

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
September, 2016

## September Program: Sculptures in Crochet

Anna Matejcek will give a presentation on her process of using crochet to make large-scale freeform fiber sculptures. Anna's interest in natural landscapes and textures informs her work, and she uses a wide range of fiber materials and techniques to capture the look and feel of nature. She will show examples and discuss specifics of how she mixes materials in her work with an emphasis on her process. Anna Matejcek is a Master of Fine Arts degree candidate in Visual Art at Boise State University, where she is currently working on her thesis. She is originally from St. Louis, Missouri and she obtained her BA in Art Education from Maryville University. ♦ Lily Lee, Vice President



## Calendar of Events

- September 3 2016 - Guild Board Meeting  
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting
- September 3, 2016 - - Regular Guild Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting  
12:30 a.m. - Program - **Crochet -by Anna Matejcek**  
At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise  
- near State Street & 23rd  
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- September 7 & 21, 2016 - Knit and Crochet Group  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Aero Cafe
- September 8, 2016 - Spinning Study Group  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian
- September 20, 2016 - Day Weaving Study Group  
1:30 p.m.  
Anne Oglevie's Boise Home
- September 22, 2016 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - all afternoon  
Pat Day Hartwell's Home
- October 1, 2016- COE Study Group  
10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting  
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- September 24, 2016 - Museum Comes to Life  
March 10,11,&12, 2017 -Weaving Workshop, Margie Thompson  
April 7, 8, & 9, 2017 - Spinning Workshop, Sara Anderson



## Museum Comes to Life

Plans are again under way for MC2L, one of our biggest events of the year. Please see the fliers on pages 5 & 6.

It will be in Julia Davis Park again this year, and we will need many hands to make it great. Sign-up sheets will be available at the September meeting. Consider now about how you are available to assist.

Also, bring your finished projects to the September meeting. We really need to plan ahead a bit for how the display is best presented.

## Tapestry Event

Lyn Hart, an Arizona fiber artist, created a 6 by 10 foot tapestry of a California Condor and is donating it for permanent display at the visitor center of the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey. The Peregrine Fund breeds and releases California Condors, and Lyn based her tapestry on one of the many condors they monitor and protect at the Grand Canyon.

There will an "unveiling" reception for the tapestry with Lyn on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, which is also International Vulture Awareness Day. Both Lyn and one of the condor experts will speak briefly.

Time - 3:00 pm

Location - 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709

## 2016 - 2017 Guild Programs

- September - Crochet -Anna Matejce
- October - Spinning with a Drop Spindle - Mitzi Meyer
- November - A Personalized Approach to Design and Weaving - Ivy DeHart
- December - Potluck - Scarf Exchange
- January - Mary Meigs Atwater's Influence on Weaving - Mary Berent
- February - Beads - Esther Kleinkauf
- March - Textiles and Fibers in Contemporary Art - Lily Lee
- April - Preparing a Fleece for Spinning - Pat Day Hartwell
- May - Yarn and Equipment Sale
- June - Fashion Show
  - ♦ Julie Gerrard, Vice President

## Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting at 10am on September 3, at the Church. All are welcome to attend.

## From Your President

Presidential Ramblings~

A few days ago I went to bed thinking about how fast the first guild meeting of the new year was approaching and all of the things I needed to do before then. Of course my mind was heading off in all directions, and I thought about what I would be writing for the newsletter. I remembered my thoughts on what the guild means to me and off on another tangent went my mind. I knew I wouldn't remember it in the morning so I even got up and wrote it down.....

Most of us know the definition of "FINE." My husband listens very carefully to the way it is said when I tell him "I am FINE." I wondered if we could come up with a definition for "GUILDS." My attempt: Greater Understanding Includes Learning Diverse Styles. Is there a better way to define "GUILDS?"

I am looking forward to another year of meetings, programs, study groups, pot lucks, and friendships.

•♦ Vila Cox, President



## Membership Reminder ~~

### Dues were Due in June

It is time to recommit to a year of great fun and camaraderie with your Guild friends. Your dues are only \$25.00 per year, and they are due in June of each year.

Here are some of the benefits of membership:

- \* Meeting attendance, to participate in the educational programs
- \* Workshop participation
- \* Study Group participation
- \* Access to the extensive fiber related Library
- \* Monthly Fiber Samples
- \* Jumping-in to help organize the fun

If you have not submitted your dues, they are happily accepted by the Membership Officer.

•♦ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer



## Spinning Study Group

Wow can you believe summer is coming to an end? The good news is the spinning study group is getting ready to get going once again this year. We will once again be meeting in Meridian at Maralyn's club house on the second Tuesday of every month from Sept. to May. So plan to attend on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, we get started at 6:30 to 8:30-ish. This month's theme will be Summer shopping, so bring some of your fiber finds that you discovered this summer, or bring a fiber project you completed this summer to show and tell about.

