

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
September - 2015

## August/September Program - Record Keeping: Where is That Sample?

Presented by Rebecca Winter

Do you ever ask yourself, "Where is that sample? I know I wove this once before. I sure would like to know what sett I used." Or, "I know I spun that before; what fleece did I use?" Is this one of your mind conversations? Here's a program with a solution. We will explore multiple methods of keeping your weaving, spinning, or art records. The methods include hard copy records, electronic records, and naming. Organizing can be fun! You can find the sample you remember.

◆ Melanie Smith, Vice President



## Calendar of Events

- August 29, 2015 - Guild Board Meeting  
10:00 am  
Jo-Ann Fabric, 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- August 29, 2015 - Guild Meeting  
11:30 am - Business Meeting  
12:30 am - Program-**Record Keeping: Where is that Sample?**  
by Rebecca Winter  
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- September 2 & 16, 2015 - Knit and Crochet Group  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Aero Cafe
- September 10, 2015 - Spinning Study Group  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- September 15, 2015 - Day Weaving Study Group  
1:30 p.m.  
Anne Oglevie's Townhouse, Boise
- September 19, 2015 - Sweet/Emmett Spinning Group  
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Potluck and Spinning Day  
At Cleo Gallinger's Sheep Shed, 76 Robinson Road, Nampa  
Contact Mitzi for details
- October 3, 2015 - COE Study Group  
10:00 to 11:00 am  
Before the regular meeting  
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- October 16-18, 2015 - Weaving Workshop - Shadow Weave  
Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704
- January 16-18, 2016 - Weaving Intensive Study Group

## New Meeting Location

The Guild meetings will be held in the 2nd floor class room of Jo-Ann Fabric 1085 N Milwaukee St, Boise, ID 83704. To get to the class room head to the back of the store. There is an elevator almost straight back from the store's front door. Signs will be posted to point you in the right direction on the 2nd floor, but it's a fairly small area so it won't be too hard to find.

## Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting at 10am, August 29th, at our new meeting location, Jo-Ann Fabric. All are welcome to attend.

◆ Vila Cox, President

## Fall Weaving Workshop

This October, our own Rebecca Winter will be teaching us a wonderful three-day workshop on *Shadow Weave*. We will be holding this workshop at our new meeting place: JoAnn Fabrics on Milwaukee Road in Boise. The dates are **October 16-18, 2015**. If you are interested in taking this workshop, please don't delay in signing up as there is prep work that Rebecca needs to do before hand.

It's not too late to sign up. The cost is \$140 if you are interested in signing up please let Melanie Smith know ASAP.

◆ Melanie Smith

## What is the "Serious Artist?"

An article came in this morning from a website to which I subscribe. The article is called "Serious Artist," and was written by Robert Genn in 2000. Here is an excerpt from the article for your enjoyment and inspiration. May we become serious about our fiber craft.

"Blessed are those who live in the minutiae of obsession, pressing passion, standing somewhere on the high moral ground of creativity, going about their business. When you add the expectation of quality the game takes on an even richer dimension: inventing, undoing, redoing – demanding and serious work for anyone. It's so rewarding I'm sure if it were easy everyone would be doing it.

If there is one creative device that this sort of life requires, it's the space and time to be alone with your mind. We need a private space of retreat where we can be one with our self-directed progress. This is an earned privilege – as much a state of mind as a place of being – a place to be serious."

You may find the article here:

<http://painterskeys.com/serious-artist-2/>

◆ Rebecca Winter, Editor

### Shadow Weave:

#### What Does the Shadow Know?

Have you ever lurked out among the shadows? Here is your opportunity to give it a try.

Shadow Weave is a color-and-weave technique, which combines log cabin with twill in an utterly unique way. The twill floats form wonderful feather stitched outlines around geometric motifs. The weave was created by Mary Atwater when she was studying rep weave. And Harriet Tidball categorized the structure into a class all by itself.



In this workshop we will explore the structure of Shadow Weave on 4, 6 and 8 harnesses. You will work on your own loom with one threading from the Marion Powell book.

We will also discuss the three types of drafts that can create the weave. And you never know what else might come to light in the shadows.

What do I know about the shadows? They do not exist without the light.

◆ Rebecca Winter

## From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

Another year of meetings is about to start and I hope you are all as excited as I am to once again be regularly inspired and challenged. While we will be meeting in a new location, I know the meetings will be filled with old friends, information, and much fun.

