

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
September, 2023



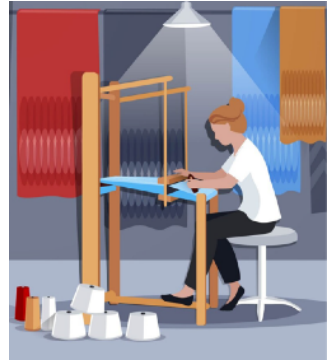
August 26th Program:

- Jinks Hunter - Tour de Fleece 2023 Presentation

If you participated in Tour de Fleece, please bring your items to put on the table for guild members to see. You may also want to talk about your Tour de Fleece experience during the Summer Fiber Experience portion of the program.

- Summer Fiber Experiences - Member Reports on Conferences, Workshops, or Other Fiber Experiences. Please come prepared to give a short (mini-show and tell) about what fiber experience you did this summer.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



Calendar of Events

Board Meeting

August 26, 2023 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Prior to the Regular Meeting at the church

Regular Meeting:

August 26, 2023 ~ 11:30 a.m.

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

Study Groups:

August 29, 2023 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Mary Berent

Meets on the 5th Tuesdays, when they occur.

Next meeting - October 31, 2023

September 6, 2023 ~ Spinning Study Group

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

September 12, 2023 ~ Lace Study Group

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

September 14, 2023 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

There will be a Front-To-Back Warping Demo

~ In-person and via zoom

September 19, 2023 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Vila Cox

September 21, 2023 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7:00 p.m. ~ A Location TBA

~ In-person and via zoom

October 7, 2023 ~ COE Study Group

Time & Location TBD - Look for details in
groups. io

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

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

September 17, 2023 ~ Old Time Farm Day

January 13, 14 & 15, 2024 - Weaving Intensive

Topic ~ Overshot

Dues for the 2023 - 2024 Year ~ You are invited to pay them now.

Call for membership dues! If you have not yet paid your dues for 2023-2024, send in your membership form, found [HERE](#) on the Guild website, along with your check. Or bring them to the regular meeting. All members who sign up by Sept 15th will be in the Guild Directory.

Last opportunity to place an advertisement the Guild Directory. If you'd like to place a \$10 ad for your business (fiber-related or not), let Cindy Griewe know at her [Email](#), by Sept 15th and she will send you an ad form to fill out. Thank you for supporting the Guild.

❖ Cindy Griewe, Membership Officer

President's Corner

Please Read These Announcements

There are a couple of announcements to make about recent changes and discussion from the Board.

First, it was decided we will no longer provide Zoom for the Regular Meetings on the first Saturdays of the month, unless the Vice Presidents feel it would be beneficial to the Guild. Several reasons motivated this decision. Wrangling the zoom process during the meeting placed a fairly heavy burden on three of our members. They never really had the opportunity to enjoy the meeting themselves, because their focus was on providing the Zoom programming. Second, only about 4% of our membership took part in the Zoom



portion of the meeting. And third, we meet our purpose much more keenly when we can actually touch and feel the fiber art produced during Show & Tall and during the Programs. Recently the President of Complex Weavers, Karen Donde, gave this statement - paraphrased, "There is no virtual substitution for the weavers' handshake." And for those unfamiliar with what that is, come to the meetings and we will demonstrate. Zoom will still be utilized in the Study Groups, as has previously been done.

Next, we need to find a volunteer to serve as Webmaster. [HERE](#) is the link to the Job Description for this important role in our Guild. Also, the website will be moved. A committee will be formed to assist in this transition, which will take place in the Spring. We also need volunteers to serve as Chairs for the Beginning Weaving Study Group and for the Tapestry Group.

This Guild runs on its volunteers. And I think all who take advantage of volunteering will tell you they gain as much or more than they give. Please consider volunteering. Thank you so much.