## Spinning Exchange/ Challenge

For those of you who are working on the exchange fiber and make something project that we started last spring please plan on bringing your completed project to give to your partner at the October spinning night. If you are having ANY problem finishing up the spinning or making something with the yarn please let me know ASAP so we can figure something out Thanks. [Melanie.yarnsntreads@aol.com](mailto:Melanie.yarnsntreads@aol.com)

•♦ Melanie Smith, Spinning Chair

## UFO Program - Un-Finished Object

This may be your last chance to finish those UFO's! Bring your finished UFO to the next meeting and get a prize. We may discontinue the program and I still have some prizes to give away.

❖ Irene Chandler, UFO Chairman

## September Sample - Huck Lace

Our sample this month is a huck lace weave made with 3/2 cotton. This weight is good for placemats. The huck creates an attractive texture in the sample. For complete instructions get your sample from the Guild Sample Box at our September meeting. Our weaver for this month is Kathy McGowan.

You will also find extra samples from last year if you missed one from last year.

❖ Greta Ankeny, Sample 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.

## Study Group News

### ♥ Wednesday Knit and Crochet Group

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

### ♥ Spinning Study Group

**September 8**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maralyn Larson's Club House in Meridian. See the article on page 2 for details.

### ♥ Day Weaving Study Group

The day weaving study group will meet at the Boise home of Anne Oglevie on **September 20th** at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. If you need directions please call Anne at 208 994 2725.

### ♥ Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

The Rug Punch/Russian Punch Needle group will meet at the home of Pat Day Hartwell on **September 22** at 1 pm. We will meet all afternoon and will be dyeing felting pieces for making felted bowls that Phyllis showed us how to make when we were at her home in Donnelly in July as well as working on our punch pieces. It will be a busy afternoon.

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

The COE study group meets every other month before the regular meeting. The next meeting will be **October 1, 2016**, at 10:00 at the Church. For more info contact Mary at 901-5640.

## Website

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

## Officers and Chairs

- President: Vila Cox 323-7736
- Vice-presidents: Lily Martina Lee 922-8612 & Julie Gerrard 342-8562
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- Spinning Study Group: Melanie Smith 385-0085
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- Day Weaving Study Group: Anne Oglevie 208-994-2725
- COE Study Group: Mary Berent 939-8906
- Bobbin Lace Study Group: Vila Cox 323-7736
- UFO Challenge: Irene Chandler 318-8182
- Rug Punch & Needle Punch Meeting: Pat Day Hartwell 459-4324



## June Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of 6/6/16

At the Home Of Pat Day Hartwell

Present: Vila Cox, Dorothy Cooper, Nancy Swenson, Pat Day Hartwell, Pat, Ann, Julie Gerrard, Lynn Ruggles, Irene Chandler, Mary Berent, Penny Schraufnagel, Melanie Smith, Greta Ankeny, Carol Freeman, Katzy Luhring, Esther Kleinkauf, Lily Lee, Anne Oglevie, Janet Stanger, Bigelow Tea Representative and family.

After introductions President Vila Cox called the meeting to order.

VP-Melanie Smith tells us to check news letter for upcoming events. VP- Lynn Ruggles thanked all the volunteers this year and especially Julie Gerrard for helping set up for the Tea Pot Luck. She also reminded the outgoing officers to train the incoming officers.

Incoming VP- Julie Gerrard announced that a weaving workshop is set for March 10, 11, and 12 on Forgotten Weave by Margie Thompson. A Spinning workshop will be in April 7, 8 and 9 by Sara Anderson. It was also brought to our attention that Barbara J. Walker has a book out on Supplement Weave.

Pat Day Hartwell is having a basket weaving session being taught by Donnie Denton. Who ever is interested leave your e-mail with Pat and she will let you know day and costs.

Membership- Irene Chandler reports that membership dues are now due and passed out membership forms. Please get these back to Rebecca Winter as she is the new Membership Officer.

Sample Box Greta Ankeny is looking for volunteers for next years samples and passed around a sign up sheet.

President Vila Cox thanked everyone that helped with the Dyeing COE. There was only 1 entry and it did not pass. Our Guild received the Golden Dye Pot Award for hosting this event.

Study Groups see newsletter for times dates and places.



ANWG- Melanie Smith reported on the Annual Meeting. The Tea Bag String was a hit, and she suggested we do a booth at next year's Annual Meeting. Melanie volunteered to head up the booth. It will be held in June in Victoria British Columbia, you will need a passport to attend. Lodging fees were discussed. Of all the Tea Bag String items that Melanie took with her for show- Mary Berent's coverlet won 3 awards. It won Best Weaving, Best Overall, and Most Inspiring.

