Rebecca's fiber art). Well, the bag couldn't go empty.

Penny completed 2 rugs, one of re-purposed Ralph Lauren flannel sheets, and the other double stranded handspun.

Katzy brought two 5/2 cotton scarves woven on her rigid heddle loom, one black and white, and one red and purple. Both had sparkly beads.

Lissa finished her first woven project, a wool sampler! HUZDAH!

Sample Box: This month's sample is woven by Kathy McGown in huck

Treasurer Report: Kathy gave a report of account amounts.

Membership: Rebecca designed a New Member brochure that was handed out to our members. She also has an informational flyer for potential directory advertisers. We have 44 members, with more joining today.

Equipment: Vila requested volunteers to become an Equipment Committee. The committee will review Guild equipment, make suggestions to the Board and general membership about what

would be beneficial to our Guild to purchase, and what we currently have that should be sold. Joan Sheehan, Ann Oglevie, and Lynn Ruggles will be on the committee.

Event Coordinator: Vila requested that we create an Events Coordinator Chair position to process general requests from our community, follow through on requests, explore what events would benefit our community per our statement of purpose. Janet Stanger has been working on this, and accepted the position. This chair position would attend regular Board Meetings, similar to other committee chairs.

Meeting Adjourned around 12:00 pm.

Program Presentation by Anna Matejcek on Landscape Crochet. She is working on her MFA at BSU.

Program adjourned 1:30pm

◆ Respectfully submitted by Joan Sheehan, Secretary



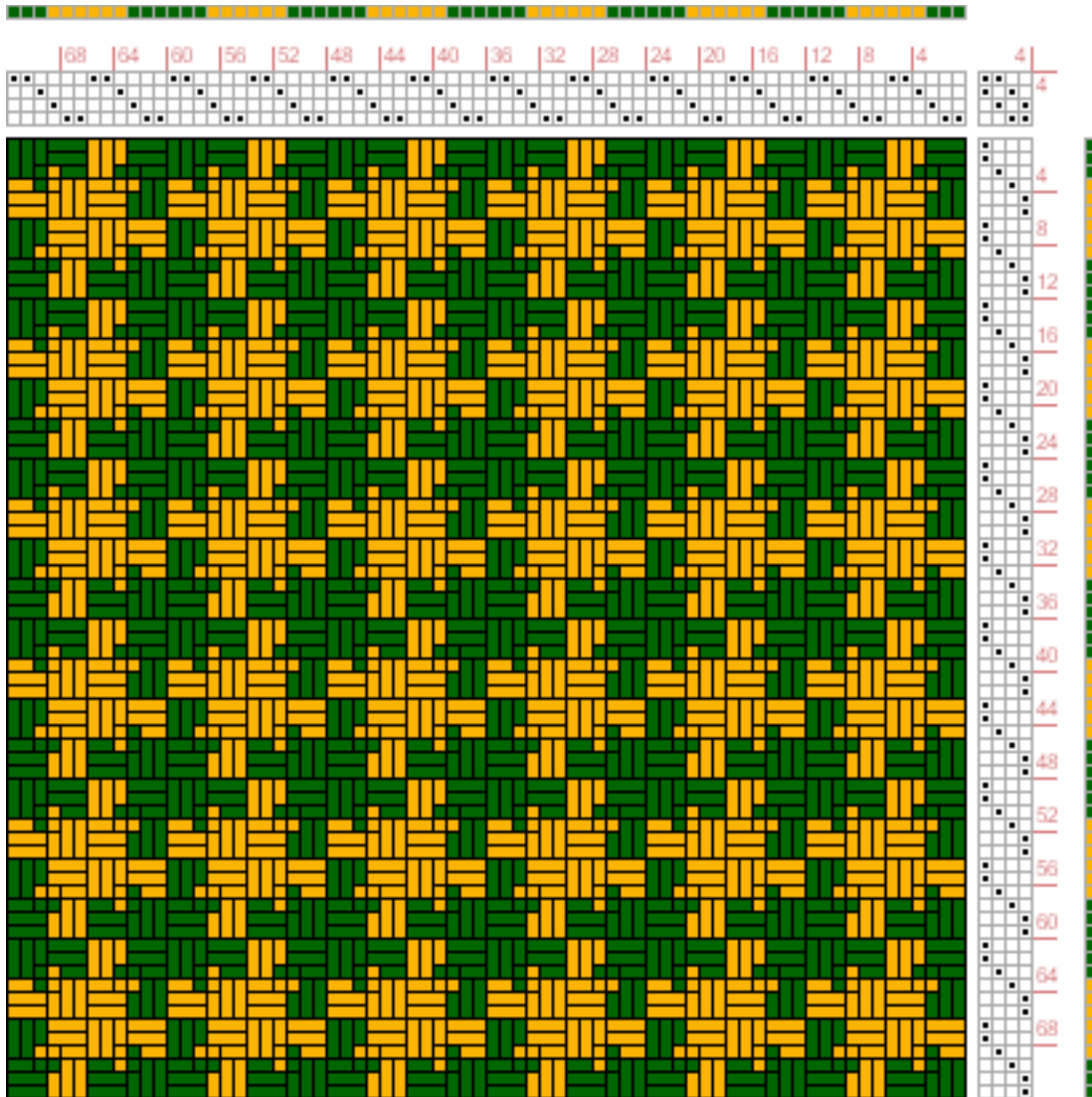
Draft Inspirations

The following draft is from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about the draft, as well as download a .wif file.

This is a sweet little four harness color-and-weave, which you know is in my realm. It does have some interesting areas of basket weave. This would require a bit closer sett than you might otherwise consider, and it would have a really nice drape and hand. I also like that it has 5 ends of each color. This is from a favorite book of mine, *Die farbige Gewebemusterung*, by Franz Donat. You can find a copy of this book in German on the above website. The color plates are worth the look.

Think about this for a Fall scarf, or for kitchen towels in your favorite colors.

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