

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

April, 2024

## April Program: Annual Yarn and Equipment Sale

We are having the yarn and equipment sale after the April guild meeting. Yes it is earlier than usual, but with the program in May will be presented by Ivy DeHart, who was not available in April.

Here are the policies for the sale:

- Items should be marked with the price and the name of the member selling the items.
- Members purchasing items pay the member who is selling directly.
- Members pay the guild 10% of the total amount they receive from the sale of their items
- Non-members or commercial vendors may also bring items for sale at the meeting. They are responsible to pay the guild 20% of the total they receive from the sale of items they offer.
- The fee percentages are paid to the Treasurer on the day of the sale, and are done on the honor system.

The yarn and equipment sale is always fun and you never know what treasure you will be taking home.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



## Calendar of Events

### **Regular Meeting:**

April 6, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

**Program ~ Annual Yarn & Equipment Sale**

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

### **Study Groups:**

April 3, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group

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

April 6, 2024 ~ COE Study Group

9:30 a.m., prior to the Regular Meeting  
At the Church

April 9, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group

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

At the home of Raelene Viste

April 11, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

6:00 p.m. ~ At Lunatic Fringe Yarns

April 16, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

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

April 18, 2024 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7 p.m. ~ At the home of Cindy Schafer

April 30, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ Location TBA

Meets on the 5th Tuesdays, when they occur.

Next meeting - July 30, 2024

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

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

### **Workshops:**

May 7, 8, & 9, 2024 - Mathemagical Design, with

Jennifer Moore



## President's Corner - Three Voting Items

This comes first in the Newsletter this month, because I want to alert you to some action items we will be managing at the April 6th meeting.

We will cast our ballots for the Officers nominated at the March meeting. They are:

Mary Berent - President

Jenni Jimmerson - Vice President

Jenné Schiffhauer - Vice President

Dyan Lay - Secretary

Kelly Sandusky - Treasurer

Cindy Griewe - Membership Officer

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If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to cast a ballot, you may send a signed absentee ballot to the Secretary prior to the meeting, according to the Bylaws. The new officers will begin their term at the close of the June Meeting. The voting will be for the entire slate of officers, and will be by paper ballot.

We will also approve the 2024 - 2025 Budget. This voting will be by motion and voting. The Budget may be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

I would also like the membership to approve the Policy revisions made recently by the Board. The revised Policies and Job Descriptions have been added to the regular website, and you can review them there. The specifics of the revisions can be found in the Board Meeting Minutes also found in this Newsletter on page 6. Policies and Job Descriptions reflect and document the good systems we have developed to carry out the workings of the Guild. Mainly, the revisions completed this time around merely reflect how systems have been updated for how we are completing guild tasks now. Check them out for an understanding of the workings of the guild. This voting will also be by motion and voting.

Thank you so much for your support of the Guild by participation and by volunteerism.

❖ Cheers, Rebecca Winter, President

## Robyn Spady Workshop

The workshop called "A Parallel Threading is the Weaver's Playground" with Robyn Spady was fabulous. I think that all of the nineteen participants came away with sooo much information and ideas for future weaving projects. I know that my mind was blown on more than one occasion. Robyn's thorough way of presenting was very helpful. And her demonstrating how to design with Fiberworks weaving software was great. I look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with in the future using the information from this wonderful workshop.

❖ Julie Gerrard, Vice President

## Thank You, Jinks!

A big thank you to Jinks Hunter for another wonderful program. Jinks' presentation was "Flick, Card, Comb, and Dizz Your Fleece." It was about preparing fleece for spinning. Jinks brought cards, combs flickers, a dizz, and much more. She also demonstrated how she uses these items. After the presentation, Jinks did a hands-on session for anyone who was interested in trying out some, or all, of the equipment she had demonstrated. I think we may have more members interested in this part of the fiber world. Thanks again!

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

## March Sample Exchange

We have a real treat this month in the Sample Box! Cindy Schafer provided a Braiding Sample. This blue and white braid is beautiful, and the record sheet contains all the instructions you need to make your own. Cindy made hers of silk for Christmas ribbon, but you can use the yarn and colors of your choice to make a braid for so many uses. Grab a copy from the sample box and give it a try!

Don't forget, there is a sign-up sheet available for the 2024-2025 Guild Season if you would like to sign-up to provide a sample. Either fill your name in on the sheet at a meeting, or contact me, Kelly Sandusky.

❖ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair

## Study Groups:

### Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group is Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at our favorite bookstore, The Rubaiyat. Time is 11-2.

❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - April 11, 6:00 p.m. at Lunatic Fringe Yarns.

❖ Jenné Schiffhauer & Marianne Poling, Study Group Co-Chairs



### Lace Study Group

The Bobbin Lace Group will meet April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at Raelene Viste's.

- Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

The April meeting of the Tapestry Study Group will be held at Cindy Schafer's house at 7pm on Thursday, April 18. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. The topic for the April meeting is TBD and will be decided at the March meeting. The meeting will also be available via zoom.

- Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - April 16, 10:30 at Mary Berent's home.

- Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

### COE Study Group

The next COE Study Group meeting will be before the regular April meeting. We meet every other month. Anyone interested in learning more about the Certificate of Excellence is welcome

- Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

### Garment Study Group

The garment study group will meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Location TBA. All are welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions. And please bring your own lunch.

- 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=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzIzaUtEaUtTZz09>

- Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



Alert: The Threadbenders Weaving Guild in Baker City, Oregon, has 3 openings in Vila Cox's Beginning Weaving Workshop scheduled in Baker City on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested, please call: 541-910-4109, as soon as possible.

### **Beginning Weaving Workshop with Vila Cox**

- Beginning Weaving class will cover the basics a new weaver needs to get started. Information covered includes weaving equipment, warping a loom, how to read a weaving pattern, fixing errors, and more.
- During class students will wind a warp, dress a loom, and weave a sampler of basic weave structures.
- Recommended book for students to purchase before starting class: *Learning to Weave*, by Deborah Chandler
- \$30 material fee each which covers handouts, pre-wound warps, and yarn to weave with - given to Vila at workshop.
- Participants need to bring a 4 or 8 shaft loom, shuttles, and other tools
- Limit 10 participants

**Dates:** Friday through Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. 9 AM - 4 PM

**Location:** County Library Riverside Room - Baker City, Oregon

**Cost for Threadbender Members:** \$160.00    **Cost for Non-Members:** \$190.00

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send the completed form and payment to: Nancy Bruce, PO Box F, Union, OR 97883.*

*Please make checks out to: Threadbenders*



## 2024 - 2025 Budget ~ Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley

	<b>Income</b> - Based on 90 members		
Newsletter Fee	\$60.00		
Advertising	\$60.00		
Equipment Rental	\$100.00		
Yarn & Equipment Sale	\$200.00		
Interest	\$10.00		
Membership Dues	\$2700.00		
<b>Income Total</b>	\$3130.00		
		<b>Expenses</b>	
Equipment Purchases		\$260.00	
Library Books		\$250.00	
Directory Expense		\$300.00	
Library Expense		\$100.00	
Meeting & Library Room Rental		\$550.00	
Membership ANWG & HGA		\$175.00	
Hospitality		\$100.00	
Miscellaneous/Memorials		\$50.00	
Outreach & Promotional Materials		\$200.00	
Newsletter Expense		\$75.00	
P.O.Box rent		\$225.00	
Program Expense		\$70.00	
Liability Insurance		\$300.00	
Study Group Expense		\$100.00	
Magazine Subscriptions		\$150.00	
Zoom License		\$250.00	
<b>Expense Total</b>		\$3155.00	



# Mathemagical Design From Fibonacci to Fractals

Jennifer Moore

May 7-9, 2024

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Eagle Fire Station #1, 966 E. Iron Eagle Drive, Eagle

Have you ever wanted to work with these wonderful tools for visual design, but been scared off by a lack of drawing or math skills? This workshop is for you! We will take a visual and intuitive approach to working with symmetry movements, tiling patterns, fractals, and harmonious proportions including the golden proportion and the Fibonacci sequence. Through a series of fun exercises using drawing, coloring, rubber stamps and paper cutouts you will create a toolbox of skills to use in creating your own designs, and go home with a new way of looking at the world.

**Note: This is not a loom weaving class - it is all paper-based fun exercises!**



*Level - any*

*Workshop Fee - \$175 members, non-members wishing to participate are welcome to join the Guild*

*Material Fee - \$45 per person (pay instructor at workshop)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to sign up and pay for the workshop is April 6, 2024.

Please return this form and the workshop fee to Julie Gerrard.



## **Board Meeting Minutes ~ March 2, 2024**

Members present:

President – Rebecca Winter, Vice President – Julie Gerrard, Treasurer – Mitzi Meyers, Secretary – Dyan Lay, Membership – Cindy Griewe, Sally Johnson, Robin Conrads, Mary Berent, Jenné Schiffhauer, & Jenni Jimmerson

President

- Meeting called to order at 9:30AM.