Rainbow Bag was won by Lily Lee

Tea Bag String Show and Tell-Vila Cox made Bobbin Lace miniature fans, 1 for everyone that was there. Rebecca Winter a woven table runner of tea bag paper and tea bag string. Mary Williams a knitted shawl, Melanie Smith -woven towels. Greta Ankeny showed an infinity scarf. Carol Freeman showed woven fabric to make a top, using tea bag string for the weft. Lily Lee showed a shawl. Lynn Ruggles showed dye samples and a weave it mat. Janet Stanger showed pictures of her crochet table runner and baby dress that she made using tea bag string. She had to mail them out earlier. Julie Gerrard showed a Twill woven towel where the warp was tea bag string and the weft was hemp, a Kumihimo necklace and yarn made by spinning silk and plying on tea bag string. Pat Day Hartwell showed a Kumihimo braid. Irene showed a woven Huck Lace Table Topper, Shadow weave material for top using double warp of tea bag string. Mary Berent showed Fabric for Blouse, knitted top, towels and many samplers of twill and Huck lace, dyeing samplers, waffle weave towel and coverlet. Cynthia Newman Dogwood napkins and Kathy McGowan showed a double weave with pick up material.

The Bigelow Tea representatives thanked us for recycling the Tea Bag String and took pictures to share with the company.

Meeting Adjourned for Tea and Pot Luck

◆ Respectfully submitted by Janet Stanger, Secretary



# Back to Our Roots

## Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley 2016 Challenge for Museum Comes to Life - Saturday Sept 24

Hope you've all been working on your entries for this year's challenge!!

Museum Comes to Life will be held at Julia Davis Park again this year. Let's have a great turnout!

Volunteers at the event are needed to make it a success. Tasks include: set-up, handing out ballots, talking to visitors, teardown and demonstrating the fiber arts our guild practices. It would be great to have demos of all our practices – weaving, spinning, bobbin lace, kumihimo, rug punch, etc. I'll have a Sign-up sheet at the June and August meetings, and will send reminders with other details - parking pass, etc., closer to event.

Tables are provided, but we need canopies – Anne – are yours available?

Attire: "Period Costume" – long skirt & blouse with apron or shawl and any other accessory that works for you.

We want lots of participation and a great display of entries to show the public what we do and for them to vote on. And we need to prep for the event by printing cards for each item prior to day of event to present uniformity in identification of each item to the public for viewing and voting.

Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

Registration: Finished Items with completed entry form including "roots" description—due by Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>!

Apparently submissions have been trending toward arriving later rather than earlier. So in the spirit of achieving highest participation – let's try this approach. If you can turn in your entries by Sept 17, that would be ideal. But if you are a last-minuter working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com) by **9pm Sept 22**. (I do need some time to type up and print labels....). Bring your item to my house Friday, Sept 23, or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by 8am so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.

### Back to Our Roots Theme Description

From an historical background, the focus is to create projects that reflect your roots, roots you have an interest in, or roots you feel a connection to. This would be based on where your family is originally from, where you were born, a place you have lived that is special to you, or any other connection you feel for a heritage you have an interest in.

As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags (just to name a few) to come up with creations in categories, as indicted on the form.

◆ Jinks Hunter, Chair



## Back to Our Roots - 2016 Challenge - Registration Form

Theme Description: Projects that reflect your roots or roots you have an interest in or feel a connection to. As inspiration you may use fiber, color, location, scenery, culture, flags, etc., to come up with creations in the categories below.

Registration: We're hoping for lots of participation and a great display of entries for the public to view and vote on. Plus, we will have a display from the Guild's recent workshop, Crimp and Create, by Diane Totten.

- All entries must be entirely your own work since last September.
- Finished Items with completed entry form, including "roots" description are due by Saturday, September 17th! **Receiving all submissions by Sept 17 would be ideal.** But if you are a last-minuter (like me..), working feverishly on that last entry, then fill in the form, and email to me [jehunter101@gmail.com](mailto:jehunter101@gmail.com) by **9pm Sept 22.** (I do need some time to type up and print a label for each item ....)  
Bring item early to event and do stay and help set-up if needed.
- Bring your finished items with completed form —
  - \* To the September meeting
  - \* **Actual Deadline - September 17**
  - \* Or to my house Friday, September 23, for late comers
  - \* Or if you are bringing to event – it must be early by **8am** so displays will be all set up before public shows up at 9am.
  - \* Please note: No submissions will be accepted after the 8am deadline on Sept 24. And these will only be accepted if an email was sent by Sept 22 at 9pm.
- Submit Items w/forms to Jinks Hunter, 12030 Savage Dr Boise, ID 83713, 208-867-2953 (or Vila Cox, 323-7736 or Janet Stanger, 377-0746, if you don't reach me)

Categories:

1. Flat Handwoven Items – includes yardage and hemmed or fringed pieces (scarves, shawls, towels, rugs, etc.)
2. Handspun Skeins – Colors or fibers that represent your roots
3. Made From Handspun Yarn – must be made from handspun yarn that would qualify as handspun skein this year
4. Fiber Arts – Items made from handspun or other fiber arts practiced in our Guild that fit the theme

Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____	
Address: _____	
Category #	Description of piece and how it connects to your roots.

