

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
October, 2023

## October Program: Overshot, Basics and Beyond, By Mary Berent

Learn about the structure of Overshot! If you have seen beautiful fabrics with big, beautiful, flowing patterns and the weaver said these fabrics were woven on an old 4-shaft loom, it was probably overshot. It's hard to believe how much pattern you can coax out of 4 shafts. Join us to learn how these patterns work, where to find them and how you can weave beautiful projects using overshot drafts. There will be lots of examples available to see and feel!



### Calendar of Events

#### **Regular Meeting:**

October 7, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m.

**Program ~ Overshot, Basics & Beyond**

At the First Congregational Church of Christ,  
2201 Woodlawn, Boise, in the Banquet Room

#### **Study Groups:**

October 4, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group

11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ At Rubaiyat Bookstore,  
314 S 6th Ave, in Caldwell

October 7, 2023 ~ COE Study Group

9:30 a.m., prior to the Regular Meeting  
At the Church

October 10, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. ~ At the home of Raelene  
Viste

October 12, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study  
Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Marianne Poling

October 17, 2023 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Anne Oglevie

October 19, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ Location TBA

~ In-person and via zoom

October 31, 2023 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Jenni Jimmerson

Meets on the 5th Tuesdays, when they occur.

Next meeting - January 30, 2024

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom link later in this Newsletter

January 13, 14 & 15, 2024 - Weaving Intensive

A Teacherless Workshop ~ Topic - Overshot

#### **Workshops:**

November 11, 2023 - Fiberworks Mini-Workshop  
with Mary Berent

March 15, 16, & 17, 2024 - Workshop with  
Robyn Spady

May 7, 8, & 9, 2024 - Mathemagical Workshop  
with Jennifer Moore

## Robyn Spady Weaving Workshop ~ March 15, 16 & 17, 2024

If you are interested in attending the weaving workshop, please read the descriptions of the workshops on pages 4, 5, & 6 in this Newsletter, and be prepared to vote at the October guild meeting for the workshop you would like to attend. If you are unable to attend the October guild meeting, you may send your vote via email to Julie Gerrard (see guild directory for email address).

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



**The Membership Directories  
will be Distributed at the  
October Regular Meeting**



## Mathematical Design From Fibonacci to Fractals Workshop, with Jennifer Moore

The votes are in on having Jennifer Moore come to Boise May 7-9, 2024 to teach a workshop. The majority of guild members who voted selected the Mathematical Design From Fibonacci to Fractals Workshop. It is a 3-day hands-on, all paper based, fun exercises workshop, NOT a weaving workshop. Once the details have been finalized, a sign-up sheet will be available.

◆ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

## One Day Mini-Workshop ~ Fiberworks PCW Weaving Design Software

Mary Berent will lead a one-day workshop on Fiberworks PCW, and the basics of how to do computer weaving. This one-day class will be held at Eagle Fire Station #1, 966 E Iron Eagle Dr, Eagle, on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you do not own Fiberworks software you can download a demo version onto your laptop free. There will be a sign-up sheet at the upcoming Guild meeting.

◆ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

## 2024 Weaving Intensive - Overshot

The topic of the next Weaving Intensive is Overshot, and what an interesting topic it is! During the October Program, Mary Berent will present information about Overshot, and I encourage you to attend. It might help you to decide where to focus your study time. The Intensive is a Teacherless Workshop where all attendees come with a warped loom and information to share about what they learned while studying Overshot. We all weave on each other's looms throughout the weekend. At the end of the weekend, you leave with all of your samples. It may sound intimidating to new weavers, but we assure you, it is a lot of fun and a great learning experience. It will take place Saturday, January 13 - Monday, January 15, 2024, Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend. There is a small fee for the workshop to cover the cost of the workbooks and location rental. More information about sign-up, times and location will be available next month.

◆ Kelly Sandusky and Christie Farrin, Intensive Study Group Co-Chairs

## President's Corner

There are so many learning opportunities being planned for your enjoyment this Guild Year. How will you choose. .... Choose Them All!!

Guild Membership Directories will be available at the October meeting. Come to the meeting and be sure to get yours from our Membership Officer, Cindy Griewe. This is how you will know where to find or contact people, or how you will know where to go for various meetings.

