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# Ravings, Ravelings and Thrums

# The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Art Guild of Idaho Falls

"Sharing A Love of Fiber Arts!"

## January 2014

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## **Up-Coming Events & Classes**

Unless otherwise specified, events are held at The Studio, 482 Constitution Way Suite B-11, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403

**Studio Night** — *Members and visitors* are welcome every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at *482 Constitution Way, Suite B-11*-same building just down the hall. Bring your wheel or a project and join for an evening of fun & chat. Ring the bell below the left front window if the front door is locked.

## Join us for Studio Day/Lunch

At 11:30 am, Thursday, January 9th at **Geraldine's**, in Ammon . All are invited.

There is no need to RSVP, just show up.

Thursday, January 9, 1:30 at the Studio, the Dizzy Spinners, spinning study group will meet in the workroom. We will be upping our skill getting ready for spinning cotton at the February meeting. The March and April meetings will be focused on spinning non-wool fibers. If anyone else would like to come to the Studio after lunch to continue socializing or work on projects, the main meeting room will be open and available.

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 at the Studio, the Big Meeting will focus on crocheting. Please bring your charming crocheted items for show and tell and any questions or stories. I think we will find out that crocheting is just not for doilies!



Snake River Fiber Arts Fair Planning Committee meeting will be Friday, January 17, at 10:00 at the Studio. Teachers and classes have been selected and are being finalized. Now the real work begins! There are many details to be attended to so, please attend!

There will be a board meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 11 am. At the studio. Bring a sack lunch.

All members are welcome to attend.

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## In at the Guild library —check it out

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

The Guild has several spinning videos. We hope you will check them out.

If you are just starting out, you may be interested in "Drop Spindle Spinning" by Melda Montgomery. You will learn how to spin on the spindle, wind the yarn onto your hand for plying, and how to ply on the spindle.

"Spinning Wool – Basic and Beyond; Wheel, Fiber Preparation & Spinning Techniques" by Patsy Zawistoski is for the beginning to intermediate spinner. It begins with a thorough explanation of the spinning wheel and how it works. She goes on to provide a detailed explanation of singe drive band, double drive band and bobbin lead spinning wheels; as well as wheel set-up, fiber preparation and how to spin various fiber preparations. Pre-drafting, the importance of understanding wraps per inch, how to use a control yarn, and plys.

"Spinning Exotic Fibers & Novelty Yarns" by Judith MacKenzie is a how to for spinning exotic fibers including camel, llama, alpaca, cashmere, angora, dog, rabbit, and quiviet from the Musk Ox.

Novelty yarns (spiral, gimped, boucle, Turkish knot, & cocoon) using a combination of fibers and spinning techniques (including frosting and encasement) are addressed.

"The Gentle Art of Plying" by Judith MacKenzie teaches how to make your equipment work for you from yarn storage devices to pulley choices to optimum tension. She teaches yarn structure and how that affects the textile you make from them; as well as both avoiding and correcting errors and customizing and enhancing commercial yarns.

"Popular Wheel Mechanics" by Judith MacKenzie teaches:

How wheel size influences spinning;

How the shape of the flyer affects your spinning;

Why your hooks are on the same side of the flyer;

Why a pulley is not a whorl;

How to spin six different yarns by making simple wheel adjustments;

How to fill a flyer properly and why it matters.



The **Warped Weavers** will meet on Thursday, January 23 at 1:30 at the Studio.

If anybody has any ideas for classes or weaving projects or anything else to do with weaving, please let Carol Lyle, Weaving Coordinator, know. She can be reached at 552-2020 or carollyle9491@gmail.com We are always looking for something new to do and ideas to keep us going!



If you are not currently receiving "Rovings, Ravelings & Thrums" via email, please send an email to Suzanne at sriche@aol.com" requesting the Guild newsletter which is sent monthly.

