



# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

September, 2014

## September Program: Needle Felting

The program for September is Needle Felting, presented by Pat Hartwell. Those of you who have needle felting equipment are encouraged to bring it to the program. There will be some tools to share that Pat will provide. Hoping to see all your happy faces there. Also, bring a folding chair, if you have one. We have a few chairs, but need a few more. ♦♦ Pat Ann

## Calendar of Events

- September 6, 2014 - Board Meeting  
10:00 am  
Rebecca's Studio House, 1012 E. Third St., Meridian
- September 6, 2014 - Guild Meeting  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
12:30 am - Program - **Needle Felting, by Pat Hartwell**  
Rebecca's Studio House
- September 9, 2014 - Bobbin Lace Study Group  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Rebecca's Studio House
- September 11, 2014 - Spinning Study Group  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Maralyn Larson's Clubhouse
- September 13, 2014 - Tapestry Drawing  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Rebecca's Studio House
- September 23, 2014 - Day Weaving Study Group  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Home of Julie Gerrard
- October 4, 2014 - COE Study Group  
10:00 to 11:00 am  
Prior to the October meeting  
Rebecca's Studio House
- October 15, 2014 - COE Mock Examination  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Rebecca's Studio House
- October 17 – 20, 2014 - COE Examination  
Rebecca's Studio House
- January 17, 18, & 19, 2015 - Weaving Intensive  
Twill and Twill Derivatives

## COE Judging Planning Committee

The COE Examination dates are October 17, 18, 19, & 20.

We will be holding a Mock COE on October 15 from 7pm to 9pm. This will be the perfect chance for everyone to see what will be happening at the COE Examination. It will be a light pot luck so bring some finger foods to share.

The planning committee has been doing a wonderful job getting ready for this event. To make it a success, we are counting on getting enough volunteers to help with the various tasks that need to be done. Some people have already signed up to host the examiners and HGA officials, to be scribes, and to help feed everyone involved for the four days.

Right now, our biggest job is planning the meals. With enough help, it will be a lot easier. There will be sign up sheets at the September Guild meeting. Please help us make this a great success.

♦♦ Vila Cox



## Membership

### Dues - Check Your Payment Status

Hi Everyone! What a great year we have to look forward to: meeting new people and visiting with each other, lots of "show and tell" to inspire us all, study groups to help with any of our projects, and workshops to dig deeper into specific subjects. I'm really looking forward to it, aren't you?

Remember that **our dues are only \$25.00**, and if you did not pay at our last meeting in June, you will have an opportunity at our first meeting in September. Or you can mail a check directly to me, Irene Chandler, at 2118 Belle Aire, Nampa, Id. 83686. Please call me or any of the other members if you have any questions. My phone is 467-4997 (cell phone is not working right now, but I have hopes of getting a "smarter" phone soon.)

Also: Welcome to three new members, Renee Johanson (formerly Cnogorac), Lily Lee and Jinks Hunter

◆ Irene, Membership Officer

### COE - Food Preparations

We are fast approaching our hosting of the COE judging. We will need to feed a group of folks two meals plus snacks for 4 days, and we REALLY (and I mean REALLY) need your help. I have set up some menus that will accommodate some food issues of judges and staff that we will be hosting. I will have a signup sheet at the guild business meeting so please make sure you take a look and sign up for one or two items (or more). Once I have all the sign ups I will email you as we get closer to the dates, to arrange drop off or pick up. If we all do our part we will have an easy time of it and our guests will enjoy all our culinary talents. If you have any questions or can't make the meeting but would like to help please email me and I can get you signed up. Again we REALLY need your help. My email is [yarnsntreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsntreads@aol.com)

◆ Melanie Smith

### UFO (Un-Finished Object) Program

Summer is over so now its time to dig out those un-finished projects that are taking up needed space. Lets start the new Guild year with a commitment to finish at least one UFO by November. That leaves

time to finish Christmas projects, then start another one to finish during the Winter doldrums, when we really need chocolate. Same rules: Bring the unfinished object to a regular meeting and give a short explanation. Fill out a short form registering your intensions, then bring the finished thing-of-beauty to a regular meeting and collect your prize.

◆ Kathy Shiflet

### Notes From Your President

The summer is almost over! It certainly does not feel like it is just yet. I hope everyone is looking forward to an exciting new year for our Guild. Pat Ann and Kathy Shiflet our Vice Presidents for this year have been busy organizing programs for each month and workshops.

