

Connecting Threads

Handweavers Guild of Boise Valley
June, 2024



June Program: Annual June Picnic

The guild meeting and annual picnic will be at the clubhouse at the Fairview Terrace Community Center. The address is 700 E. Fairview Avenue in Meridian. At the Fiesta Guadalajara Restaurant on Fairview Avenue, turn north and go straight to the community center. There are a few parking places at the community center with overflow parking at the restaurant. If possible, please carpool to save on parking places.

Please bring your own place setting and a dish to share with the group. I will bring some iced tea and lemonade.

❖ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting:

June 1, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Program ~ Annual June Picnic

At the Fairview Terrace Community Center,
700 E. Fairview Avenue in Meridian.

Study Groups:

June 1, 2024 ~ COE Study Group

9:30 a.m., prior to the Regular Meeting
700 E. Fairview Avenue, Meridian

June 5, 2024 ~ Spinning Study Group

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

June 13, 2024 ~ Beginning Weaving Study Group

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

June 11, 2024 ~ Lace Study Group

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

At the home of Raelene Viste

June 18, 2024 ~ Day Weaving Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ At the home of Kelly Sandusky

June 20, 2024 ~ Tapestry Study Group

7 p.m. ~ At the Lunatic Fringe Yarns

July 30, 2024 ~ Garment Study Group

10:30 a.m. ~ Location TBA

Next meeting - October 29, 2024

Thursday Fiber Friends Zoom – This group will not be meeting over the Summer.

Workshops:

November 9&10, 2024 -Beginning Weaving Clinic

April 11 - 13, 2025 - Wedge Weaving, with
Connie Lippert

Community Events:

August 16 - 25 - Western Idaho Fair

Online registrations for competitions begins

June 3; Drop off entries August 12 & 13.

Find details [HERE](#). ← Click for link.

September 28th & 29th - Renaissance Fair

September 29th - Old Farm Days.

October 5th & 6th - Renaissance Fair, Part 2

Dues Are Due For the 2024 - 2025 Year

According to our By-Laws, the fiscal year for the Guild is July to June, which means dues are paid in June of each year. We accept cash or check, and the dues are \$30.00.

Just a few benefits of Membership include:

- Checking out books from the Library
- Renting our expanded inventory of Equipment
- Access to Study Groups and Workshops
- The camaraderie of like minded fiber enthusiasts



Beginning Weaving Study Group - Project Planning, by Rebecca Winter

Rebecca will be presenting a session about planning a project for the June 13th meeting of the Beginning Weaving Study Group. This will be a bit more formal presentation, and she will be leading the group through the steps. This is in preparation for the Beginning Weaving Clinic being held in November. Join us at the usual time of 6:00 pm, and we will be meeting at the studio of Sherry Bittner. Bring your thinking caps and your questions about project planning.

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

Diversified Plain Weave, by Vila Cox

Here is an opportunity to learn about this specific weave by the expert. Vila will be presenting this session at Complex Weavers in Wichita this summer, and she requested a time to offer her information to our Guild. All are welcome to attend.

Here are the details: June 22, 2024 - 10:30am

Eagle Fire Station - 996 Iron Eagle Dr, Eagle, Idaho

Vila Cox completed the HGA Certification of Excellence in Weaving in 2008 with a Level II topic of "Multi-Harness Diversified Plain Weave." The session will be an in-depth exploration of Diversified Plain Weave based on her research. From the weave structure to the selection of color, we will look at the elements that make up this unique weave structure. Or is it unique? How is Diversified Plain Weave similar to another weave structure? How does the use of color affect Diversified Plain Weave? These and other questions will be discussed. ~~~



Beginning Weaving Clinic

Date: Nov 9-10, 2024, Saturday & Sunday, 8am-5pm

Location: City of Eagle Fire Station

Planning Committee:

Workshop Co-Chairs- Robin Conrads, Cindy Griewe

BWSG Co-Chairs- Jenné Schiffhauer, Marianne Poling

Workshop Mentor - Rebecca Winter

Purpose: To provide workshop space and time and mentorship for beginning weavers to experience a workshop that focuses on the basics of prepping and weaving on a loom, either rigid heddle or 4-shaft.