The newsletter can be downloaded and is posted each month at: <a href="http://srfiberartists.org/">http://srfiberartists.org/</a>

# **WANTED**

Any outgoing or shy person/persons interested • in any or all of the following:

- Knitting
- Spinning
- Weaving
- Crocheting
- Rug Hooking
- Combing

- Carding
- Raising of fiber animals and/or plants
- Dyeing

No prior experience required. Unlimited openings. All skill levels welcomed with open arms. No application need be completed, however there is a registration form to complete and a small fee (\$25.00 for an individual or \$32.50 for a family) is charged. A registration form is included on page 6 of this newsletter for your convenience.

Lots of room for advertisements! When you place a advertisement, it is also posted on our web-site at www.srfiberarts.org! Also look at <a href="http://srfiberartists.org/">http://srfiberartists.org/</a> at the many items . have available for members to rent from the Guild. The amount of the check we hold, when a large item like a loom is rented, has been raised to \$350.00. This check is returned when the rental item is returned.

## ADVERTISE HERE

Newsletter Prices: 2.50 business card size 5.00 1/4 page 20.00 full page 10.00 1/2 page

Link on website: \$25.00/yr.

Page on website with link: \$50.00/yr.

Your Newsletter advertisement will be posted on our web-site as well.

## Advertise on the Guild Website:

To add your web-site link to our favorite Links page ----\$25.00 per year.

For those who don't have a web-site, we'll post you a Full page and a link for \$50.00 per year. Please send your payment to:

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Contact Suzanne LeMay-Riché at :

"sriche@aol..com" or Call 208.528-9467 & leave a msg.

Guild has renewed it's membership to the Northwest Weaver's Guild. Go to their site at

www.www.northwestweavers.org to be informed of your membership benefits. You may check out videos, tapes and books and many other benefits.

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## **Guild News:**



If you are a member of Ravelry.com, check out the following groups!

The Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds (ANWG)—which you a member of, if you are a Guild member—has a group for you to participate in. There is a forum that discusses fiber, weaving, knitting etc. The **group** name is: "Association of Northwest Weavers".

Check out our own group! Snake River Fiber Fair 2014. Stay up to date on all things pertaining to the Fiber Fair.

## **Studio Hosts:**

January 7 - Mary Ellen

January 14 - Kate

January 21 - Kate

January 28 - Laurel



## **And More Information:**

The next time you are at the Studio, please take a few minutes and check out the sign-up sheets on the wall in the big meeting room. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, weave or spin then please sign up! The Guild is interested in forming classes around the needs and interests of our members. That includes the kind of class and the date and time it is held. Thanks!

It is not too late to display your lovely items at the Post Register Gallery in January/February of 2014. We will be putting this display together on Monday, January 6 so if you have an item you would like displayed, contact Kate Wolski, 521-5343 or <a href="mailto:iwantsheep@ida.net">iwantsheep@ida.net</a>.

.) The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Snake River Fiber Arts Fair will be held May 16, 17 and 18, 2014 at the Eastern Idaho Technical College (the same location as last year). This year's teachers include Lynn Ruggles, Joanne Hall, Elizabeth Dailey, Joelle McCarthy, Lonna Alexander Steele, and Connie Denton. There will be mini-classes and demonstrations going on all throughout the Fair. The Old Time Fiddlers will be back for the Saturday night spin-in. Mark your calendars folks and pass this information along!!



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Because of the cost of mailing and printing, we regret that we will no longer be mailing the newsletter. It is posted for download online each month at www.srfiberartists.org and can be emailed to you as a pdf. Email us a request to receive an email copy of the newsletter with your name to "sriche@aol.com". We often broadcast changes & updates through email. Copies will also be available at the Studio. Emails are not shared. Don't miss out!

## COME ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$32.50 for families. Dues may be mailed to: The Weaving, Spinning, & Fiber Arts Guild of Idaho Falls, P.O. Box 1522, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.

Please add your email address so we can send your newsletter via email. Www.srfiberarts.org (emails will not be shared for any other use)

## Membership Application

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