I was fortunate to get Pam Patrie, a tapestry weaver and teacher to come to my home in Weiser in June for a workshop and retreat. We had eight people at all levels...from the beginner to the experienced in tapestry weaving. I really enjoyed it

and from the feedback, I believe others did as well. It is a great start for tapestry weaving to be included as part of our guild. Rebecca Winter is already started a drawing class for tapestry weavers as well as for all others that are interested in learning to draw.

As some of you already know I am also President of ANWG, and this year in my note for their newsletter, I emphasized enthusiasm is contagious- pass it on. I believe that we can generate the enthusiasm we need, because we love our fiber arts so much, that it is contagious. We are very lucky in our Boise Guild that we have people that are willing to share their knowledge so readily, and with enthusiasm to all of us.

I am looking forward with enthusiasm to a great year for our guild. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by email [anneroglevie@gmail.com](mailto:anneroglevie@gmail.com) or by phone 208 994-2725.

Everyone is invited to the **Board Meetings** which are held every other month before the guild meeting. The first meeting will be **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am** at Rebecca's Studio House in Meridian

◆ Your President, Anne Oglevie



## Spinning at the Fair

Thank you so much for all of you who came out and shared your love of fiber with the visitors at the Western Idaho Fair. I know I had a great time and the public hopefully learned a bit about fiber.

## Spinning Study Group

Boy was that one fast summer; I'm not sure where it went. But on the other hand I have missed our regular spinning nights.

Great news! We are back to that regular schedule of spinning. Our first will be **September 11** at Maralyn's Club House. If you need her address so you can Google map it please let me know.

I have been thinking a bit. We have so many new spinners in our group, I thought it would be fun to take a few minutes at each study group to share a spinning tip. If you are interested in sharing a tip please let me know what it is and when you would like to share. Or if you would like to share, but aren't sure what, I have some ideas to help you out. This will be just a 15 minute type of thing. To start us off, our Sept. tip will be flicking locks.

Also, if there is interest we might do a bit of a fleece study each month. As some of you know this past July I took on the challenge of spinning as many different breeds of sheep that I could during a 3 week period. I was able to complete 39 different samples and I have to say I have learned lots. Mostly I learned what I want to spin in the future and which breeds I will not be shopping for. Again, I am thinking just a 5 minute run down of whatever breed of the month it will be. If you are interested in helping, or you would like to see this at the spinning nights please let me know.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for a tip of the month or breed info or need directions please email me at [yarnsnthreads@aol.com](mailto:yarnsnthreads@aol.com)

◆ Melanie Smith



## September Sample

This month's sample was woven by Janet Stanger. We understand it is a lace sample. We look forward to seeing the results of her work.

◆ Al Hayden, Sample Exchange 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.

## Tapestry Drawing Group

There has been some activity in a study group called the Tapestry Drawing Group. After the fun shared in the Pam Patrie Workshop hosted by Anne, some of our members realized there is a significant element in the weaving of tapestry that has to do with drawing. We realized we could always use some practice in that area. Then during a perusal of a few tapestry books, exercises in drawing, specifically for the purpose of weaving tapestry, were discovered. We decided to work through the exercises together. The book is The Complete Book of Tapestry Weaving, by Alec Pearson, published in 1984.

We have met for several evening sessions. Then some members also wanted a bit longer session of drawing and the convenience of meeting on a Saturday. We are planning to continue our practice on September 13, 2014, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. All are welcome, even if you have not yet attended. We are informal and can assist those interested. There are copies of the pages in the book for you to have, and all you will need to get started is a pencil and some paper.

All of you can learn to draw. In an educational theory article, it was said none of us came into this life knowing how to crawl or walk or speak. Then we learned after some starts and stops, and of course, some practice.

◆ Rebecca Winter

## Study Group News

♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE Study Group will meet before the October meeting, 10:00 am, **October 4th**. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

### ♥ Bobbin Lace Study Group

The Lace Study group will meet **September 9th**, 6:30pm at the Studio House. If you have questions or need something from Vila, please be sure to let her know ahead of time so she is prepared. We will not meet in October.



### ♥ Spinning Study Group

Our first will be **September 11** at Maralyn's Club House, at 6:30 pm.



### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The Day Weavers Group will be held on the **fourth** Tuesday not the third this month **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 1.30pm. It will be at the Home of Julie Gerrard. Please call if you need directions.



### Officers and Chairs

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