Brief Description: A two-day workshop that includes winding a warp, warping a loom, and weaving a project of "mug-rugs," using various treadlings or color variations to create different patterns in fabric. Opportunity to weave a set of "mug rugs" on one's own loom, and also opportunity to try the looms of others. Workshop fee will cover the printing of educational materials. Individual participants will bring their tools, loom, and prescribed project yarns.

Cost: Cost per individual will be the cost of the notebooks and included info

Registration: Registration Forms will be available for sign-ups to begin at the June meeting.

Final day for Registration: November 2 (by the end of the Guild Meeting)



Thanks to Ivy DeHart

Ivy DeHart's program, *Designing for Visual Effect with Painted Warps*, was wonderful. Ivy discussed her design process and the many things to think about when designing woven projects with a painted warp. She described how she dyes her own painted warps (including demonstrating a warping device that she, her husband and sons have created with a digital printer). And, she had many of her woven pieces on display for us to view. Thanks again Ivy. We really appreciate you coming back to Boise to present the program.

◆ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped This Year

When Cheryl and I met to discuss the programs and workshops for this year, we attempted to include something of interest for most guild members, from hands-on, to weaving, to fiber, to design, and social interaction. For the most part, I think it was successful. What really makes any of our effects successful is the participation of the guild members. So, thanks to everyone who presented a program, a mini-workshop, participated in the fashion show, provided housing or lunches for workshop instructors, helped set-up and clean before and after the programs or workshops. It really does take all of us to have a successful year.

◆ Julie Gerrard and Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice-Presidents

President's Corner

It has been quite the run for me these last 3 years. I have said my original goal was to bring us out of the time of imposed shutdown, and I believe that goal was accomplished. These years also saw an amazing increase in the number of members for our Guild, as a result of so many factors unrelated to any individual.

I'm also sending out many thanks to all of you who have assisted in any kind of leadership activity during this time. Any organization such as ours flourishes, because the many who participate and take part.

The Guild is a major part of my life, and it has offered me many benefits. May it also offer all of you the same, many years to come. Thank you for sharing all things Guild with me.

◆ Cheers, Rebecca Winter, President

June Sample Exchange

We have a lovely, sparkly spinning sample this month courtesy of Jeannie Phillips. Jeannie used Merino Glitz fiber from The Fiber Addict to spin this 2-ply yarn on her Kromski Fantasia wheel using a short forward draw. She said it moved through her fingers like butter. Pick up your copy from the sample box at the next meeting. Don't forget to look through all the past samples available to see if there are any you missed.

◆ Kelly Sandusky, Sample Chair



Save the Date - April 11 - 13, 2025

Connie Lippert has agreed to come to Boise to teach a Wedge Weave Workshop in April, 2025. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this workshop. Rather than weave on a horizontal plane, wedge weave is woven on the diagonal which results in a weft-faced weaving with distinct characteristics and the potential for exciting designs. You may use a floor loom, a table loom or a tapestry loom.

◆ Julie Gerrard & Cheryl Wurtenberger, Vice Presidents



Study Groups:

Spinning Study Group

The Spinning Study Group is Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at our favorite bookstore, The Rubaiyat. Time is 11-2. ♦ Jeannie Phillips, Study Group Chair

Beginning Weaving Study Group

See page 2 for details.

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

Lace Study Group

The Lace Study Group will meet June 11th at Raelene Viste's 10am-12pm. Meetings will be held through the summer with locations being announced via our [Groups.io](#) email.

