

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
October, 2024



October Program: Complex Weavers Seminars Keynote

Speech, by Rebecca Winter

Autumn is settling in! There is something about the routine of this time of year; the sun begins to awaken later with each passing day, the colors in nature will change to their tonal palettes, and the cotton bolls will be harvested!

This month's program is one I am very excited for. It is brought to us by our amazing past president Rebecca Winter. She was the keynote speaker for Complex Weavers this year. I have heard so many people say their favorite part of Complex was Rebecca's speech. You won't want to miss this program!

❖ Jenné Schiffhauer, Vice President, Program Coordinator

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

October 5, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Program ~ Extended Show & Tell

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

Next meeting - November 2, 2024

Study Groups:

October 2, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group

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

Oct. 10, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Sherry Bittner

October 8, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group

10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

At the home of Sue Cathey

October 15, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the Panera Restaurant in Nampa

October 17, 2024 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7 p.m. ~ At the Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland

October 29, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland

Workshops:

October 25 - 27, 2024 - Shadow Weave

Nov. 9&10, 2024 - Beginning Weaving Workshop

April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving, with Connie Lippert

Community Events:

September 28th & 29th - Renaissance Fair

September 29th - Old Farm Days.

October 5th & 6th - Renaissance Fair, Part 2



Beginning Weaving Workshop 2024

Nov 9-10 at the Eagle Fire House

All are welcome to the Beginning Weaving Workshop - 2024. Beginner weavers will bring an undressed loom (rigid heddle, table, or floor loom), their yarn (5/2 cotton), and their tools (warping and weaving tools) to this two-day workshop, and will learn together the skills to warp a loom and weave a set of mug rugs.

More advanced weavers are welcome and encouraged to come in the role of mentor to help demonstrate and assist throughout the weekend. Mentors who do not want the study materials will have no cost to attend.

This round robin style study group workshop will encourage weavers from novice to expert to grow together as a community, encouraging one another in the art we love.

•❖ Cost \$15

•❖ Deadline Nov 2, 2024



Workshop: Shadow Weave: The Multifaceted Structure

.....With Rebecca Winter is on October 25, 26 & 27, 2024. There are still a couple of spaces left, so send your check soon to secure your space. Cost for this spectacular workshop is \$130.00 which includes the materials fee.

◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Vice President, Workshop Coordinator

President's Corner

I'd like to welcome our many new members! What a wonderful opportunity for them to learn from us and for us to meet new people with new ideas. Our Membership Officer, Cindy Greiwe has done a super-human job this year of gathering dues (which are due in June) and also for getting ads for our upcoming Membership Booklet. Those ads help defray the cost of publishing the Membership Booklet. A HUGE thank you to Cindy for all her work.

Please make an extra effort to get to the October meeting for Rebecca's repeat performance of her Keynote Speech originally given at the Complex Weavers Seminars Conference in July. It is a speech you don't want to miss. I can't wait to hear it again!

◆ Mary Berent, President

Librarian Note:

Hello to my fellow fiber artisans. I have some information to share with you. We are missing "Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot" issue #214. If you checked it out please return it. If not, would one of you be willing to donate yours?

We also need more large binders (2-3 inches wide) for our periodicals. Anyone willing to donate? Speaking of donations we have three new books. Thank you to Doug Ranck and Chris Brady.

I'm excited for our new year and hope you are, too.

◆ Sally Johnston, Librarian

September Sample Exchange



Come check out the sample box this month, where Jeannie Phillips shares the art of tatting. We were fortunate enough last year to enjoy a program where members shared their knowledge of their different talents. This is where Jeannie learned to create these cute little butterflies made from size 10 cotton thread. Raelene Viste was her teacher. Thank you Jeannie!

If you would like to share with the guild please let me know.

◆ Christie Farrin, Sample Chair



Study Groups:

Spinning Study Group

The spinning Study group is meeting Wednesday, October 2, at 11-2. We are still at the Rubaiyat bookstore in Caldwell. The address is 314 S. 6th Ave. We look forward to seeing everyone!