Plus, the program on Overshot is not to be missed.

◆ Rebecca Winter, President

## September Sample Exchange

I think you will love the sample for this month - be sure to pick up your copy from the Sample Box! This month our President, Rebecca, provided samples of her Doubleweave Gauzy Button Shawl. You may have seen this shawl in show-and-tell - it is wonderful! The draft was Lynn Ruggles' contribution to the 2011 Doubleweave Intensive. (Look at what you can learn by going to the Intensive each year!) Rebecca wove a shawl using tea bag string on an 8-harness loom and used 248 buttons.

**Volunteers are still needed to provide samples for January and March of 2024.** Contact me if you are interested.

◆ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



## Study Groups:



### Spinning Study Group

October Spinning Study group is meeting October 4th at the Rubaiyat bookstore in Caldwell, 11a-2p. This month we'll be discussing what spinning topics we want to learn more about. Come be part of the discussion and come with your ideas. Like Jinks says, there's a million things we could delve into.

- ❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### COE Study Group

The next COE Study Group meeting will be before the regular October meeting. We meet every other month. Anyone interested in learning more about the Certificate of Excellence is welcome.

- ❖ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weaving Study Group met for the first time this season at Rebecca Winter's house where she gave a fantastic demonstration of Front-to-Back warping along with her own special tips to make the process easier. We also have some new weavers joining the group!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 6 pm at Marianne Poling's house. The topic will be an introduction to "Weaving Vocabulary" (which can be daunting to a newbie!). All are welcome and hope to see you on the 12th!

- ❖ Study Group Chair, Marianne Poling

### Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace Group will meet October 10th, 10am to 12pm, at Raelene Viste's.

- ❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

Tapestry Study Group, October 19. Presentation by Linda Morton-Keithly about a tapestry workshop, held in July at Taos Wools in Arroyo Seco, NM. In person meeting place TBD. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062756048?pwd=K0d5aHNkSVNSNU9XalFROXo5YnJ4Zz09>

- ❖ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - October 17th, at 10:30am, at the home of Anne Oglevie.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

### Garment Study Group

There will be a meeting of the Garment Study Group on Tuesday October 31 at 10.30am at the home of Jenni Jimmerson. All are welcome to attend. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions. And please bring your own lunch

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

### Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

This 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.

Meeting ID 845 6374 4178, passcode FiberArt.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTZz09>

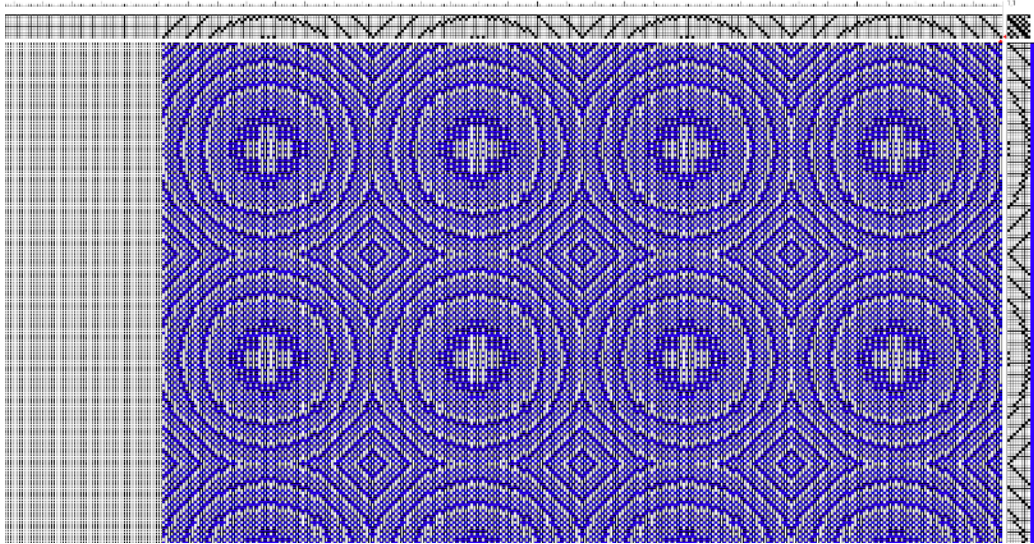
- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



## Computer Weaving with Fiberworks PCW One Day Workshop November 11, 2023

by Mary Berent

10 am to 3 pm at Eagle Fire Station #1, 966 E Iron Eagle Dr, Eagle



Have you always wanted to know how to use weaving software? Have you seen beautifully printed drafts others bring to meetings and wondered how to do that? Would you like to do more with your weaving software? This is your opportunity to see if Fiberworks PCW is the software for you! We will be learning to use the program and the various menu commands and options. Fiberworks is VERY weaver friendly! Just about the time you think you would like to change something or try something different, there will be a way to do just that.

