

# Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley  
February, 2024

## February Program:

### February Fun & Fabulous Fashion Show

Katzy and Jenne from Lunatic Fringe Yarns are assisting with the fashion show. They have found a local radio announcer, Michelle Heart from 107.9 Lite FM, to MC the fashion show. Handmade items are being collected for a gift basket as a thank you to Michelle for taking her time to MC.

We encourage guild members to participate. Please be ready to have fun modeling 1 to 3 items you have created. Any handmade item: hats, shawls, dishtowels, table runners, vests, jackets, slippers. Be creative and make your walk on the runway fun for all.

Lunatic Fringe Yarns will have their Spin the Wheel for little prizes for those that are participating in the fashion show. They will also be providing a bar cart to push around if your items can't be worn or are hard to display (towels, blankets, mug rugs, tapestries, etc.) We encourage everyone to participate and have a great time!

If you are planning on participating, please have the following information with you on an index card that you will hand to Michelle, the announcer:

- Your Name
- Name of your entry
- A description in 50 words or less, including what the item is, the fiber content, the technique used, and what makes it special.

Please print clearly on the card (index cards will be available) or pre-print the information before you arrive and we can attach the information to the index card. One Card Per Item please.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



## Calendar of Events

### **Regular Meeting:**

February 3, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

**Program ~ February Fun & Fabulous Fashion Show**

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

### **Study Groups:**

January 30, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter  
Meets on the 5th Tuesdays, when they occur.  
Next meeting - April 30, 2024

February 3, 2024 ~ COE Study Group

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

February 7, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group

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

February 8, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Grp.

6:00 p.m. ~ At the home of Sherry Bittner

February 13, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group

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

At the home of Raelene Viste

February 15, 2024 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7 p.m. ~ At the home of Rebecca Winter

February 20, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

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

Every Thursday ~ Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom

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

### **Workshops:**

March 15, 16, & 17, 2024 - A Parallel Threading in the Weaver's Playground, with Robyn Spady

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





## Robyn Spady Weaving Workshop A Parallel Threading Is the Weaver's Playground

The minimum number required for the workshop has been met but there is room for more people. The flyer for signing up for Robyn Spady's weaving workshop, A Parallel Threading Is the Weaver's Playground, March 15-17, 2024, is included in the newsletter. If you sign up, you may include the materials fee with the registration fee for a total of \$135.

◆ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

## Jennifer Moore Design Workshop Mathemagical Design: From Fibonacci to Fractals

We still need 6 people to sign up for the Jennifer Moore design workshop, Mathemagical Design: From Fibonacci to Fractals, May 7-9, 2024. If you sign up, you may include the materials fee with the registration fee for a total of \$220. The sign-up sheet is included in the newsletter.

◆ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents



## 2024 February Fun and Fabulous Fashion Show

On February 3 at the regular guild meeting, we will be having a fashion show to highlight our talented members' creations. Start thinking now of what you would like to model for the show. It can be anything you have created. Come with a sense of fun to model your hat, shawl, rug, coat, socks, dishcloth, or any other handmade item! Or just come to the meeting and enjoy the show!

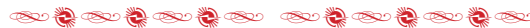
We have found a local radio announcer to be our MC. She is not a weaver, but will appreciate the craft. We are asking guild members to donate handmade items for a thank-you basket for the announcer in lieu of payment. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let Jenne or Katzy know.

Here are the Guidelines for entrants:

1. Please model your own creation. If you choose not to, please find a substitute to show off your creation.
2. Walk slowly, smile, turn and stop several times while going down the runway.
3. Fill out an index card to hand to the announcer as you enter the runway. The card should have the following information CLEARLY written out so the announcer can talk about your wonderful creation. Consider writing your name phonetically to help the announcer.
  - Your Name:
  - Name of your entry:
  - Description (50 words or less) (Please include Fiber Content, Technique, what is it and what makes it special?)
4. Entrants may submit up to 3 items.
5. Participants and Donors of the announcer handmade basket items will receive prizes provided by Lunatic Fringe Yarns.