◆ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Lace Study Group

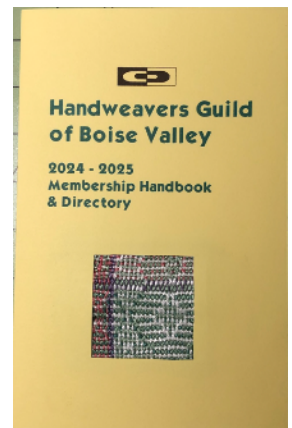
The Lace Study Group will meet Tuesday, October 8th, from 10am to 12pm at Sue Cathey's.

◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group meets the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 17, at 7pm at Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland.

◆ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair



Sample woven by
Cindy Griewe



Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weaving Study Group is meeting on October 17, at 10:30 at Panera Restaurant in Nampa.

- ❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The next Garment Study group will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, at 10.30am. It will be held at Lunatic Fringe Yarns in Fruitland. Everyone is welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions.

- ❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

Thursday Fiber Friends

We are an informal group who meet weekly via zoom with our projects to work on. We just chat about whatever comes up, help each other w project questions and such. We feel free to stay the whole time (and make some progress on that project) or just pop in for a bit of time for a quick catch up when busy with other stuff.

We're very flexible and have come to really enjoy our time together. I look forward to time with my zoom friends every week. Please feel welcome to join us.

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563744178?pwd=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzlzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Save the Date - April 11 - 13, 2025
Wedge Weave Workshop
by Connie Lippert



Regular Meeting Minutes ~ September 7, 2024

Call To Order at 11:30AM

- Present were 48 attendees: Mary Berent, Cindy Griewe, Jenné Schiffhauer, Kelly Sandusky, Dyan Lay, Rebecca Winter, Brenda Hatch, Suzi Todd, Alyssa Bangs, Chelsea DeFriez, Connie Griffin, Robin Conrads, Rose Torres, Cindy Schafer, Irene Chandler, Merrilee McDonald, Katé Holestine, Sara Ann Mancus, Kari Lawton, Venns Kadre, Esther Kleinkauf, Sally Johnston, Amy Perry, Vila Cox, Raelene Viste, Sarah Sherman, Nancy Alzola, Lisa Baker, Jean Zaske, Katzy Luhring, Julie Gerrard, Christie Farrin, Marita Turner, Jeannie Phillips, Georgianna Goetsch, Julie Gardin, Jackie Girard, Linda Morton-Keithley, Mitzi Meyers, Janet Stanger, Tessa Stone, Jamie Landry, Tasha Denegal, Marianne Poling, Nicole Phillips, Caroline Castel, Alex McConnehey and Tianna Hawking.

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by President Mary Berent and introductions included each attendee's name and role in the Guild.

Business

- Mary Berent discussed membership dues for inclusion in the address book/directory due today.
- She expressed the Guild's gratitude for the Church facility we meet at monthly and have our library in.
- Today's program is an extended show and tell.

Board Reports

- Vice Presidents – Jenné Schiffhauer and Jenni Jimmerson
 - Jenné explained the show and tell program planned today.
 - She thanked the many program volunteers this past year.
 - She requested volunteers for the mini workshops scheduled for the January 2025 program.
 - October's program is Rebecca Winter presenting the Complex Weavers Seminars Keynote speech.
- Membership - Cindy Griewe
 - Cindy reiterated that the annual dues are due today.
 - She expressed her appreciation to the Trailing of the Sheep organization for their directory ad and urged Guild members to attend and enjoy Trailing of the Sheep days, October 2-6.

- Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky
 - Kelly said that the Guild has money.
- Secretary – Dyan Lay
 - Dyan reminded attendees to sign the sign-in sheet.
- Past President – Rebecca Winter
 - Rebecca announced her Shadow Weave Workshop on October 25-27. The workshop will be round-robin style, and held at Brenda Hatch's clubhouse, the Fairview Terrace Community Center. Rebecca instructed participants to bring a warped loom, as there will be no time at the workshop to warp looms. Drafts will be provided prior to the workshop. The workshop is \$130.
 - Mary Berent added that Rebecca wrote the foremost book on shadow weave, and that Pat Ann funds are being used to defray costs. She went on to explain the Pat Ann Education fund.