❖ Rebecca Winter, President

2023-2024 Schedule of Programs

- * September 2023 (August 26 due to holiday)
 - ▶ Jinks Hunter - Tour de Fleece 2023 ~ If you participated in Tour de Fleece, please bring your items to put on the table for guild members to see.
 - ▶ Summer Fiber Experiences - Member Reports on Conferences, Workshops, or Other Fiber Experiences
 - * October 2023- Mary Berent - "Overshot, Basics and Beyond"
 - * November 2023 - Tips and Tricks
 - * December 2023 - Holiday Potluck
 - * January 2024 - Mini Workshops
 - * February 2024 - Fashion Show ~ with support from Lunatic Fringe Yarns
 - * March 2024 - Jinks Hunter - Flick, Card, Comb, and Dizz Your Fleece - Learn the Joy of Fiber Preparation for Spinning
 - * April 2024 - Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale
 - * May 2024 - Ivy DeHart - "Designing for Visual Effect with Painted Warps"
 - * June 2024 - Picnic
- ❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

Weaving Workshop with Robyn Spady

Mark your calendars for March 15, 16, & 17, 2024 for a weaving workshop with Robyn Spady. We are still working out the details. As soon as we have more information, we'll update guild members.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

September Sample Exchange

I'm so excited to see you all again after a summer off! I've missed my weaving community. I'm looking forward to seeing all your newly inspired samples this year!

Our first sample of the season is from Connie Griffin. Connie wove this sample for towels on 8 harnesses and used a waffle weave. She said, "While I like the waffle weave structure, I would not do this again with 8 shafts because the floats are way too long. Additionally, I wasn't able to get a good shed because of the weight of the harnesses, so I was constantly skipping threads as I wove." So pick up your copy of this sample from the sample box to study and learn.



Additionally, all the samples from the last 2 Guild years are still available in the box. Please pick up any you are interested in. The sample sheets are a great way to get copies of drafts and see a finished weaving sample. I've used several as inspiration for projects of my own.

And don't forget the spinning samples. We have several great samples of spun yarn as well. Some focus on a specific fiber, while others focus on a technique. ❖ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



Study Groups:

Spinning Study Group

Mark your calendar! September Spinning Study group is meeting at the Rubaiyat Bookstore in Caldwell. Wednesday, September 6, 11a-2p. All are welcome. All skill levels.

- ◆ 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. There will be no meeting in September.

- ◆ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

In September the Beginning Weaving Study Group will be held on the 14th, at 6pm, at the home of Rebecca Winter. This month we will talk about where the group would like to take their study next. Then Rebecca will offer a Front-To-Back warping demonstration.

This group also needs a new Chairperson. The only essential requirements for that role is to be sure we have a meeting place and to make announcements in the Newsletter and via groups.io. The Chair can then decide whether they would like to embellish these responsibilities. The ultimate responsibility for topics of study and the actual study lies with the entire group.

We certainly thank Cindy Griewe for the wonderful job she did in the role of Study Group Chair. She offered some great embellishments. Please consider assisting to take this group further in your own way. Truly, we just need a little cat herding.

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, President

Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace group will meet September 12th at Raelene Viste's from 10am to 12pm.

- ◆ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

Tapestry Study Group, September 21, at TBD meeting place and on zoom.

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

We will have a tapestry design exercise led by Susan Inouye. It is part of the Tapestry class presented at the Intermountain Weavers Conference in Logan, Utah. Bring your imagination and we will provide the materials.

- ◆ Cindy Schafer, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - September 19th, at 10:30am. Location TBA.

- ◆ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

There will be a meeting of the Garment Study Group on Tuesday August 29th at 10.30am at the home of Mary Berent. All are welcome to attend. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions.

- ◆ 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=WVI4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- ◆ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2023

Members Present: Peggy Jones, Cheryl Wurtenberger, Kelly Sandusky, Vila Cox, Christie Farrin, Jenni Jimmerson, Rebecca Winter, Mary Berent, Julie Gerrard, Anne Oglevie, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Katie Taylor, Hanna Meinikheim, Katzy Luhring, Nicole Phillips.

Announcements & discussion:

Members were encouraged to join in on the Tour de Fleece Challenge running from July 1 to July 24. Fliers were passed around, supplied by the TdF Chair, Jinks Hunter. Sign up by emailing your personal challenge to Jinks.

