



Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley ~ October, 2019

October Program ~ Peru: Travels and Textiles, by Kathy McGowan

"Peru: Travels and Textiles" will be the topic of the program at the October meeting. Kathy McGowan will share photos from three trips to Peru, as well as a show-and-tell of the many textiles that she couldn't resist bringing home.

Calendar of Events

October 5, 2019 - Regular Guild Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Library Open
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting & Show-and-Tell
12:30 a.m. - Program: **Peru: Travels & Textiles,**
by Kathy McGowan
Book Sale, to Benefit the Library
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

October 8, 2019 - Bobbin Lace Group
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Vila Cox's Home

October 10, 2019 - Spinning Study Group
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Melanie Smith's Home

October 15, 2019 - Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m.
Rebecca Winter's Home - **Note Change of Location**

October 24, 2019 - Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m.
Julie Gerrard's Home

October 24, 2019 - Rug Punch+ALL Meeting
1-4pm
Pat Day Hartwell's Home

Special Events:

January 18, 19 & 20, 2020 - Weaving Intensive - "From Profile to Block Weaves"
June 12, 13 & 14, 2020 - Weaving Workshop, "Double Rainbows," by Jennifer Moore

Library

BOOK SALE ~ BOOK SALE

There are so many neat things happening in our library. We have lots of new books coming soon. Have you taken a few minutes to go down visit, and maybe borrow a book or DVD?

Because we would like to add new materials to our library, we will be holding a book sale at our October guild meeting to help fund future purchases. If you have ANY books that you would like to pass on, please bring them priced and ready to sell. We ask that you donate 10% of your sales to the Guild for the library fund. Again, this can be craft books, fiction, non-fiction, etc.

If you have any questions please let me know at: yarnsntherads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith, Librarian

A Word From Your President

As the weather changes and fall is in the air, we tend to spend more time inside working on our projects. I recently acquired an Ad-A-Harness Macomber 8 harness loom, 48 inch weaving width. It is well made, cast iron, cast brass, 1/4 inch screws, 3/8th inch bolts, heavy steel bars, and solid maple. After cleaning and oiling, I started to put a warp on. Since it is so wide and the warp was only 19 inches, I started to construct an apparatus to hold the lease sticks. As I am doing this, the loom started asking me what am I doing as the old owner never had to do that. The last time there was a warp on was over 35 years ago, but the loom has an excellent memory.

I used 2 lease sticks from my Loomcraft to go from the warp beam to the cloth beam and set 2 lease sticks from the Baby Wolf crossways on these. They were attached to ones which were tied to the cloth beam to hold tight as I wrapped the warp on through the cross. The Mac kept asking me what I was doing, and why did I need to use this fancy apparatus. I keep telling it that this fancy apparatus helps me put a warp on correctly. Also, on the warp beam, to hold all of this in place, I clamped my rattle over the lease sticks with old socks under the wood to keep from scratching the warp beam using clamps that I bought at the hardware store.

Now this loom came with a bench with a storage bin in it. It has a bunch of shuttles and bobbins and everything needed for work including 2 sley tools. After threading the heddles, I started to sley the reed using a new sleying tool. Well, the loom did not like the new tool as I keep dropping it or getting it stuck in the reed. I went back to using the tool that came with the loom and we progressed along well. One time I stuck the tool in the reed to hold it, it fell out somehow, bounced on the floor and when I found it it had slotted itself through the number 3 treadle on the low end with the handle sticking up. Now what are the chances of this happening, there is barely room for me to get my hand into the space between the treadle and the bottom of the harness's.

Now that I am all done and tied on, I grabbed one of my new shuttles to use and the Mac told me nothing doing. I'm supposed to use the shuttles that it is familiar with. We battled for a while, sticking treads, dropped shuttle, etc. I gave in and picked one of the shuttles it knew and just set it on the warp. In the end, I am using the old shuttle for the white thread and the new shuttle for my colored threads. We reached a happy compromise and I am finally making progress on my towels.

As I learn more about weaving and looms, I am starting to understand the passion shared by our fellow guild members. It's a great journey to be on.

◆ Doug Ranck, President

COMING IN 2020

Jennifer Moore - Double Weave Workshop - "Double Rainbows"

We had a wonderful response from our members, so we have booked Jennifer for June 12, 13 & 14, 2020. As the date nears, around the first of the year, we will be asking for your sincere interest with the payment of your fees. We have a projected amount of \$225.00. We will be using Lunatic Fringe Yarns for this class. For more information you can go to Jennifer Moore's website.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson & Anne Oglevie, Vice President



Spinning Study Group

At our September meeting Dagmar brought us a wonderful fiber she found while in Edinburgh. For the month of October, we will be getting a new fiber from someone yet to be determined. We will be meeting on October 10th at 6:30 at Melanie Smith's home. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about a new fiber. If you have any questions or need directions just let me know: yarnnthreads@aol.com

◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

New this fall is the Garment Study Group. Our goal is to help one another with the sewing of garments using our handwoven fabrics. All Guild members are welcome whether you are an experienced seamstress or a beginner.