Committee Chairs

- Outreach – Janet Stanger
 - Janet went over upcoming community events: the Renaissance Faire and Old Farm Day. She sent the Guild membership an email with the details for both events.
 - She thanked the eight Guild volunteers who demonstrated weaving, spinning and bobbin lace at the Western Idaho Fair in August.
- Study Groups – Mary Berent
 - Mary explained the many diverse Guild study groups that are offered. There was a question from the audience about kids attending study groups. It is recommended that individuals that want to bring their child(ren) should speak with the study group chair for guidance.
- Beginning Weaving – Robin Conrads
 - Robin announced that the Beginning Weaving Study Group will be holding a two-day clinic November 9-10. Participants will be making mug rugs, and the registration form is now available. This is a self-guided study clinic with mentors available. There is a cost of \$15, and the event will be held at the Eagle Fire House conference room.
 - Mary Berent mentioned that this is a great opportunity for new weavers since there are limited commercial weaving classes available in the Treasure Valley.
 - The Beginning Weaving Study Group will meet this Thursday at Sherry Bittner's home.
- Library – Sally Johnston
 - Mary Berent explained the Guild's library program, and Sally let attendees know that materials checked out in June are now due.
- Sample Box – Christie Farrin
 - Christie explained the Sample Box program; the September sample was created by Katzy Luhning. Christie urged everyone to sign up for a month to provide 25 samples of any fiber art, fiber, technique, etc.
 - Rebecca Winter added that samples used to be mailed to Guild members with their monthly newsletter. When the newsletter went digital, the Guild created the Sample Box to keep the tradition in place.



Discussion

- There was group discussion of Trailing of the Sheet and non-guild fiber festivals.
- Kari Lawton announced that she is holding a Crochet Event, October 3-5 at the La Quinta Inn in Boise. Everyone is welcome to attend and crochet, and Kari has a sign-up sheet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03PM, and the presenters enjoyed Jenné's organization of the numerous, fabulous pieces that our Guild created during Show and Tell.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes ~ July 24, 2024

Members present:

President – Mary Berent

Vice President – Jenné Schiffhauer

Vice President – Jenni Jimmerson

Treasurer – Kelly Sandusky

Past President – Rebecca Winter

Past Treasurer – Mitzi Meyers

Members absent:

Secretary – Dyan Lay

Membership Chair – Cindy Griewe

President's Report

- Introduction
 - Mary Berent began the meeting reiterating that everyone knows the various Board roles, and this meeting is for the Board to be on the same page moving forward.
 - Rebecca Winter left the president role organized and in a good place.
 - Rebecca, Dyan Lay and Cindy Griewe carried over from last season.
- Committees
 - Board members are welcome to form committees.
 - Mary recommends asking individuals instead of making a general call-for-volunteers.
- Study Groups
 - The Guild has several study groups, all of them very active and doing well.
 - Study groups aren't responsible to the Board and are off on their own.
 - Mary asked the Board for suggestions and comments:
 - Jenné Schiffhauer is relinquishing oversight of the Beginning Weaving Study Group to Sherry Bittner and Pat Dayton. Nothing official needs to be done, but she will communicate with them for a smooth transition.