Rebecca collected dues, which are due in June. She also said she is completing one of the first tasks as President - appoint chair positions. this process is much more fluid than it wounds. People volunteer.

The incoming Vice Presidents made several announcements about highlights for the upcoming year, as follows:

- The September Program, which will be held on August 26 to avoid the Labor Day Weekend, will be presented by members, who will share their summer fiber experience. Please plan for this.
- The October Program will be presented by Mary Berent , about the topic of Overshot. This is in preparation for the Weaving Intensive planned for January, 2024. Start your Overshot study now.
- Also, begin making hats or scarves, etc., using your favorite fiber art, which will be collected in December and shared with a selected shelter.
- Lunatic Fringe Yarns has volunteers to sponsor and organize another Fashion Show for one of the programs in the Spring of 2024.
- We are on tap for holding a Workshop by Robyn Spade in March or April.
- And the UFO Program (Unfinished Fiber Object) will also be back in some revised format.

Show & Tell followed these announcements, and then the members present enjoyed a nice potluck meal and some wonderful camaraderie while practicing their favorite fiber craft.

- ❖ Respectfully Submitted by Rebecca Winter, Substituting for Sally Johnston, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes ~ July 19, 2023

Members present:

President - Rebecca Winter

Vice President - Julie Gerrard

Vice President - Cheryl Wurtenberger

Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers

Secretary - Dyan Lay

Past President and Pat Ann Education Fund Administrator - Doug Ranck

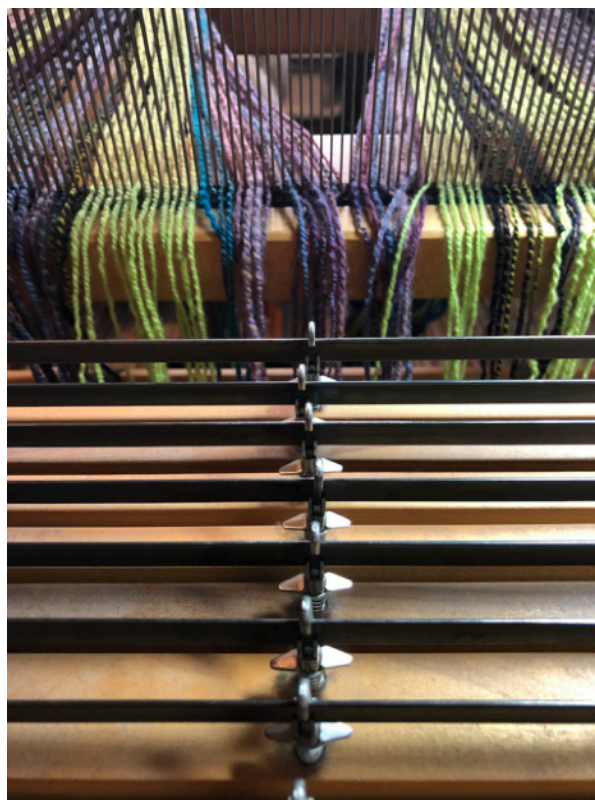
ANWG Representative - Connie Griffin

President

- Policies & Job Descriptions
 - All are encouraged to read and know their job descriptions in the bylaws.
 - Rebecca Winter verified almost all of the volunteer roles.
 - ANWG Representative is Connie Griffin.
 - Beginning Weaving Study Group needs a chair.
 - Tapestry Study Group needs a chair.
 - Flagged policies will need to be updated in 2024.
 - Last comprehensive policy updates were in 2021.
 - Policy revision process is Board gives updates the President, President makes changes on computer, then takes revised policies to Guild for acceptance.
 - Policies and job descriptions can be updated at any time; bylaw revisions are more complicated and were last updated in 2007.
 - Rebecca Winter will revise the President's Calendar and send to the Board.