♦ Vila Cox, Study Group Chair

Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry Study Group will be meeting Thursday, June 20 at 7pm at Lunatic Fringe in Fruitland. We encourage you to make it out, but if you just can't get there, we will also have a zoom session available. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting. The group will be taking a break over the summer and will begin meeting again in September.

♦ Kelly Sandusky, Study Group Chair

Day Weaving Study Group

Next meeting - June 18, 10:30 at the home of Kelly Sandusky.

♦ Jenni Jimmerson, Study Group Chair

COE Study Group

The next COE Study Group meeting will be Saturday June 1 at 9:30 am before the regular June picnic at Brenda's Club House. We meet every other month. Anyone interested in learning more about the Certificate of Excellence is welcome. We will talk about summer plans and future meetings.

♦ Mary Berent, Study Group Chair

Garment Study Group

The garment study group will meet on July 30th 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 group is taking a hiatus for the summer. Look for details about resuming in the Fall in future Newsletters or via [groups.io](#).

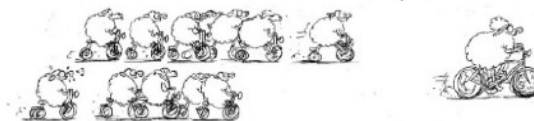
♦ Jinks Hunter, Study Group Chair

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TALK to myself
when crafting.
i need expert
ADVICE ♥



Hope you're ready for 2024 Tour!!

When: June 29 – July 21



What: A three week fiber event that runs concurrently with the Tour de France bicycle race. While Tour de Fleece is traditionally a spinning event, we have added weaving and any fiber arts craft to include all guild members who want to participate. References to Color, Rest and Time-Trial are a nod to the Tour de France bicycle race.

Why: *The purpose of the Tour de Fleece is to challenge yourself and have fun.*

How: Take on a personal goal that challenges you in your craft and work towards that goal every day except designated rest days. Make it realistic to fit your available time, but push yourself some. Make it yours. Make it fun!

Goal examples:

- Spinning an amount of fiber or weaving a length of fabric
- Weaving or creating something specific - an object/garment in a fiber related craft
- Working on your goals for a specified time daily
- Learning a new technique to becoming more proficient on a wheel/ loom/etc.

Extra Activities: TdF2024 Calendar (attachment) The activities in this calendar are **optional**. Have fun with them or ignore if too distracting from your main goal.

Share: Share with the guild - send pics of your progress and calendar activities to boiseguild@groups.io

TdF Traveling Award: Show creativity and a bit of whimsy in finding the **most interesting crafting place!**

- Take your project along on your travels and wandering and snap a pic of you creating in a fun or unusual place. - Be sure to send pic of you crafting and the name of the place to boiseguild@groups.io.
- One person will be selected to win this very special award created to display in your home for the year
- Note: Weavers - if your personal goal involves a regular size loom, then take along a tiny or cardboard loom to weave on or cardstock to wrap with yarn to create in your most interesting place. Spinners – a drop spindle might be in order here. Be creative, original, spontaneous! **So, get out there and create in someplace interesting! It will be fun! Really!**

Here's How: *To participate in Tour de Fleece 2023 HGBV You Need to:*

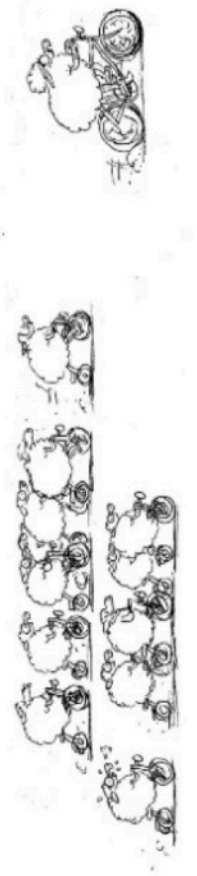
1. Be a guild member
2. Set a Personal Goal for the Fiber Craft of your choice (Spin, weave, other fiber craft)
3. Send a description and photo of your project/goal to boiseguild@groups.io BY June 30.
4. Send a description and photo of your project at end of tour to boiseguild@groups.io BY July 30.