Vice Presidents' Reports

- Jenni Jimmerson spoke about workshops:
 - The previous VP, Julie Gerrard, completed the contracting and set up for the April 11-13, 2025, Wedge Weave Workshop by Connie Lippert.
 - Actions needed are to reserve the space, get attendee sign up and payment, and advertising. Jenni plans to wait until after October to send out the workshop flyer/info sheet.
 - Jenni wants to organize a Fall 2025 workshop by Rebecca Winter on shadow weave for intermediate weavers.
 - Tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in October 2025.
 - Rebecca has received the contract.
 - There are 20+ people that have expressed interest in attending with a solid 15 that plan to attend.
 - Rigid heddle weavers should contact Rebecca with questions.
 - Jenni plans to discuss with Doug Ranck using some of the Pat Ann Education Fund to defray the materials costs.
 - Mary mentioned Jenni will need to determine the breakeven and decide if funds are needed.
 - Kelly Sandusky said that there is about \$6000 in the fund currently, and at the current rate of using about \$1000 per year, the fund will be exhausted by 2030.
 - Mitzi Meyers agreed that using the Pat Ann Fund for every workshop is a benefit.
 - Mary offered that the Guild is lucky to be able to offer workshops at a lower-than-standard cost.
 - Jenni will coordinate the venue and set the cost at \$150 per participant.
 - Jenni brought up a workshop option of viewing a documentary with Marilyn Romatka called "Taproot Folkarts."
 - The documentary is about weavers and the interconnectedness of all crafts.
 - There is a \$200 fee for the viewing.
 - Jenni took the action to forward the email with the links to the Board.
- Jenni reiterated that she is open to any suggestions for future workshops.
- Jenné Schiffhauer is tasked with the coordination of programs:
 - She plans to keep the mini workshops and fashion show programs.
 - She is looking at study-group driven programs.
 - The programs for October 2024 and March 2025 remain unplanned.
 - Jenné stated she is open to suggestions.

- Mary recommended two weaving and one spinning program; programs not only help teach attendees but also help the person organizing and presenting the materials.
- Mary recommended that the VPs get the lists of workshops and programs into the August newsletter as well as the directory which goes out in October.

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly Sandusky reported that only a few membership payments from Cindy Griewe were deposited since she took on the role from Mitzi; accesses were smoothly transitioned to Kelly.
- Between the bank accounts and CD, the Guild has adequate operational funds; the balance was discussed, and, at the next Guild meeting, Mary will provide that transparency to the membership.
 - Mary explained that there are no monthly reporting expectations, but that as a self-insured entity, the balance reflects that potential expenditure.
 - The Treasurer's Report is not published in the newsletter for confidential reasons; the annual budget is printed.
 - Mitzi recommended that a monthly statement is provided for viewing at each Board meeting.
- The Zoom account's annual payment is due in September; Dyan Lay will pay that expense, provide the receipt, and the Guild will reimburse her.
 - The Zoom account costs at least \$150, and a few study groups use the account.
 - The Board agreed to continue with Zoom; Kelly will let Dyan know to renew.
- ANWG dues are due in September.
 - Connie Griffin is the ANWG representative and will complete the renewal form.
 - Payment to ANWG is based on Guild membership counts.
 - Jenni suggested that ANWG be a program or a topic for discussion with the membership as many Guild members might want to participate in the 2025 Yakima-based conference.
 - Mary proposed that Jenné coordinate a possible program around this topic; the two will follow up on this issue.
 - Mary took the action to discuss at a forthcoming regular meeting and will ask for a volunteer to coordinate a conference booth.
 - Mary took the action to contact Connie.
 - Rebecca took the action to add the ANWG blog link to the newsletter.

Membership Chair's Report

- Cindy Griewe was not in attendance but did email an update to the Board of the membership count and her activities for directory advertising.

Final Thoughts

- Mary asked if the Board was agreeable to meet every other month before the regular meeting as currently scheduled.
 - Board meeting dates/times are published in the newsletter, and everyone is welcome to attend.
 - The Board agreed to retain the current schedule with no revision.
- The COE program no longer meets due to HGA's recent decision to cancel the program.
- Rebecca remains the newsletter editor, and Mary asks that the Board respect the deadlines.
 - Rebecca explained the newsletter process and deadline calendar.
 - Because the newsletter is digital, length is not an issue; Rebecca cuts/pastes from emails and attachments so the Board was urged to submit completed, formatted information.
 - Rebecca sends the newsletter to Robin Conrads, Guild Webmaster, on the 24th of each month, and so needs all submissions by the 20th of each month.
- Mary ended the meeting by recommending open communication, asking questions, etc. and use the Board email as the practical tool to communicate with the entire Board at once.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 2 at 10AM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