We can't wait to see what we all come up with! It is going to be a lot of fun!

Brought to you by the hard work of the members of the Handweaver's Guild of Boise Valley; and Katzy, Jenne, and all the Lunatics at Lunatic Fringe Yarns!



## 2024 Weaving Intensive - Overshot

Well, the 2024 Overshot Weaving Intensive is in the books. In spite of the weather trying to play bad guy, we had a good turn-out and had a great time weaving and learning. The new location was great and we've been invited back anytime, so we must have been good tenants. Lots of samples were woven, and hopefully, several folks will share some pictures of their finished samples on the Handweavers Guild Facebook page. Please remember to get your finished samples to Rebecca for the Guild copy of the binder.

The topic for next year is going to be Borders. It is never too early to start diving in and learning about weaving borders - seems like there are a lot of directions we can go with this topic! I'm excited to see what folks come up with next year. If you want to become more involved in the Intensive, we need a volunteer to herd the cats next year. It is a great opportunity to give back to your Guild. Please let any of the officers know if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen as well as all the enthusiastic participants. You all are what make me excited to be a member of this Guild!

❖ Kelly Sandusky, 2024 Intensive Study Group Co-Chair

## March Program

The program for March will be "Flick, Card, Comb, and Dizz Your Fleece" by Jinks Hunter. You won't want to miss this program. Jinks is a wonderful presenter with a great deal of knowledge about fiber preparation.

❖ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

## Thank you to the Mini-Workshop Program Instructors

A big round of applause to Mitzi Meyers, Raelene Viste, Rebecca Winter and Jean Zaske for a fun filled program. Many guild members learned, or improved, their skills spinning with a drop spindle, tating, paper weaving and needle felting. Thanks again!

❖ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

## President's Corner

As an instructor and mentor, I think I am more proud of student/mentee's gaining of knowledge than what they produce in actual textiles. It goes along with the adage, "Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to fish and you feed them for a lifetime." What a thrill it is for me to see the lightbulbs begin to glow or pop on in an instant. Thank you for the opportunity to share in this kind of thrill.

The Weaving Intensive!! Here are a few numbers:

22 people signed up

4 people were unable to attend for various reasons

18 people made it through sleet and snow, over slippery roads, and uphill both ways to weave

18 looms in the room

Each binder has 83 pages of Overshot plans and information

A total of 1723 pages were printed

This was the 19th Intensive held & would have been 20 if we hadn't cancelled the one in 2021.

The first Intensive was held in 2006, and had 10 participants. It appears to be the brain child of myself, Mary Berent, and Vila Cox, from what I can tell from records found in that first binder. Now 20 years later, I wish we had written the history of how it all began a little better. I was the first Study Group Chair of that first event. There was one note which referred to it as the "retreat."

This year we had the greatest number of participants ever. And tied on the number of looms with 2023. Over the course of the 20 years we have been holding the Intensive, looms were warped a total of 247 times.

I truly believe a good time was had by all. And there was a lot of learning done at the looms, which is the best place to learn about weaving. A binder is being prepared for the Guild Library, if you would like to see the information and samples for yourself later.

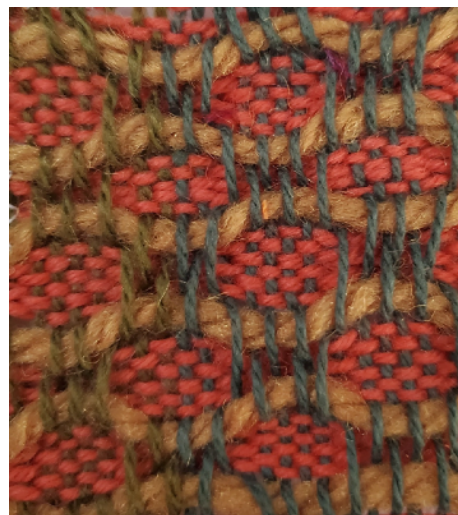
❖ Rebecca Winter, President



## February Sample Exchange

Irene Chandler wove our February Sample. She wove a 4-shaft Honeycomb draft, from "The Best of Weavers - Fabrics That Go Bump." The pattern allowed her to use various size and color yarns to make the honeycomb effect really 'pop', and create a sturdy fabric to be used to make a bag, purse, or vest. Pick up your copy of Irene's draft, and any others you might have missed from previous months, from the sample box at any monthly meeting.