- Guild Policy Edit Review
  - It was agreed that newsletter and directory ad costs would be doubled; no motion made but everyone agreed to increase the price of ads.
  - Rebecca Winter will continue to print and assemble the directory and newsletter.
  - Challenge policy was archived as the Idaho Historical Museum no longer is doing these live events.
  - Added that meetings can be educational and business related in the Sales policy.
  - Photo release form was discussed, and once a form has been completed, then the parameters of that form remain the same until a new photo release form is submitted.
  - Facebook admins to double check photo release status when posting.
  - Membership job description was slightly revised.
    - Photo release forms to be scanned into an archive.
    - Dyan Lay volunteered to scan in 2023 photo release forms.
  - Webmaster job description to include payment responsibility for website, hosting, etc.
  - Website policy tabled until after Website Committee meet on March 5, 2024.
  - Website electronic payment options for membership and workshops tabled.
  - Secretary job description changed from “keep notebook” to “keep record.”
  - Sample box policy changed to not need a checklist for taking a sample.
  - Moving press release responsibility from Membership to Social Media job description.
  - Added “maintains inventory” to Librarian job description.
  - Newsletter Editor job description revised to include “may” send complimentary copies.
  - Board agrees that no personal accounts are to be used for Guild finances and payments.
  - Board tabled for further discussion the current policy of holding workshop checks.
  - Mitzi Meyers moved to accept all changes to policies and job descriptions as discussed, Julie Gerrard seconded, unanimously passed.

#### Budget 2024-2025

- Board revised newsletter and website costs to account for current economies.
- Budget will be presented to membership for their approval at April Regular Meeting.
- Mitzi Meyers moved to accept budget as presented and revised, Cindy Griewe seconded, unanimously passed.

#### Beginning Weaving Study Group

- Co-chairs Cindy Griewe and Robins Conrads introduced the idea of an introduction “intensive” clinic for beginning weavers.
- Scheduled for November 9-10, 2024.
  - Day 1 how to warp and set up loom, etc.
  - Day 2 round robin of weaving with mentors to help.
- BWSG will design drafts for little mug rugs prior to clinic.
- More details coming soon.

#### Website Update

- Beginning Weaving Study Group, Garment Study Group and Tapestry Study Group need descriptions; Robin Conrads have reached out to each chair.
- Five Guild emails created: info@, membership@, PR@, treasurer@ and siteadmin@.

#### Vice Presidents

- Julie Gerrard discussed an airfare savings for the upcoming Jennifer Moore workshop.
  - Julie Gerrard made motion to pass this savings on to participants for materials costs (six people to be reimbursed), Dyan Lay seconded, unanimously passed.

#### Other Business

- Rebecca Winter to give task list (chairs, key holders, logins, etc.) and Outreach Committee policy revisions to the new president after election.
- Groups.io got hacked and some members had to re-verify; everything dealt with a no repercussions to Guild.
- Pat Dayton volunteered to co-chair weaving intensive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56AM.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 10AM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



## Regular Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2024

### Call To Order

- Meeting was called to order at 11:29AM.
- Present were 50 attendees: President Rebecca Winter, Vice President Julie Gerrard, Secretary Dyan Lay, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Membership Officer Cindy Griewe, Robin Conrads, Jenné Schifffhauer, Sally Johnston, Mary Berent, Jenni Jimmerson, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Kelly Sandusky, Mecinze Berg, Doug Ranck, Katzy Luhning, Irma Atkinson, Hanna Meinikheim, Christie Farrin, Linda Morton-Keithley, Esther Kleinkauf, Irene Chandler, Jean Zaske, Lisa Baker, Raelene Viste, Amy Perry, Lee Turner, Julie Gardin, Michelle Hancock, Marianne Poling, Sheila Miller, Nancy Alzola, Alyssa Bargs, Robi Hathorn, Kari Lawton, Nancy Swenson, Chelsea DeFriez, Janet Stanger, Chris Brady, Minilu McDonald, Pat Dayton, Cindy Schaefer, Jinks Hunter, Marita Turner, Karin Zamora, Vila Cox, Khara Oxier-Mori and November Oxier-Mori.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by Rebecca Winter and introductions included each attendee's name and favorite cheese.