You will need to bring:

- A laptop computer, either PC or Mac, **WITH FIBERWORKS PCW ALREADY LOADED!!!** The demo program is free to download, please do this BEFORE the day of the workshop. <http://www.fiberworks-pcw.com> Make sure your laptop is in working order. Bring a power cord and extension cord for your laptop.
- Your lunch, we will take a short lunch break, maybe 30 minutes.
- Notebook, pen, etc for note taking if you want.

We will all be working on our own laptops. Instruction will be on a large screen so you will be able to see the different menu commands and how they can transform a draft before trying it on your own computer. Each part of the draft; threading, tie-up and treadling will be manipulated using Fiberworks, plus some things you can't do when drafting with graph paper! This will be a fun and concentrated day of computer learning and designing. if you have questions, call, message or email Mary Berent 208-901-5640 [maryberent@yahoo.com](mailto:maryberent@yahoo.com). Workshop from 10-3 with a short lunch break.



### **Robyn Spady Workshop Possibilities**

- Weaving Workshop booked for March 15, 16, & 17, 2024 -

#### **1. A Parallel Threading is the Weaver's Playground**

A parallel threading can provide a weaver with a multitude of options and patterns—from echo weave and corkscrew twills to turned taqueté and network-drafted twills. The add weft variations in color and texture and a weaver will find themselves in a playground of possibilities. Workshop participants will pre-warp



their loom from a selection of threadings and during the workshop enter into a journey of discovery and exploration of how to transform a parallel threading into a myriad of patterns. The workshop is a combination of presentation/discussion, weaving, and hands-on exercises. Emphasis will be on understanding the design and drafting processes to empower workshop participants to create their own patterns. (Note: This is not a round-robin style workshop. Participants will weave on their own loom.)

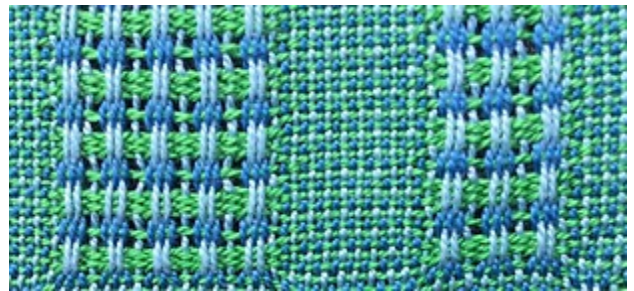
Four-shafts minimum. Eight-shafts highly recommended.

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)

**Materials fee:** \$15/person

## 2. Lace Weaves and the Rainbow Connection

Lace weaves AND color in one workshop????!! What could be more satisfying? Traditionally, lace weaves are woven with the same yarn in the warp and weft. But, no more! Applying color in different ways can transform a simple lace threading into a versatile warp that can be manipulated in different ways with additional colors to create amazing fabrics. In this class, application of color in different lace weaves, such as huck, Atwater-Bronson, and Swedish lace will be explored. Participants will pre-warp their loom from a small set of different lace threadings. They will also explore the fundamentals of lace weaves and color and strategies for combining the two.



Four-shaft loom minimum; eight shafts recommended. (Note: This is not a round-robin workshop.)

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)

**Materials fee:** \$15/person

## 3. Block Party



Do the terms “block design” and “profile draft” bewilder you? Are you interested in developing new patterns and pushing your loom to new limits? Whether you have a four-shaft loom and want to expand its potential or want to better understand what to do with all those shafts, then this workshop is for you! Through presentation, discussion, and weaving, you will develop a practical understanding of blocks, profile drafts, and how to use them to create new exciting drafts. You will also examine the fundamental building blocks of many weave structures and how they can be manipulated into new designs and open up an unlimited number of new possibilities.