- 2023 - 2024 Budget
 - Budget was printed in the April 2023 newsletter.
 - There was general discussion on budget items.
 - Guild needs to vote on expenditures of more than \$100 except for the Pat Ann Fund.
 - The Pat Ann Education Fund subsidizes workshops to lessen attendee costs.
 - The Pat Ann Education Fund Administrator is Doug Ranck.
- ANWG Dues
 - ANWG dues are due in September 2023.
 - Dues are calculated by end of June membership (110) at \$1 per member = \$110.
 - MOTION: Connie Griffin motioned that the Guild pay \$110 to ANWG. Motion seconded by Julie Gerrard and passed unanimously.
 - Connie Griffin will complete the ANWG form and Mitzi Meyers provided a check.
- Member Permissions
 - Member permissions are available in the groups.io Membership folder with Cindy Griewe, Membership Officer, currently compiling.
- Volunteer Organization
 - There was general discussion on volunteer opportunities, mindfulness and interactions.
- Zoom
 - Dyan Lay provided Zoom meeting data.
 - Rebecca Winter has three reasons to stop offering Zoom for the regular monthly Guild meetings:
 1. It takes the time and effort of three meeting wranglers.
 2. Only about 4% of the Guild membership participate via Zoom.
 3. Zoom does not provide the direct interaction by members and their fiber projects which is the main focus of the regular monthly meetings.
 - There was general discussion on pros and cons.
 - MOTION: Mitzi Meyers made the motion to stop providing Zoom links for the regular monthly meetings unless the Vice Presidents opt to use Zoom for particular programs. Motion seconded by Julie Gerrard and passed unanimously. Per Rebecca Winter, Cindy Griewe agreed in absentia.
- Website
 - Vila Cox, the Guild's current webmaster, no longer wants to hold the position so Rebecca Winter will appoint a committee and email the Guild membership for a webmaster volunteer. The committee will bring proposals to the Board.
- Groups.io Owner
 - Vila Cox holds an owner role on Groups.io. but multiple owner roles exist. Rebecca Winter and Connie Griffin volunteer to be owners.
 - Groups.io is free for up to 100 members.
 - For over 100 members, the cost is \$.04 per member with a minimum of \$20 per month.
- Generic Name Tags
 - Rebecca Winter will speak with Janet Stanger regarding generic Guild name tags to wear during demonstrations.
- Board Meeting Schedule for the year



- Next Board meeting is August 26, 2023, and will be held every other month (November, January, March and May) at 10AM prior to the regular Guild meeting.

Vice Presidents

- Programs
 - September newsletter to include list of programs.
 - September: summer fiber experiences open forum.
 - October: Mary Berent to give overshoot presentation.
 - November: tips and tricks for all fiber arts.
 - December: holiday potluck with donation of scarves, hats, gloves to local charity. Discussion of having the potluck at the Church and if that is included in the current rent costs ensued.
 - January: mini workshops with pre-sign-up of interests.
 - Suggestions of mini workshops included inkle weaving, crochet, paper weaving, drop spindle, and braiding.
 - Need to find teachers.
 - Pre-sign-up sheet will be available at the August 26 regular Guild meeting.
 - February: fashion show with Lunatic Fringe participation.
 - March: Jinx Hunter to present carding and combing.
 - April: yarn and equipment sale.
 - May: Ivy DeHart to present dyeing. Ivy wants to poll the Guild membership on what is the average number of shafts the Guild membership has.
 - June: picnic at Julie Gerrard's house.
 - Warping demo by Rebecca Winter for the Beginning Weaving Study Group; all are welcome.
 - Discussion continued if rent is paid to the Church for June and December.
- Workshops
 - Robyn Spady scheduled for March 15-17, 2024.
 - Mary Berent Fiberworks workshop to be scheduled.
 - Jennifer Moore and Rosalee Nielsen workshops in planning stages with Julie Gerrard in communication for details and scheduling.
 - Vila Cox diversified plain weave in 2025 being discussed.
 - VPs to engage Doug as Pat Ann Administrator when calculating workshop budget.

Treasurer

- Mitzi Meyers to balance checkbook, savings and certificate of deposit accounts.
- Electronic Payments
 - Guild will not accept electronic payments from personal intermediary payment accounts/ applications.