### Business

- 2024-2025 Officers
  - Mitzi Meyers presented the slate of officers and thanked volunteers.
  - Membership to vote by written ballot at the April 6 Regular Meeting.
  - Rebecca Winter went over the voting bylaws, and urged volunteers who would like to serve in any Guild capacity to reach out.
  - Rebecca Winter explained the bylaws, policies, and job descriptions.
  - She told the membership about the Board's policy review, and that the Board approved edits earlier in the day.
- Website Committee
  - Robin Conrads shared that the newly designed website went live in early February.
  - Still needs a few study group descriptions.
  - It was a smooth transition with minimal down time.
  - Urged membership to send photos.

### Show and Tell

- Rebecca Winter provided intensive handout, paper weaving portraits and landscape, and triaxial bronze/green paper weave.
- Dyan Lay presented paper weave learned at the January 2024 mini-workshop.
- Mitzi Meyers modelled her Noh coat made from a Mexican bedspread.
- Jeannie Phillips showed a cross stitch made by a friend.
- Hanna Meinikheim displayed tiny origami cranes and snowflakes made from leftover wrapping paper, as well as the results of playing with different yarns from her intensive sample.
- Mecinze Berg provided her spinning commission work.
- Esther Kleinkauf presented a bird punch piece.
- Julie Gerrard made a small runner.
- Jenni Jimmerson showed a parallel, Lunatic Fringe thread sample piece and shell blouse.
- Cindy Schaefer passed around a red sun tapestry and her stash-busting efforts in the form of bamboo napkins.

### 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 - Robin Conrads, Dyan Lay
- Equipment - 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 - Rebecca Winter & Pat Dayton
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Marianne Poling & Jenne Schifffhauer
- Garment Study Group - Anne Oglevie
- COE Study Group - Mary Berent
- Lace Study Group - Vila Cox
- Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom - Jinks Hunter
- Tapestry Study Group - Kelly Sandusky
- 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

PO Box 6258, Boise, ID 83707

- Jinks Hunter completed Spin Together Challenge by spinning 11,339 yards and presented a basket full of spun fiber.
- Jean Zaske modelled a black chenille Noh coat and needle felting samples.
- Chelsea DeFriez invited everyone to her farm.
- Vila Cox passed around towels and napkins done on her 40 shaft looms.
- Katzy Luhring demonstrated four towels done with a heavy hemp yarn warp and mercerized 10:2 cotton weft. She told how she wet the spools to keep the hemp under control.
- Kelly Sandusky presented a hand knit pink bunny baby sweater she wore as a child.

## Reports

- Vice President
  - Julie Gerrard announced the June Picnic will be at a member's community center; more information will be forthcoming.
  - For the Jennifer Moore workshop in May, the materials fee will be waived due to an unexpected airfare savings.
  - The April program will be the Guild's annual yarn and equipment sale.
  - Sellers need to mark what they want to sell.
  - 10% of sale proceeds will go to the Guild.
- Treasurer
  - Mitzi Meyers explained that the Guild has money, and if any members have specific questions, you should reach out to her.
- Membership
  - Cindy Griewe announced that the Guild has over 100 paid members, and directories are available for pick up at the Regular Meetings.
- Marianne Poling, Beginning Weaving Study Group Chair
  - Study Group did colors at last meeting.
  - Next meeting on March 14, not on the 7<sup>th</sup> as previously printed in newsletter.
  - The Study Group is planning a two-day clinic.
    - Co-chairs Cindy Griewe and Robin Conrads introduced the idea of an introduction "intensive" clinic for beginning weavers.
    - Scheduled for November 9-10, 2024.
      - Day 1 how to warp and set up loom, etc.
      - Day 2 round robin of weaving with mentors to help.
    - BWSG will design drafts for little mug rugs prior to clinic.
    - More details coming soon.
- Kelly Sandusky, Sample Exchange Chair
  - Sample Box available at every Regular Meeting, and Kelly explained that members may take a sample of fiber art which includes draft and finished piece.
  - Sign-ups for sample providers welcome.
- Janet Stanger, Outreach Committee Chair
  - Janet explained that a requested demonstration for Renaissance Faire in October is also same days as Farm Days; she is looking for a volunteer.
  - Jeannie Phillips will be doing a spinning demonstration at a local school for 40 third graders.
  - Upcoming demonstrations are the Idaho State Fair (August), Farm Days (October) and the Renaissance Faire (October).
  - Demonstration requests will be published in the newsletter or put on groups.io.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21PM.

The program was presented by Jinks Hunter on wool preparation.

♥ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