Our next meeting date is October 24, 10:30 am at Julie Gerrard's home.

If you have questions please call or email me (see Guild membership booklet for my contact information).

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

Rug Punch + ALL Meeting

Date: Note: Just for this month we changed to the 4th Thursday, on October 24.

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Pat Day Hartwell's Home

For October bring rug punch or any other project you want to work on!

Focus: We always encourage the arts of rug and needle punch, and welcome folks interested in learning this craft. We also want to reach out to the enthusiast of any sort of craft or art in fiber or other medium to join us. We welcome spinners, knitters, stitchers, tatters, crocheters, beaders, etc.

•♦ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

September Sample

The October sample is handwoven by Greta Ankeny. It is a plaited twill using 8/2 cotton for the warp (white) and weft (red). Greta found the draft in the *Weaver's Book of Eight Shaft Patterns* by Carol Strickler, #360.

•♦ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



Officers and Chairs

- President: Doug Ranck
- Vice-Presidents: Jenni Jimmerson & Anne Oglevie
- Secretary: Lily Martina Lee
- Treasurer: Vila Cox
- Membership Officer: Dagmar Rapp
- Librarian: Melanie Smith
- Web Master: Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor: Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange: Julie Gerrard
- Events Coordinator: Janet Stanger
- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith
- Weaving Intensive: Joan Sheehan & Connie Griffin
- Day Weaving Study Group: Vila Cox
- Garment Study Group: Greta Ankeny
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox
- Rug Punch & All Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell & Jinks Hunter

Website

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



A Little Mythology

In my travels around the internet this past month I ran across this articles called, "The Goddesses Who Wove the World." It is written by the Mythcraft Team in 2018 and can be found at this link (just click in the blue): [Weaving Mythology](#) Included in the article are what we might expect from Greek and Roman mythology. And we find it also includes stories from Norse, Ancient Egyptian, and Native American mythology. I hope you enjoy reading and thinking about creating worlds in your fiber craft.

•♦ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor



Minutes Section

Board Meeting ~ Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2019

Present: Doug Ranck, Greta Ankeny, Vila Cox, Anne Oglevie, Lily Lee, Rebecca Winter, Jenni Jimmerson, Dagmar Rapp, Melanie Smith, Janet Stanger.

Dagmar Rapp -Membership Officer

There are new photo release forms that are more thorough than the old version. Dagmar is keeping an updated spreadsheet of which members have signed the updated form. Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor, will not publish any photos of members or their projects in the newsletter without verifying that they have signed the right form. Rebecca and Dagmar will work to develop a new Goups.io group to share the updated spreadsheets with the board members, as well as other key officers, namely Newsletter Editor and Social Media Coordinator, who will need to check on the release forms before publishing materials.

Doug Ranck -President

The board discussed the procedure for approving meeting minutes. The board will continue to approve meeting minutes via email before they are published in the Newsletter. The board discussed Lily Lee - Secretary using a voice recording app to help with taking meeting minutes. Since the recordings will not be published, this does not need to be added to the release form.

Vila Cox -Equipment Chair

The guild has prioritized purchasing a digital projector for use with programs. A member has a good one they are willing to sell to the guild used. The guild will need to vote to approve this if the purchase price is over \$100. This will be a topic at the next month's meeting.

Policies

The board discussed the policies for members advertising personal businesses with the guild via the directory, newsletter, bulletin board, and emails. The board plans to continue with current policies of offering members to advertise for their businesses with paid adds in the directory and newsletter.

Melanie Smith -Librarian & Spinning Study Group

The Tour de Fleece Awards will be today's program. Participants will show the projects they worked on during TdF then. The regular show and tell will be earlier in the meeting.

The "Rainbow" bag is being reintroduced (although it is a My Little Pony bag today) with a twist! This will be an opportunity for the library to give away yarn that has been for sale in the library, but not sold. Unlike the previous Rainbow bag where members brought it back with a gift at the next meeting, the My Little Pony bag is for the recipient to keep. Some reminders of library procedures for checking out books and donating materials will be shared with the guild.

Rebecca Winter- Directory Construction

It is on the agenda to request volunteers to help assemble the new directories which Vila is weaving the cover material for. This will take place sometime between 9/15 and 10/5. 4-5 volunteers will be ideal.

Jenni Jimmerson -Co-Vice President

The board discussed the schedule for board meetings. The board will continue to meet every other month before the regular guild meeting.

Janet Stanger -Community Outreach

Janet shared a report of the Community Outreach Committee's activities at the Western Idaho Fair. The visitors enjoyed the guild's demonstrations and the fair organizers have encouraged the guild to participate again next year. Several possible ideas were discussed for activities at the fair next year that could help encourage interested members of the public to join the guild. Ideas were also discussed for how to get more guild members to participate in the fair both by volunteering to do demonstrations and by entering their projects. The Community Outreach Committee will work on these ideas for next year's fair. The committee will also develop a "Mentoring Match" program to help connect members who need help with members who can help by matching one another based on need, skills, equipment and location. The committee is considering purchasing a new sign to take to activities. The current folding sign is available for check out if members with a key to the library (Vila and Melanie) are contacted in advance. The next Community Outreach activity will be on October 6th at the Hidden Springs Ranch.

