

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
October, 2021

Come in Person to the Meeting ~ October 2, 2021

The meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room. Masks required, per the church.

Or Join the Meeting via Zoom at this link:

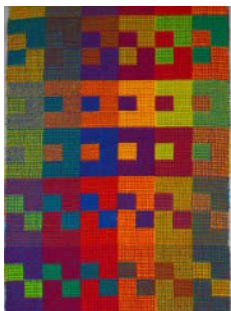
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285190830?pwd=bkllS010WHRXOHRXTll0OUlYa2VJQT09>

11:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting, Show-and-Tell, and

Program: Some Things I Have Learned about Sheep, Wool and Spinning ~ by Jinks Hunter

Jinks will tell us about the fascinating journey she has taken learning about sheep, wool and spinning, beginning with sheep and their part in world history. She will talk about spinning from spindles to walking great wheels to “modern” treadle wheels, to the most modern—electric wheels. She will also be showing some wool samples and discussion on rare sheep breeds in the US and worldwide. She will also tell us about the *Shave ‘Em to Save ‘Em*, The Livestock Conservancy’s initiative to build interest among fiber artists in the wool of rare sheep breeds.

◆Mary Berent, Vice President



Doubleweave - Double Rainbow Workshop, by Jennifer Moore

~ Coming in November 2021!

There are still a couple of spaces available in the upcoming Double Rainbows Zoom Workshop by Jennifer Moore. See the September Newsletter for more details. Contact Mary Berent or Connie Griffin for more information and to sign up.

◆Mary Berent & Connie Griffin, Vice Presidents

2021 - 2022 Membership

Renew your membership, if you haven't already done so. Dues are still \$30.

Now that we are starting to meet in person again there will be more photo opportunities. I'm asking that everyone please complete and sign the current photo release form when you renew. The 2021-2022 Membership/Photo Release Form is attached to this newsletter and is always available on the [HWGBV website](http://www.handweaversguildofboisevalley.com).

Also, we ask you to send in your dues by October 15, if you would like to be included in the Directory and continue receiving Guild emails. The Directory will be distributed at the November meeting.

◆Dagmar Rapp, Membership Officer

Calendar of Events

October 2, 2021~
11:00 a.m. - **Some Things I Have Learned about Sheep, Wool and Spinning, by Jinks Hunter**
At the First Congregational Church of Christ,
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room & via
Zoom

October 19, 2021 - Day Weaving Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At Julie Gerrard's home
Spinning Study Group - Activities TBA

Every Thursday - Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom
2:00 p.m. ~ Via Zoom

November 30, 2021 - Garment Study Group
10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Jenni Jimmerson

November 8, 11, 15, & 18, 2021 ~
Double Rainbow Workshop, by Jennifer Moore,
Delivered Via Zoom

Demonstration Opportunity ~ Still Available ~ Old Farm Day

We have been asked again to demonstrate our skills at the Old Time Farm Day at the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead on **Sunday September 26th from 12:00pm-4:00pm**. The Farmstead is located at 5006 W. Farm Court Boise ID 83714 (in the Hidden Springs subdivision).

Please **let me know** if you have any questions and **if you are going to demonstrate** your skill so I can get your name on the list.

- ◆ Janet Stanger Outreach Chair, 208-600-4724.

Book Review

I recently read *Spider Woman, A Story of Navaho Weavers and Chanters* from our guild library. It was published in 1934. A "white" woman spent 4 summers living among the Navaho Indians, primarily to learn about their weaving and dyeing. They accepted her as part of their family. It was a very interesting read!

I did skim a couple of chapters, the chanting parts were repetitive and not as interesting to me, but thoroughly enjoyed the book overall. It will be back in the library at our next meeting.