Questions: contact Jinks Hunter at 208-867-2953 (text is best – please include your name) or jehunter101@gmail.com

Tour de Fleece 2024 June 29 – July 21

HandweaversGuildofBoiseValley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
To Keep your personal goals in mind – enter notes here:						
Post lots of pics & info of goal progress and any daily activities you do! boiseguild@groups.io						
Day 2 June 30	Day 3 July 1	Day 4 July 2	Day 5 July 3	Day 6 July 4	Day 7 July 5	Day 8 July 6
Time-Trial 1 Spin, weave, craft as much as you can in 7 minutes.		Use a natural color fiber or yarn		White Day Use white in some way today – spin -weave – craft - wear. Add some red and blue – Happy Independence Day!		Green Day Use green in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear, eat
Day 9 July 7	Day 10 July 8	Day 11 July 9	Day 12 July 10	Day 13 July 11	Day 14 July 12	Day 15 July 13
Ply a thin single on to a thicker single Weave or craft thick and thin yarn	Rest Day Books! Share a favorite fiber books and any good books you have read lately	Use a color you don't like. Add something to jazz it up. Post before & after to boiseguild@groups.io		Use some exotic or unusual fiber or yarn	Yellow Day Use yellow in some way today – spin, weave, craft, wear	Spin, weave, craft in public today – let's meet up! Location TBD - Suggestions?
Day 16 July 14	Day 17 July 15	Day 18 July 16	Day 19 July 17	Day 20 July 18	Day 21 July 19	Day 22 July 20
	Rest Day Just rest! Put your feet up and read a book someone recommended on Day 10!	Polka Dots Day Use some red & white or make polka dots!		Time-Trial 2 Spin, weave, craft as much as you can in 7 minutes.		Find 3 items from your stash and spin, weave, craft them together. Show a pic!
Day 23 July 21	Last day – finish up your project!					



Board Meeting Minutes ~ May 4, 2024

Call To Order

Members present: President – Rebecca Winter, Vice President – Julie Gerrard, Treasurer – Mitzi Meyers, Secretary – Dyan Lay, Membership – Cindy Griewe, Mary Berent - President Elect, & Hanna Meinikheim

President

- Rebecca Winter called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.
- September Board and Regular meetings will be held on September 7, 2024.

Treasurer

- Bank Account
 - Mitzi Meyers and the Board discussed the two signers on the bank account: Mitzi Meyers and Vila Cox. The new incoming treasurer – Kelly Sandusky – will replace Mitzi as signer.
 - The Guild also has a debit card for the account.
- The annual Yarn and Equipment Sale brought in \$170 for the PatAnn Education Fund.

Membership Officer

- As of May 4, Cindy Griewe stated that the Guild has 106 members.
- Ten members paid for two years of dues which is needing to be tracked separately.
- The Board decided to increase the directory ad cost from \$10 to \$20 for a quarter page.
- The Beginning Weaving Study Group is hosting a workshop in November 2024.
 - It will be held at the Eagle Fire Department and will include rigid heddle looms.
 - Several members have offered to lend their table looms for the event.
 - Designs will use 5/2 cotton.

Secretary

- Dyan Lay completed the State Incorporation paperwork by the April deadline.
- Dyan and Robin Conrads are meeting on May 25 for webmaster syncing and to write the webmaster policy.

Vice President

- Jennifer Moore – in Boise for May 7-9 workshop – will be staying with Lisa Baker. On Thursday the workshop will end at 3PM to accommodate a previously scheduled fire department meeting.
- The June potluck will be held at Brenda Hatch's clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37AM.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 7 at 10AM.

- ◆ Respectfully submitted by Dyan Lay, Secretary

Addendum via Rebecca Winter, President: The Certificate of Deposit at the bank came due for renewal, and the renewal was completed.