Workshop Budget

The board discussed the mechanisms in place to ensure that workshops are self-supporting, but that attendees do not subsidize the rest of the guild's budget. The board will continue to price workshops based on cost estimates and reimburse attendees.

Members Meeting ~ September 7, 2019

Present: Lily Lee, Peggy Jones, Doug Ranck, Janet Stanger, Rebecca Winter, Raelene Viste, Dagmar Rapp, Pat Ann, Anne Oglevie, Jenni Jimmerson, Katzy Luhring, Jinks Hunter, Esther Kleinkauf, Carol Freeman, Connie Griffin, Joan Sheehan, Julie Gerrard, Nancy Alzola, Mitzi Meyers, Vila Cox, Rachael Mayer, Kathy McGowan, Lora Gautier, Jean Zaske, Melanie Smith, Fran Wolfson-Yuschak, Greta Ankeny, Richard Huddleston, Cheri Byrnes, Wendy Taylor, Jamie Landry, Ivy DeHart, Sally Johnston, Chris Brady

Doug Ranck, President -Introductions

The board members were introduced, and a sign-in sheet was passed around. An announcement was made that Lily will be taking a voice recording to assist with taking the meeting minutes.

Jenni Jimmerson, Co-Vice President

For upcoming programs, look in the newsletter to see which programs are coming up. This year we have an upcoming workshop, June 12-14 by Jennifer Moore, called "Double Rainbow," which is on double weave. The estimated cost will be about \$225. The venue will be a room on the second floor of St. Luke's in Nampa, which is near the Nampa Costco. The intensive will also be held there. Spinning workshops are currently being planned, with either Gale Valance or Judith Mackenzie as potential instructors. The spinning workshop will be a 2-day workshop.

Dagmar Rapp, Membership Officer

Membership dues are due. There are currently 23 people who were members last year who have not yet renewed their membership for this year.

Show & Tell

Eighteen members had shows and five had tells.

Vila Cox, Webmaster

The website is up to date. If you notice any errors, please contact Vila.

Julie Gerrard, Sample Exchange

There are still some months available for this year to sign up for the Sample Exchange. If you volunteer to create the Sample Exchange for a month you will need to produce 25 samples to bring. The forms to attach them to are available. Please remember to check off your name when you pick up your sample for each month. There are booklets available in the back of the Sample Exchange box with a collection of old samples organized together. This month's sample is from Irene Chandler. She has produced a honeycomb weave from a program Rebecca Winter taught.

Melanie Smith, Librarian

A new assortment of books focusing on the intensive is on display. Remember to attach a note to items you are donating to the library. Please don't take books without cards; instead, notify Melanie. If you want to recommend new books for the library, please contact the Acquisitions Committee: Melanie Smith, Chris Brady and Cynthia Newman. The library may not be able to reimburse members for books purchased for the library if they are not approved before the purchase.

Yarn that was previously for sale in the library is going to be given away in My Little Pony bags. A number guess was conducted and Richard Huddleston won the bag!

Next month's meeting will be a Book Sale. This will be a fundraiser for the library. The Book Sale will be conducted in the same way as the Yarn and Equipment sale where members bring in items to sell that they have labeled with pricing in advance. 10% of all sales will go to the guild for the library. The sale will occur after Kathy McGowan's program. Please do not preview the sale items or conduct any pre-sales during the meeting or program.

Connie Griffith, Weaving Intensive

This year's intensive will take place on Martin Luther King Junior weekend and focus on profile drafts. The November program by Mary Berent will help prep members on this topic. Participants will bring their pre-warped loom to the site of the intensive, which is tentatively a room on the second floor of the Nampa St. Luke's. The cost to participate is \$30, which covers a notebook with drafts & weaving plans from everyone. New members are strongly encouraged to take part in the Intensive.

Janet Stanger, Community Outreach

The guild's presence at this year's Western Idaho Fair was a success. Members demonstrated spinning, bobbin lace, and felting. Thank you to Joan Sheehan, Nancy Swenson, Julie Gerrard, Lori Gautier, Raelene Viste, and Barbara Redmond for your help! The Community Outreach Committee will be developing a Mentor Matching program to pair members who need help with particular projects with members who can

help. There will be a survey for members who are willing to be mentors to indicate their expertise, equipment, and locale.

Greta Ankeny, Garment Study Group

There is a new study group on garments. This was inspired by the Daryl Lancaster workshop. Any interested members can join the study group even if they did not attend the workshop.

Program, Tour de Fleece Awards

Thank you to Melanie Smith for organizing the Tour de Fleece, and for today's program awarding the winners of the TdF!

- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Lily Lee, Secretary

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Weavers At Lunatic Fringe Yarn on September 3, 2019 ~ Julie Gerrard and Mary Berent ~



Spinners At Mitzi's ~ Partaking of one of the best parts on September 2, 2019.

~ Joan Sheehan, Connie Griffin & Rebecca Winter ~