- ◆ Mitzi Meyers

Sample Exchange

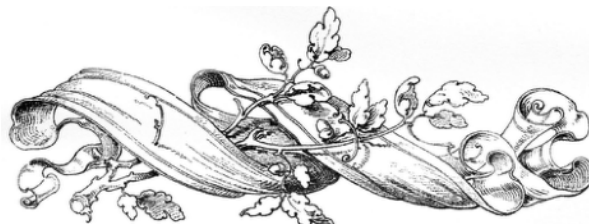
Thanks to everyone who signed up for the sample exchange for this year. If you were not able to attend the first meeting in late August, there are still two openings: October and January. Let me know if you are interested in doing a sample for either of those months.

The samples should be given to me prior to or during the meeting at the beginning of the month you signed up for and will be available for members the following month. For example, if you signed up for the month of March, your sample will be due in March and in the April newsletter and sample box at the April meeting.

There is no sample for October as we just started the exchange after a break during Covid19.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

- ◆ Julie Gerrard, Sample Chair



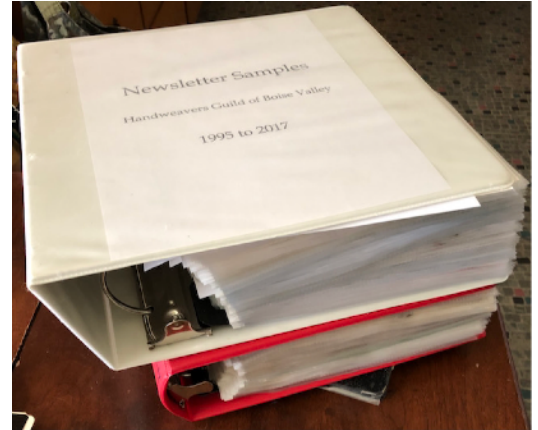
From Your President

I believe the history of the Guild is important. Where did we come from? How did we start? Who attended those early meetings? The answers to these questions can be found in the History Cabinet in the Guild Library. Newsletters have been collected back to 1978, and are complete to the current day.

For a long time Newsletters were mailed via USPS. Back in the day, so to speak, we actually cut and pasted paper. This copy was then taken to Kinko's, where the Guild had an account, to be made into the actual copies of the Newsletters. This consisted of at least two trips to the printing store. Then came the labeling, stapling, and the trip to the post office. The electronic age has made it so much easier today.

Many of these hard copy Newsletters contained an actual handwoven or handspun sample, offering inspiration to members for their own fiber practice. Then in 2004, we entered into the electronic age, and since then our Newsletters have been sent via email.

But what happened to those Newsletter Samples? As you may know we resurrected the practice of sharing our work via samples in 2009, by offering samples at the Regular Meeting. Recently, while inventorying the Library, I noticed some Guild Samples needed to be replaced. Luckily we were given donations from Joan Sheehan upon her move and from the estate of Pat Ann. These donations have filled in a large portion of missing samples. There is no way to know if this collection is complete, because the hard copy Newsletters did not offer any discussion about the enclosed samples. Why would they? The sample spoke for itself. Pictured are the binders of our current collection.



Historically speaking, the samples show what was being worked on in fiber practice, and also who was involved in the Guild. Incidentally, Pat Ann's last sample offered to the Guild was from a sheep named Omar. That is a story for next month!!

Please Note: The historical documents are made available only for use in the Library. Arrangements can be made with the Librarian or the Historian to view the samples or the Newsletters.

May our history continue to build for many years to come.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President

Handspun Yarn and Fiber Sale ~ To benefit The Pat Ann Education Fund

The room containing the remainder of the yarn and fiber from the estate of Pat Ann will be open following the regular meeting and program, on Saturday, October 2. Payment is by check or cash only.

◆ Mary Berent, Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weaving Group will be meeting Tuesday, October 19 at 10:30. We will meet at Julie Gerrard's home. This can give us an opportunity to not just share weaving projects but pick up some fresh fruit from the fruit stands out that way! Questions? Call Greta

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The Garment Study group will not be meeting until the 5th Tuesday in November. So there is still time to plan a project! More information will come concerning location of this meeting.