❖ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



## Study Groups:

### Garment Study Group

The garment study group will meet at the home of Rebecca Winter on January 30th at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please call Anne Oglevie if there are any questions. And please bring your own lunch.

❖ Anne Oglevie, Study Group Chair

### Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group is Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at our favorite bookstore, The Rubaiyat. Time is 11-2. The Evening Spinning Study Group is now disbanded due to lack of participation.

❖ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

### Beginning Weaving Study Group

The Beginning Weavers Study Group took a break in January to prepare for and participate in the guild intensive. This month's meeting will be held on February 8th at 6pm. We will be meeting at Sherry Bitner's studio in Boise. Our study topic this month is Color Exploration. We will discuss how colors work together, along with tips and tricks to creating warps and patterns.

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

### Lace Study Group

Bobbin Lace will meet Feb 13th, 10am to 12pm, at Raelene Viste's. New tatters are welcome, as well as lace knitters, and anyone who wants to drop in and visit. Working on a project is optional.

❖ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

### Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group will meet Thursday, February 15, at the home of Rebecca Winter in Meridian, at 7pm. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. The Tapestry Study Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Our topic of study is to move forward with one of the cartoons we created for the January meeting. Or if you didn't create one as yet, do so now, and bring information about how you plan to use it.

❖ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

### Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - February 20, at 10:30am, at the home of Mary Berent.

❖ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

### COE Study Group

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

❖ Mary Berent, 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=WVl4WWNGRmJmd3A1KzlzaUtEaUtTZz09>

❖ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair



# A Parallel Threading is the Weaver's Playground

Robyn Spady

March 15 - 17, 2024

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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



A parallel threading can provide a weaver with a multitude of options and patterns—from echo weaves and corkscrew twills to turned taqueté and network-drafted twills. The add weft variations in color and texture and a weaver will find themselves in a playground of possibilities. Workshop participants will pre-warp their loom from a selection of threadings and during the workshop enter into a journey of discovery and exploration of how to transform a parallel threading into a myriad of patterns. The workshop is a combination of presentation/discussion, weaving, and hands-on exercises. Emphasis will be on understanding the design and drafting processes to empower workshop participants to create their own patterns. **(Note: This is not a round-robin style workshop. Participants will weave on their own loom.) Four-shafts minimum. Eight-shafts highly recommended.**

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)

**Fee of the Workshop:** \$120 members, non-members wishing to participate are welcome to join the Guild.

**Materials fee:** \$15/person (pay instructor at the workshop)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Loom \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shafts \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to sign up and pay for the workshop is February 3, 2024.

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



# 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 - January 6, 2024



Members present:

President – Rebecca Winter

Vice President – Julie Gerrard

Vice President – Cheryl Wurtenberger

Treasurer – Mitzi Meyers

Secretary – Dyan Lay

Sample Exchange Chair – Kelly Sandusky

Past President and Pat Ann Education Fund Administrator – Doug Ranck

President

- Meeting called to order at 10:06AM.
- 2024 Nominating Committee is Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, and Rebecca Winter.
  - Rebecca Winter will continue as Newsletter Editor.
  - Dyan Lay will continue as Secretary.
  - President appoints Chairs.
- Corporate Transparency Act takes effect January 1, 2024.
  - The Guild is designated as a 501(c)7.
  - Per Ward & Smith online article and other research by Rebecca Winter, the Guild is exempt from compliance.
- Guild Policy Review
  - Rebecca Winter distributed list of current policies.
  - Policies document the Guild systems, processes, and procedures.
  - Board to review and advise changes by February Guild Regular Meeting.
  - There have been no policy revisions since 2021.
  - Changes/additions/retirements expected:
    - Creation of social media policy.
    - Revise webmaster policy.
    - Creation of access policy for passwords, systems logins, signatories, and keys.
    - Add corporate documents language to secretary job description.
    - Challenge policy under review for retirement.
    - Creation of nominating committee chair job description.
    - Address directory ad fee increase.
  - Chairs will be asked to review their current policies.
  - No change in bylaws anticipated.
  - Board to vote on policy changes at March Board Meeting; members to vote to ratify in March Regular Meeting.