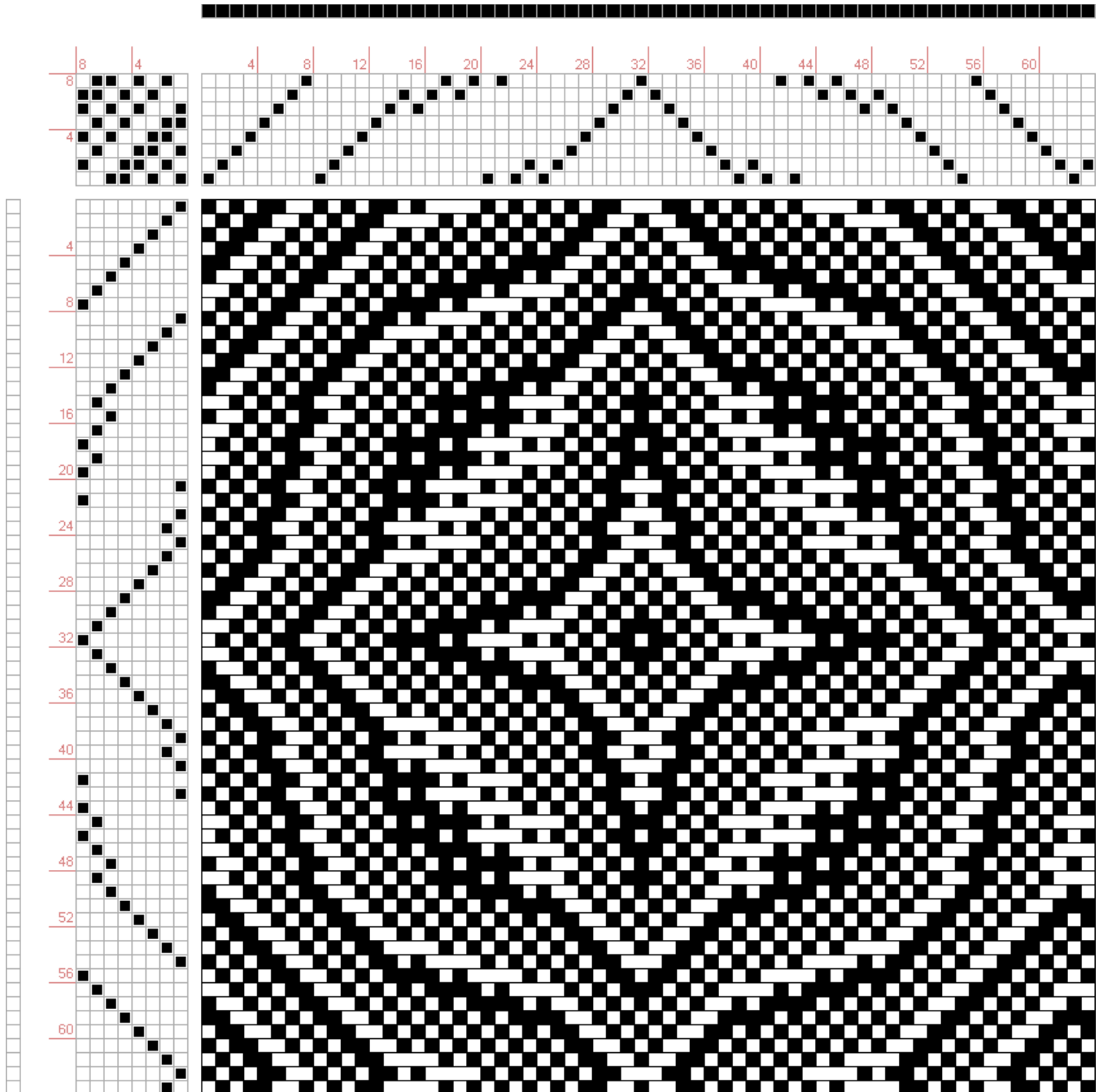
Number of entries will determine prizes. Entry Fee \$3.00 for each item.

Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 = fee for entries \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Draft Inspirations

The following draft is from <http://www.handweaving.net> You can go there and enter the number to see all the specifics about the draft, as well as download a .wif file.

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