Minimum four-shaft loom required. (Note: This is not a round-robin workshop)

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)

**Materials fee:** \$20/person

## 4. Pictures, Piles, Potpourri, & Perplexing Curiosities

This is a round-robin workshop with twelve different samples. Below is the list of the samples. The type of loom, if there is a preference, is noted.

- Pictures
  - o Swivel - four shaft overshot threading
  - o Swivel - eight-shaft point threading (table loom)
  - o Supplementary warp and weft pattern (six shafts)
  - o Piqué (eight-shaft table loom)

- Piles
  - Corduroy (four-shaft floor loom)
  - Velvet (four-shaft floor loom)
- Potpourri
  - Bead leno (four-shaft floor loom with a good shed)
  - A better-than-basket weave basket weave (six shafts)
- Perplexing Curiosities
  - Beiderwand (eight-shaft table loom)
  - Samitum (floor loom with six shafts)
  - Corkscrew twill (eight shafts)
  - Double Diagonal (six shafts)

I think of this workshop as a 'tasting menu' for weavers. It's a little sample of a lot of different weaves. I find it helpful if we have at least one or two looms more than participants to help the flow. My goal is that every workshop participant finds at least one or two samples that they want to weave again . . . and even one or two that they are not interested in weaving since the mystery has been solved.



### Board Meeting Minutes ~ August 26, 2023

Members present:

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Julie Gerrard
- Vice President - Cheryl Wurtenberger
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Secretary - Dyan Lay
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President & Pat Ann Education Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck
- Web Master - Vila Cox
- Outreach Committee Chair - Janet Stanger



President

- Follow Up from July meeting called to order at 10AM.
  - ANWG dues to be mailed.
  - Bowmont workshop site has a flat screen for presentations.
  - Generic name tags for events, community demos, etc. available.
  - Add a social media "how you heard about us" line to the membership form.

Outreach Committee Chair

- Western Idaho fair booth went well.
  - Tatting demo requested.
  - Extra people participated from local businesses like I Yarn 4 Ewe.
  - Lots of information was passed out.
- Old Time Farm Day
  - September 17 from 12-4PM at Schlick-Ostolasa Farmstead in Hidden Springs, Idaho
  - Demonstrators should be there at 11AM and wear old time/ pioneer clothing.
- Birds of Prey has Guild tapestry rolled up in a corner. Rebecca Winter contacted the BoP Director and, because the BoP remodeled, might have tapestry in art holdings area.

Vice Presidents

- Julie and Cheryl are currently working on finalizing workshops.

Treasurer

- Mitzi Meyers paid the contribution to the First Congregational Church including December for the potluck.



- The Guild has plenty of money, and the Library remains self-insured.
- The Board agrees that Vila Cox should discuss the use of the kitchen for the potluck with the Church administration.
- Vila Cox will also ask about using the Church's flat screen and remote for presentations such as Mary Berent's October program and Ivy DeHart's program in May.

#### Membership

- Cindy Griewe reported that there were 52 renewals as of August 25.
- Two directory ads paid, and she received three more.
- Directory sample, white weave with buttons, done by Rebecca Winter.

#### Web Master

- Vila Cox is moving her business to a new website platform, and the Guild has been piggy backing on her current platform, so the Guild needs to develop their own.
- Current website hosting is paid until April 2024.
- Guild needs to budget for website.
- A committee was founded to investigate options, costs, and strategy for new website to report to Board. Members of that committee are Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Dyan Lay, Connie Griffin and Robin Conrads.
- Dyan Lay and Robin Conrads will be co-web masters.

#### Pat Ann Fund

- Doug Ranck and Julie Gerrard to discuss fund details and usage.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38AM. Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 10AM.

- Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

## Regular Meeting Minutes - August 26, 2023

#### Call To Order

- President Rebecca Winter called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.
- Other members present were Vice Presidents Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Secretary Dyan Lay, Membership Officer Cindy Griewe Past President Doug Ranck, Vila Cox, Jenne Schiffhauer, Sarah Sherman, Kelly Sandusky, Mecinze Berg, Katzy Luhring, Jeannie Phillips, Sally Johnston, Nancy Alzola, Nicole Phillips, Martie Pennick, Bob Reinhardt, Sheila Miller, Susan Inouye, Hanna Meinikheim, Mary Berent, Jinks Hunter, Connie Griffin, Jean Zaske, Cindy Schafer, Marita Turner, Raelene Viste, Christie Farrin, Esther Kleinkauf, Tom Thompson, Lori Porreca, Robin Conrads, Irma Atkinson, Kari Lawton, and Greta Ankeny.

