

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
September, 2017

August/September Program: ANWG Party and Open House

We are starting off all the fun of our Guild year with an Open House instead of a program after the business meeting. Those who attended the ANWG conference will be available to show what they learned while attending the conference. There will be light refreshments to enjoy. ♦ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

Calendar of Events

August 26, 2017 - Regular Guild Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:30 a.m. - Program: **ANWG Party and Open House**

At the Church, 2201 Woodlawn, Boise, the Banquet Room

Meeting on the 1st Saturday, except for Holidays

August 24, 2017 - Rug Punch and Needle Punch Meeting

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jinks Hunter's Boise Home

Meets on the 4th Thursday

Topic: Coming this Fall - Dyeing for Wool Rugs

September 6 & 20, 2017 - Knit and Crochet Group

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Aero Cafe

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

September 5, 2017 - Bobbin Lace Group

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

Vila Cox's Home

Meets the 2nd Tuesday

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - Spinning Study Group

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

Penny Schraufnagel's Home

Meets on the 2nd Saturday, starting in October

September Topic: Vacation Finds.

Upcoming Topic: Fiber Study

September 19, 2017 - Day Weaving Study Group

12:30 p.m.

Vila Cox's Home

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday

Topic: Studying the book by Hargrove

October 7, 2017 - COE Study Group

10:00 a.m. - Before the Regular Meeting, at the church

Meets every other month, prior to the regular meeting

Special Events:

August 18-27, 2017 - Demo's at the Western Idaho Fair

October 21, 2017 - Computer Weaving with Fiberworks PCW

January 13-15, 2018 - Weaving Intensive - Circles

Computer Weaving with Fiberworks PCW - A One Day Workshop

Mary Berent will lead a one day workshop on Fiberworks PCW, and the basics of how to do computer weaving. This one day class will be held at the Boise Public Library, main branch, on October 21, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you do not own Fiberworks software you can download a sample version onto your laptop for free. There will be a sign up sheet at the Aug 26th Guild meeting.

2017- 2018 Programs

- August/September - ANWG Party
- October - Vila Cox - Finishing: Why Bother
- Nov- Jinks Hunter - Learn How to Rug Punch a Coaster
- December - Christmas Party- Potluck- Coaster Exchange
- January - Mary Berent- Mary Meigs Atwater
- February - Melanie Smith - A World of Spindles
- March - Rebecca Winter - Weave a Honeycomb
- April- Merri Williams - Silk and the Road to Us
- May- Annual Guild Yarn and Equipment Sale
- June - Picnic - Fiber Olympics

Workshops, Mini-Workshops, and Weaving Intensive

- Computer Weaving with Fiberworks PCW - One Day, Led by Mary Berent, October 21, 2017, 10:30 - 2:00 p.m., Boise Public Library
- Weaving Intensive, Circles, January 13 -15, 2018
- Weaving Workshop - TBA
- Bead Weaving - One Day, Led by Esther Kleinkauf, Spring, 2018
- Spinning - Plied Fixes, One Day, May 12, 2018



From Your President

Can you believe we will be beginning the 2017-18 Guild year in just a couple of weeks? Our first meeting will be Saturday, August 26.

Your Guild Officers met together late in July to talk about where our focus will be this year. Two areas surfaced as we shared ideas.

First, let's learn and record our Guild's 45 year history. We believe we can preserve a legacy for the people who began this organization. Please be thinking about ways this might be done and where you might help with this task. We anticipate this will be a several year project.

Our second area will be focusing on reaching out to fiber arts enthusiasts who may not know about the Guild. We are concerned with the number of younger members involved with our Guild. We need people who will step in and keep our Guild thriving in the future.

To this second topic we have started our outreach by publishing the Guild meetings on the Idaho Calendar. We will also have business cards available at our first meeting for members to carry and share. These cards will help people know where online they can find more information about the Guild. Our hope is that each of you will give them to folks you meet who express an interest in the fiber arts.

If you have followed the Guild summer activities through the Yahoo Group you know many members have been active throughout the summer. We will hear reports on these activities at our August meeting. Hopefully we will see lots of completed fiber projects.

Hope to see all of you August 26.

◆ Greta Ankeny, President

Membership News

Membership dues are now due. We are asking each member to fill out the Membership Form to confirm your contact information and to gather data about your interests.

Dues continue to be a modest \$25.00. If you would like to have the Newsletter mailed to you in hard copy, there is an additional fee of \$20.00. The other method of receiving the Newsletter is through the BoiseGuild Yahoo Group, and this method is preferred.

If you have questions, please contact me.

◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

News from the Vice Presidents

While we have all been enjoying vacations, weaving conference and other fun summer activities the new Vice Presidents have been busy planning some informational and fun programs. We hope you agree. This year we are also working on some one day workshops, including bead weaving, spinning fixes, and computer weaving. These one day workshops will have no cost or very minimal costs for supplies.