Website Committee

- Dyan Lay to create Interserver.net account for initial three years.
- Robin Conrads will create three email addresses and finish new website design/implementation.
- Dyan Lay and Vila Cox will arrange website ownership transfer with Namecheap to Guild.
- New website design go-live planned by February 29.

Vice Presidents

- Julie Gerrard will provide index cards for entries for upcoming fashion show.
- Host needed for Jennifer Moore for her Mathematical Design workshop.
  - Place to stay, meals, and transportation to and from airport and workshop.
- Materials fees for Jennifer Moore and Robyn Spady workshops will be collected at the door.

Treasurer

- Mitzi Meyers depositing dues and Intensive payments week of January 9.
- Budget to be presented to members in March Regular Meeting.
- Hanna Meinikheim will complete the IRS report due June-October.
- Dyan Lay will file the articles of incorporation with the State.
  - Notification usually arrives in March; Mitzi Meyers will follow up with details.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53AM.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 10AM.

◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



## Regular Meeting Minutes - January 6, 2024

### Call To Order

- Meeting was called to order at 11:33AM.
- Present were 43 members: President Rebecca Winter, Vice Presidents Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Secretary Dyan Lay, Past President Doug Ranck, Kelly Sandusky, Hanna Meinikheim, Jean Zaske, Stephanie Roenicke, Robin Conrads, Irene Chandler, Dagmar Rapp, Corlis Kent, Katzy Luhning, Linda Morton-Keithley, Irma Atkinson, Ginny Mateen, Suzi Todd, Tom Thompson, Bob Reinhardt, Nancy Van Dinter, Jenné Schiffhauer, Sarah Sherman, Jeannie Phillips, Tasha Denegal, Marianne Poling, Nicole Phillips, Brenda Hatch, Lisa Baker, Nancy Alzola, Vila Cox, Raelene Viste, Sherry Bittner, Pat Dayton, Alyssa Bangs, Marita Turner, Jinks Hunter, Khara Oxier-Mori, Spencer Lawton, Kari Lawton, Greta Ankeny, Jessica Clipson and Connie Griffin.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Three new members and one visitor were in attendance.

### Business

- 2024 Nominating Committee
  - Rebecca Winter announced Mary Berent, Greta Ankeny, and Rebecca Winter as committee.
  - Several officer positions open.
  - Slate of officers will be presented in March Regular Meeting.
  - Members will vote for entire slate in April Regular Meeting.
- Policy Review
  - Board reviewing current policies, creating new policies, and retiring policies now.
  - Members to vote to ratify new/revises/retired policies in March Regular Meeting.
- Website Committee
  - Dyan Lay will establish Interserver.net account.
  - Robin Conrads will complete new design and move website to new server.
  - Dyan and Vila Cox will arrange website ownership transfer from Vila to Guild.
  - New website design go-live planned by end of February.

### Officer Reports

- Vice President Reports
  - Julie Gerrard thanked members for December donations.
  - Robyn Spady workshop is in March; three spots available and February Regular Meeting is deadline to sign up.
  - Jennifer Moore workshop in May; spots are available, and a host is needed for Jennifer Moore.
  - February program is the fashion show, and Julie provided index card on welcome table for entries. Members can reach out to her directly with questions or entries.
  - Cheryl Wurtenberger thanked membership and teachers for participating in the mini workshops today.
- Membership Report by Rebecca Winter in Cindy Griewe's absence
  - Directories are available for pick up.
- Treasurer Report by Mitzi Meyers
  - Mitzi announced that she will be depositing Intensive checks this week.