◆ Greta Ankeny, Study Group Chair

Spinning Study Group

Stay tuned for some emails requesting information on study subjects and preferences.

Spinning Social Meeting

On hold for the present. Let's see what October brings- possibly an outdoor meeting?

◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

We would like to extend an invite for you to zoom-in and join us. We started meeting weekly via zoom when we were all mostly staying home during the worst of covid prior to vaccines. Two of our regular members have moved away from Boise and it is a lovely way to stay in touch. It is a great way to just hang out at home, show each other what we are working on, ask about project issues, inspire, encourage, and laugh. Hope you'll join every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Find us on zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUfTZz09>

☛ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

Meeting Minutes ~ For 8/28/21

The meeting was called to order by President, Rebecca Winter.

Members present: Rebecca Winter, Mitzi Meyers, Sally Johnston, Mary Berent, Connie Griffin, Dagmar Rapp, Julie Gerrard, Jinks Hunter, Katzy Luhning, Dyan Lay, Cheri Byrnes, Carol Freeman, Doug Ranck, Kathy McGowan, Raelene Viste, Greta Ankeny, Jamie Landry, Peggy Jones, Jean Zaske, Janet Stanger, Barbara Redmond, . . . (A few names were missed, including a new member. Apologies are made, and welcome to the new member.)

Business:

The Zoom license renewal will cost \$140.00. Should we continue our Zoom license? Kathy made a motion to renew, and Mary seconded it. The motion passed with 100% in favor.

Honoring Pat Ann for her devotion to our Guild: As most of you know Pat Ann recently died. Rebecca purchased two cards for her family and passed them around to be signed. Several members shared their feelings and made comments about Pat Ann. They noted her passionate approach, her ever present willingness to learn new things, her directness in conversations, and her sense of welcoming. She is very much missed. She donated many items related to our art. Some items are for sale and the proceeds will go towards education.

Reports:

Vice Presidents Mary and Connie informed us about upcoming programs and workshop. Jennifer Moore will be doing a workshop in November. She gives workshops via Zoom that are each 3-4 hours long over several days. Those attending her workshop here must be paid members of our guild.

Mitzi offered a Treasurer's report.

Chairs:

Jinks offered information about the recent Tour de Fleece.

Janet reminded us about the upcoming Old Farm Day on September 26th. There will be demonstrations and a silent auction. There won't be demonstrations at the Fair this year due to Covid-19. Trailing of the sheep will occur in October.

Julie reported that we have samples from April, May and June of 2019. Due to covid we did not make or distribute samples for 2020. She is ready to start up again so if you are interested be sure to make 25 copies of each and sign up a month in advance.

Jinks said the spinning group will be on hiatus until further notice.

Rebecca asked about topics for the weaving intensive group.

Program:

Jinks presented the Tour de Fleece actions, awards, and goodie bags for the year. It was very productive and most of the participants shared their projects during Show and Tell. Jinks won the traveling award for the most unusual place to spin. She spun on the back of a caboose. This was voted on by impartial participants at a fiber event Jinks attended. Thank you, Jinks, and to your committee for all the work on Tour de Fleece 2021.

Then Mary B. let us know the cost of Pat Ann's items for sale after the meeting: \$15.00 per pound for fiber, \$20.00 per pound for handspun and \$5.00 per bag for commercial yarns.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be on Saturday the 2nd of October.

☛ Respectfully submitted, Sally Johnston, Secretary

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## Officers and Chairs

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Mary Berent
- Vice President - Connie Griffin
- Secretary - Sally Johnston
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Dagmar Rapp
- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Sample Exchange - Julie Gerrard
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jinks Hunter & Dagmar Rapp
- Weaving Intensive - Connie Griffin & Rebecca Winter
- Day Weaving Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- Garment Study Group - Greta Ankeny
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Bobbin Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter

## Website

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

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