We are also in the process of working on a three day workshop on custom fit fashion from our weaving. So be sure to check out the newsletter for updates. ◆ Melanie Smith, Vice-President

Mystery Member

You may ask what ever happened to the Gold/Rainbow Bag or the UFO Program. It was felt they had run their course, and didn't we have so much fun with them during that time.

It has also been asked, however, "What can we do in place of these fun activities?"

We are excited to present to you with one such new & fun process. Each month I will choose a member to be the Mystery Member. Three tidbits about this member will be listed. Your job is to guess who the member is from these clues.

There will be an opportunity to write up your three clues at the upcoming meeting. Start thinking about how you will stump the members about your identity.

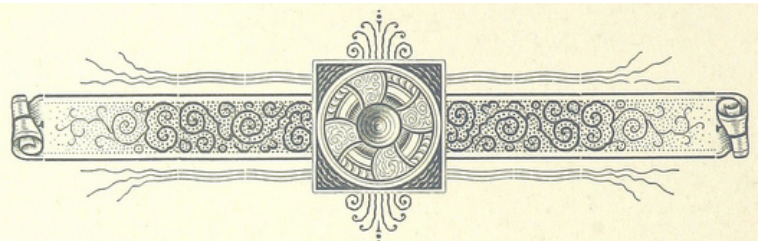
This month's clues are:

1. This person's first car was a VW Bug.
2. This person never liked piano lessons as a child.
3. This person owns in the neighborhood of 23 looms, if you count all the little looms, such as frame looms.

Who is this Guild Member?

The first person to notify me correctly will have bragging rights for this month's Mystery Member, whose identity will be published in the next Newsletter. ◆ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

{By the way, the other New Fun Thing will be
Fiber Trivia.}



September Sample News

Our sample is a purple and peach colored satin weave. Both colors are 10/2 cotton. Kathy McCowan is the weaver of this sample. She has suggested this weave for towels. When you pick up this sample be sure to look at the back side!

Thank you to all of the ladies who have provided samples.

We are excited to welcome the new Sample Chair, Jinks Hunter.

- ◆ Greta Ankeny, Outgoing Sample Chair



Satin Weave, by Kathy McGowan

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.

Guild Directory

The Guild Directory is a small booklet with information about the Guild. It also contains the contact information for each member.

The Directory is published each year in October. Members who pay their dues by September 15 will be included in the Directory.

Also, I am collecting advertisements for the Directory. If you have information you would like to place there, the fee is \$10.00 per space of 4 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches. Get your ad copy to me now.

- ◆ Rebecca Winter, Membership Officer

Spinner's Page

Spinning Study Group

We would like to thank Maralyn Larson for hosting the spinning study group for so many years in her home and club house. Sadly, she will not be able to host us this year.

Thankfully we have found a new location and time, that we hope will make it easier for more spinners to attend our study group. Our new normal meeting time will be the second Saturday of every month at the home of Penny Schraufnagel from 10:0 a.m. until 12:00 noon. For the month of September we will meet on the 16th instead of the 9th so we can all enjoy art in the park in Boise. The theme for the September meeting will be vacation finds. So bring all those fun fibers you found at fiber fairs, conferences or just on your travels. We will also have a signup sheet for the fiber study. If you have any questions or need directions just let Melanie know. yarnsntreads@aol.com

Tour de Fleece

I am so thrilled with how well the tour de fleece went this summer. The participants worked hard for just about 3 weeks. Some got reacquainted with their wheels and spindles, new skills were learned, and I hope you will agree, we all enjoyed seeing their finished yarn on the yahoo group. Be sure to come to the Aug. 26th meeting to see who won, what prize. All prizes will be awarded at the Aug. 26th meeting. Because this was so successful, mark your calendars for July, 2018, for the second annual HWBG Tour de Fleece.

- ◆ Melanie Smith, Study Group Chair



ANWG Guild Booth

Below find a picture of the Guild's Booth display at the ANWG Conference. Ten people provided hand crafted items out of Tea Bag String ore Tea Bag Paper. Mary Berent leads us all by making a phenomenal 45 items, which she provided for display in the booth.



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

Editor's Note #1: The embellishments in this Newsletter are from the British Library. They have released a very large collection of graphics from their scanning of old books. There are over 10,000 pages of free pictures. These files are on something called flickr. This is an online storage for pictures. I found it very easy to access the library's files, because I use flickr. That's how I get pictures of one of my grandchildren. You can find these files at the following link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/britishlibrary> You might need to create a flickr account to access the files.

There is a blog that talks about this collection at a link found [Here](#). It's something else to collect, but how cool is that?

Editor's Note #2: In my wandering around on Pinterest, I found an artist who makes some fabulous art out of tea bags. Most of them are used tea bags. Find her work [Here](#). ♡ Rebecca Winter, Newsletter Editor

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