### Chair Reports

- Marianne Poling, Beginning Weaving Study Group
  - Study Group had Q&A and prepared for the Intensive at their last meeting.
- Kelly Sandusky, Intensive and Sample Exchange
  - Teacherless Weaving Intensive is January 13-15, and the topic is Overshot.
    - There are 20 attendees signed up.
    - Kelly sent email to participants with information and direction to bring warped looms as well as email drafts to Kelly prior to workshop.
  - Kelly explained purpose of Sample Exchange
  - Sample Box available at every Regular Meeting.
  - Members may take a sample of fiber art which includes draft and finished piece.
- Rebecca Winter, Library in Sally Johnson's absence
  - Members may check out books, binders, equipment, etc.

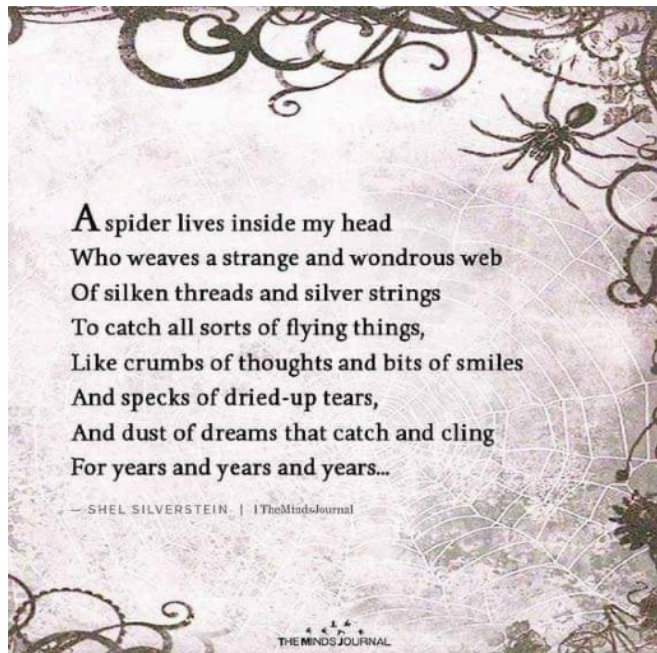
## Show and Tell

- Tom Thompson showed a baby blanket with green/gold broken twill using Irish Meadows pattern; Kathy McGowan provided support and help.
- Jinx Hunters presented two baby hats and a Santa hat; used cherry Kool-Aid to dye reds.
- Marianne Poling passed around a kettle-dyed merino wool shawl.
- Raelene Viste exhibited a baby fine yak wool twill piece.
- Vila Cox passed around three shawls made of 22 cotton zephyr merino silk blend.
- Irene Chandler showed a honeycomb pattern skirt as well as her Yarnageddon weaving project of a black scarf using galaxy yarn.
- Kelly Sandusky explained her overshot scarf done on a rigid heddle loom; every pick was hand picked using hand spun fingering weight fiber.
- Dagmar Rapp presented a pair of grey striped gloves and the Spinoff Magazine cover pattern she plans to create next.
- Pat Dayton passed around knitted fringe scarves which are great stash busters for scrap fiber.
- Mitzi Meyers' tell was that mistakes can always become a design element.
- Doug Ranck used Pat Ann's dye samples to create a pink blanket along with Joan Ranck's hand spun 100% wool.
- Hanna Meinikheim exhibited her overshot intensive sample using 8:2 cotton and several knitted ornaments.
- Robin created a rigid heddle scarf with a blue and white Bronson check as well as a plaited twill scarf using a loom she borrowed for the upcoming intensive.
- Ginny Mateen passed around a grey and white woven linen, a monk felt table runner and an organic cotton lace weave baby blanket.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21PM.

The program was four mini workshops: Rebecca Winter taught paper weaving, Raelene Viste imparted tatting techniques, Mitzi Meyers demonstrated drop spindle spinning, and Jean Zaske explained needle felting practices.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary



### 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, 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 - Christie Farrin & Kelly Sandusky
- Day Weaving Study Group - Jenni Jimmerson
- Beginning Weaving Study Group - Marianne Poling & Jenne Schiffhauer
- 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

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