I hope this year's offerings will fulfill the different needs and expectations of our wide variety of members. I always enjoy seeing the new study groups develop when enough people are interested in a subject. Our guild is as good as we all make it. So get inspired and be involved to ensure another great year for the Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley.

◆ Vila Cox, President

### Membership

It's been a busy summer so I hope we all took some time to enjoy weaving, spinning, knitting and all those other things we like to do. I spent part of my summer traveling but now it's time to get down to business. I will soon be preparing the Directory for the year, so if you have any addresses or phone numbers that have changed, please email me. Also, our 2015-16 Dues are payable at the next meeting in September if you have not already done so. Finally, I am happy to welcome Linda Morton-Keithly to our membership. I look forward to our upcoming meetings to see what everyone has been creating.

◆ Irene Chandler, Membership Officer

### Spinning Study Group

Yea! Fall is here which means the spinning study group is back. We will be meeting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 at Maralyn Larson's club house in Meridian. If you need the address please email or call me and I will get you directions. I have been contacted about a special project that we might all get to help out with. There will be more details at spinning night. See you then. [Melanie.yarnsntreads@aol.com](mailto:Melanie.yarnsntreads@aol.com) 608-0101

◆ Melanie Smith



## Carding Day

We had a great day of carding on July 18 this summer. Enough carders were available that each person had one. Melanie and Lynne brought fiber for members to add to their collection. Each person was blending different colors and different fiber and making a lot of batts to spin. Julie was using a picker that turned out to be very popular. It was a great tool for opening up locks before carding.

◆◆ Pat Day Hartwell



## September Sample

### A Spinning Sample!!

Our Sample this month is from Melanie Smith. It is yarn made from hemp fiber. Come to the meeting to get your very detailed Spinning Record. A sample made with great expertise.



### 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.

## UFO Program (Un-Finished Object)

This summer I went on a cleaning binge (for one brief shining week, anyway). While I was at it, I nudged some of my Unfinished Objects on to the next stage. I hope you found some of your own to work on. Remember, you get prizes if you finish an older/neglected/not so fun item!

However, the real prize is the feeling of accomplishment, and the roomier closet, and perhaps something that you can give to someone you love. Remember our UFO rules have changed a bit. We now have the entire year from the month that you enter the UFO. Then if you need help or run out of steam you can have someone assist you or encourage you. Also, don't be afraid to give the stubborn thing away or (horrors) discard it!

Happy Finished UFO's!

◆ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman

## Loom For Sale

Gilmore 40inch 4 shaft/harness floor loom in excellent condition available for sale for \$750 OBO  
Call Anne Oglevie 208 994-2725

## Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of 6/6/15

At the Home of Anne Oglevie

Present: Carol freeman, Kathy McGowen, Judie Daniels, Tera Jones, Julie Gerrard, Melanie smith, Lynn Ruggles, Cindy Schafer, Ivy DeHart, Kirsten Badger, Rebecca Winter, Irene Chandler, Penny Schraufnagel, Mary Berent, Pat Ann, Katzy Luhning, Pat Day Hartwell, Vila Cox, Cynthia Newman, Kathy Shiflet, Greta, Ankeny, Anne Oglevie, Janet Stanger.

President Anne Oglevie called the meeting to order, then introductions.

Vice Presidents report that today's program will be papermaking after the meeting. The fall workshop will be by Rebecca Winter and the Spring Workshop will be by Diane Totten. Rebecca went over the items you need for her work shop and a flyer was passed out. Pat Ann and Kathy Shiflet reported that they have handed everything over to the new Vice Presidents.

Secretary Janet Stanger reports that she e-mailed a thank you letter to Carol Roads for the spinning workshop. Carol responded stating that our guild was one of her favorites to work with because of our willingness to help each other out and that we get along well with each other. She is looking forward to working with us again.

Treasurer Melanie Smith reports that we made \$168.40 on the guild sale. That leaves \$3,433.18 in checking.

Membership Chairman Irene chandler passed out membership forms and collected dues. She reminds everyone that the yearly dues are now due.



Librarian Cindy Schafer announced that they have reorganized the Library and has some duplicate magazines to give away after the meeting.

News Letter Editor Rebecca Winter asks that we send in articles for the News letter.

Web Master Vila Cox asks that every one look at their study groups and make sure the information is up to date. If not send her the information so she can up date the Web Site.