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Nine new members in attendance.
- Attendance sheet asks members' number of shafts per Ivy DeHart's request
  - 13 have 4 shafts, 13 have 8 shafts, 2 have 40 shafts, 1 has 6 6/10, 2 have 16 shafts, 13 were N/A

#### Business

- Board has been busy, met in July and in August.
- Julie Gerrard spoke of the ANWG booth and thanked all participants and fiber contributors.
- Jeannie Phillips discussed community demonstrations.
  - Western Idaho Fair booth was a success.
  - Old Time Farm Day demonstration opportunity, September 17 from 12-4PM at Hidden Springs Ranch
    - Seven demonstrators signed up.
    - Let Janet Stanger know if you want to volunteer.
  - Let Janet Stanger know of any upcoming community events.
    - September 12 National Crochet Day
    - September 19 Spin in Public Day
  - Guild Facebook has 194 followers; Guild Instagram has 196 followers.
- Rebecca announced that Dyan Lay will be new Guild webmaster.
  - A committee of Vila Cox, Rebecca Winter, Dyan Lay, Connie Griffin and Robin Conrads was created to transition web hosting and site by April 2024.
- Vice President Report by Julie Gerrard
  - Mary Berent will present "Overshot, Basics and Beyond" for the October regular meeting program.
  - November regular meeting will offer tips and tricks. Please be thinking of Tips & Tricks you would like to share with the group.
  - The Guild will be collecting winter scarves, hats, gloves, etc. at the December regular meeting to donate to a local charitable organization.



- January regular meeting will be the annual fashion show.
- Workshops
  - Robyn Spady scheduled for March 15-17, 2024.
  - Jennifer Moore tentatively scheduled for May 7-9 or 8-10, 2024.
- Membership Report by Cindy Griewe
  - Membership forms are available with an annual membership costing \$30.
  - Directory ads cost \$10 for a quarter page and need to be to Cindy Griewe by September 15.
- Treasurer Report by Rebecca Winter (Mitzi Meyers left early)
  - The Guild has money.
- Chair Reports
  - Rebecca Winter discussed open chair opportunities.
    - Beginning Weaving Group need a chairperson. They meet the second Thursday of each month; next meeting is September 14 and Rebecca Winter will provide a warping demonstration.
  - Kelly Sandusky, Sample Exchange Chair, spoke of the Sample Box and requested sample signups for 3-4 months.
  - Sally Johnston, Librarian, asked for fiber samples for the library bulletin board.
  - Rebecca Winter mentioned that the library resource list is on the Guild website.
  - Vila Cox, Equipment Chair, explained the Library has a lot of equipment available for rent. Equipment used for workshops or events have no rental fee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34PM.

- Program
  - Tour de Fleece
    - Jinx Hunter discussed the variety of participants and their fiber activities.
    - Nicole Phillips won the traveling trophy.
    - Julie Gerrard was a strong runner up.
  - What I Did This Summer
    - Several members presented their projects including Bob Reinhardt with his Rio Grande/Chimayo woven rug.

❖ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



### Officers

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### Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - Vila Cox, Dyan Lay
- Equipment - Vila Cox
- Newsletter Editor - Rebecca Winter
- Pat Ann Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck
- Sample Exchange - Kelly Sandusky
- Outreach Committee - Janet Stanger
- Social Media - Dyan Lay
- ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin
- Spinning Study Group - Jeannie Phillips
- Weaving Intensive Study Group - Christie Farrin & Kelly Sandusky
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Marianne Poling
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Kelly Sandusky
- Tour de Fleece - Jinks Hunter
- Church of Christ Contact Person - Vila Cox
- Bowmont Church Contact Person - Rebecca Winter
- Post Office Box Name Holder - Mitzi Meyers
- Mail Collector - Mitzi Meyers

### Website

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

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