Officers

- President - Rebecca Winter
- Vice President - Julie Gerrard
- Vice President - Cheryl Wurtenberger
- Secretary - Dyan lay
- Treasurer - Mitzi Meyers
- Membership Officer - Cindy Griewe
- Past President - Doug Ranck

Chairs

- Librarian - Sally Johnston
- Web Master - 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 - OPEN
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - OPEN
- 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>

Mailing Address

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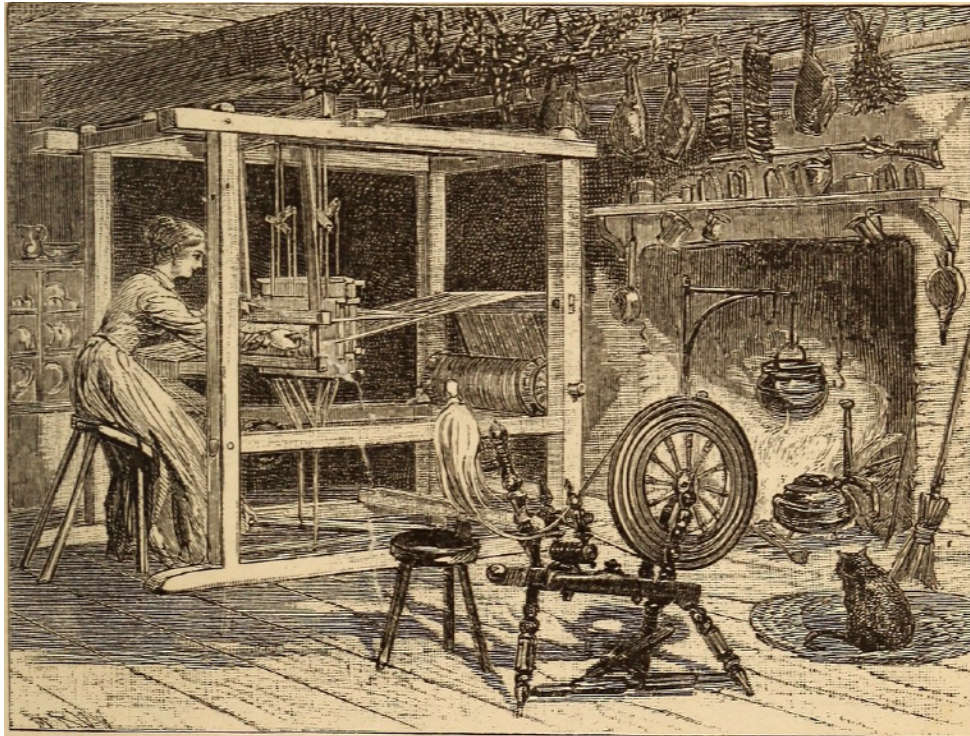
- Membership payments need to be made by check or cash directly to the Guild.
- Guild policy verbiage to be updated to reflect electronic payment policy.

Secretary

- The Board needs to review and approve minutes. Dyan Lay to provide minutes with a revision/ acceptance deadline, and then provide final version to Rebecca Winter for the monthly newsletter.

Membership

- Cindy Griewe, Membership Officer, was unable to attend this Board meeting but sent an email with updates.
- As of July 15, 2023, 52 members have paid memberships and will be listed in the directory.
- In the 2023 budget, \$300 is for the directory; advertisements are \$10 for a quarter page.
 - The Board is urged to solicit advertisements to mitigate directory costs; ads do not have to be fiber related.
 - There was general discussion advertisers and cover samples.
- ♣ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



Welcome to the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley, Inc. The guild has been sharing its craft with our community for 50 years. Our stated purpose is to “carry on, study and foster the arts and crafts of handweaving, spinning,, and fiber arts.” The Guild meets from September through June on the first Saturday of the month. Look frequently for details in the newsletter, through groups.io, or contact any member for answers to your questions. The inspiration for your fiber art is here.