Sample Chairman Greta Ankeny reports that there is no sample for June and Janet will do the Sample for September.

Challenge Chairman Janet Stanger went over the criteria for the Challenge. Categories are Hand woven Hand Spun, Made from Hand Spun and Fiber Arts. Fiber arts are anything made from other than hand spun items. Needle felting, crochet, knitting, tapestry, punch rugs, ECT. Fit into that group. Entry fees are \$5.00 for the first item and \$2.00 for each item after up to \$9.00 after that the entry is free. She will start taking entries at the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ANWG- Rebecca Winter reports that the Grant is still available. Lynn Ruggles volunteered to write the grant if anyone could come up with an idea to use it for. ANWG is holding their annual meeting in Boise.

Fiber Train: It was reported it went well until it started to rain, but they felt it was worth doing again.

Storage for Library: Vila is still looking but for now it is still ok to house it at Rebecca's house.

Show and Tell- Kathy McGowan showed a dyed warp and scarf. Mary Berent showed Tea Towels and samples she had made from the Bigilow's tea string. Penny Schraufnagel showed a knitted scarf that had been to France and London. Rebecca Winter showed a Punched Rug and a Scarf she wove at Fiber Train. Kristen Badger showed hot pads and a table runner. Ivy DeHart showed a rug she had woven out of Pendleton salvage. a rug woven with rags and dyed tencel. Lynn showed a linen and silk shirt. Melanie Smith showed an inkle loom woven belt. Carol Freeman showed a journal book and was made with Panda Poop.

Study Groups announced their summer schedules. See Web site and News letter for their schedules.

UFO's Irene finished a quilted lap robe. It was announced that Irene will be taking over the UFO's.

Meeting Adjourned for Paper making program.

❖ Respectfully submitted, Janet Stanger, Secretary



## Study Group News

### ♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

First and third Wednesdays at the Aero Cafe, 1 to 3 pm.

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

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### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

Day Weavers Study Group will meet at Anne Oglevie's townhouse on Tuesday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 1.30 p.m. If you need directions please call Anne at 208 994-2725. All are welcome.

### ♥ Certificate of Excellence (COE) Study Group

COE study group will meet **October 3**, before the regular meeting. If you have ever thought of earning your Certificate of Excellence this group can offer support and encouragement.. All are welcome; for more information call Mary, 939-8906.

## Officers and Chairs

President: Vila Cox 323-7736

Vice-presidents: Lynn Ruggles 375-9172

& Melanie Smith 385-0085 or cell 608-0101

Secretary: Janet Stanger 377-0746

Treasurer: Kathy McGowan 939-7215

Membership Officer: Irene Chandler 318-8182

Librarians: Cindy Schafer 375-6736

& Mitzi Meyers 208-584-3116

Web Master: Vila Cox 323-7736

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Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085

Weaving Intensive: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725

COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906

Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725

Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736

UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182



## Website

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

# Tail of Two Yarns

This is a tail of two different yarns that joined together to make a beautiful finished piece. The two (or more) yarns that gathered together were of different pedigrees.

Some were LARGE

some were small.

Some were from one kind of plant  
some from another kind.

And then there were those from various critters.

In each finished piece there was a something from two different pedigrees. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers  
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

The same tail goes for those crafty spinners. Two different sizes of one or more fibers

Or

Two different fibers  
(two plants)

or

(two critters)

Or

(one plant and one critter)

Plied, Cabled, Blended or whatever else may apply.

The Fine Print

The two different yarns need to be easily seen

Made by you this year (Nov 2014 - Sept 2015) Short pieces of each yarn to be supplied with finished item. Same for spinners (yarn/fiber)

## Challenge 2015



# Challenge

Four Categories:

1. Flat Handwoven (yardage, hemmed or fringed items such as scarves, dish towels, shawls).
2. Handspun Skeins (80% handspun) (fibers must be identified)
3. Finished Items for Handspun (50% handspun) (fibers must be identified)
4. Fiber Arts (3-dimensional items, felted items, baskets, garments)

## Entry Forms for Registering your Items Will be accepted at the Meeting on August 29, 2015.

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### 2015 Challenge Entry Form

Name Please enter information for each entry. Sample of Fiber

Entry fee - \$5 first entry, \$2 for second, \$2 for third or more entries for a maximum of \$9. Number of items entered \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of entry fee \_\_\_\_\_

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