Regular Meeting Minutes ~ May 4, 2024

Call To Order at 11:31AM

- Present were 36 attendees: President Rebecca Winter, Treasurer Mitzi Meyers, Vice President Julie Gerrard, Secretary Dyan Lay, Membership Officer Cindy Griewe, Mary Berent, Hanna Meinikheim, Kelly Sandusky, Doug Ranck, Tasha Denegal, Jeannie Phillips, Sally Johnston, Pat Dayton, Sherry Bittner, Janet Stanger, Amy Perry, Jean Zaske, Lisa Baker, Nancy Alzola, Madison Hartwell, Deborah Hartwell, Kayla Miskiv, Robin Conrads, Teagan Doyle, Cindy Schafer, Nancy Swenson, Jamie Landry, Christie Farrin, Vila Cox, Chris Brady, Barbara Redmond, Raelene Viste, Brenda Hatch, Sheila Miller, Marita Turner and Cheri Byrnes.

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome by Rebecca Winter and introductions included each attendee's name and movie they have seen five or more times.

Business

- First meeting of the 2024-2025 season is September 7.
- Renaissance Faire
 - Two representatives from the Renaissance Faire visited to ask for fiber demos at the upcoming events.
 - The Faire is the last weekend of September and first weekend in October.
 - A 40'x40' space will be available for Guild demonstrations.
 - The Faire is looking for 1495 activities like weaving, embroidery, etc. but they will accept anything.
 - Authentic costume is not necessary.
- No other business.

Show and Tell

- Rebecca Winter presented a beautiful, complex weaving piece and a stair book.
- Mary Berent showed a Victoria Finlay book.
- Nancy Alzola passed around spun alpaca and mystery fiber.
- Mitzi Meyers exhibited a double-weave blanket of 100% wool.
- Jean Zaske wore a fabulous bridal shower Kentucky Derby pompom hat as well as plain weave and pebble weave dish clothes.
- Doug Ranck showed an 8 shaft patterns book and had the tell that he brought Styrofoam for blocking.
- Marita Turner brought a Mexican table runner and six napkins.
- Chris Brady unfolded a Quebecois pink and cream rag blanket, and a handspun twill weave blue and cream blanket.
- Christie Farrin finished her Robyn Spady warp.
- Kelly Sandusky made a plug for the Sample Box and asked for sample volunteers. She also showed her daily work tapestry in progress, as well as mentioned that the Tapestry Study Group would meet in May and June and then be off for the summer.
- Hanna Meinikheim passed around knitted ball ornaments.
- Robin Conrads introduced her granddaughter Teagan.
- Teagan Doyle presented a rigid heddle pink scarf.
- Jeannie Phillips showed tatting starts.
- Cindy Griewe unfolded a length of woven twill wool material that she plans to make into a coat.

Reports

- Vice President
 - Julie Gerrard announced that the Jennifer Moore Workshop is May 5-7 at the Eagle Fire Department. Lisa Baker is hosting Jennifer at her house.
 - June program is the annual picnic at Brenda Hatch's clubhouse.
 - Today's program is Ivy DeHart's painted warps.
- Librarian
 - Sally Johnston announced that May is the last month for getting a book before the summer break.
- Outreach Chairperson
 - Janet Stanger declared that the Idaho State Fair is asking for fiber entries. The Guild will also host a booth from noon-5PM each day of the fair this year.
 - The Guild is scheduled to provide demonstrations at the Old Time Farm Day event in September.
 - The Renaissance Faire will be 10-7PM Saturdays and 10-5PM Sundays.
- Membership
 - Cindy Griewe announced dues are due in June 2024.
 - When paying dues this year, Cindy asks that new and old members provide a membership form to help her track membership payments. If you don't feel like completing the form, at least put your name on it and include with your dues check.

Meeting adjourned and the program was Ivy DeHart's painted warps.

- 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 - 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 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

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

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