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# Rovings, Ravelings and Thrums

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

"Sharing A Love of Fiber Arts!"

**February 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, February 13th at the  
**Pizza Pie Cafe**, in Ammon, 3160 E. 17th St. #110  
. All are invited.  
There is no need to RSVP, just show up.

A new knitting study group is being formed by Laurel Cahoon for beginning knitters. This group will meet every **Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning February 5** at the Studio. For the first meeting, Laurel asks that you bring a basic worsted weight (good ole red heart or a woolease would be great). It needs to be a medium color so you can see your stitches. Size 8 straight needles will be great, wood if you have it, but we all learned on metal so that is not so important (Laurel says!). Maybe bring a notepad since she currently does not have her notes in a non-copyrighted form. This group is starting out as a group for beginning knitters or anyone needing a refresher course and will progress through the knitting process. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Laurel a call 523-5113 or email her at [cahoon-1382@gmail.com](mailto:cahoon-1382@gmail.com)



**Saturday, February 8**, from 10 to noon at the Studio will

be a Drop Spindle workshop taught by Eric and Rebecca Hanson. If you have ever wanted to spin on a drop spindle or want to explore spinning without investing a lot of money, this is your chance! The class fee is \$15.00 and that includes your spindle and fiber to get started with! If you are interested in attending, please contact Rebecca Hanson at 705-0794 so they can get a count to make sure the right number of spindles are available for the class.



More information about events on page 4.

The February Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5, 11:00 at the Studio. All members are welcome to attend.

## In at the Guild library —check it out

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

We've got more videos... In addition to the spinning DVDs, the guild has videos that can assist you with weaving as well as dyeing.

"Weave Drafting II The Easy Way" by Constance Lena continues the exploration of weave drafting concepts as you design your own weaves – two-thread constructions, diagonal drafts and profile drafts. You will learn shortcuts while exploring lace weaves, waffle weave, overshot, and twills. Learn how to visualize these without weaving it first. Ms. Lena uses 4-harness looms as well as more advanced ones.

"Natural Dye Video, What's in the Pot? A Natural Dyeing Video Workshop" by Carol Lee uses colors found in nature.

"Fiber Dyeing Immersion & Painting of Protein Fibers" by Deb Menz is for handspinners who wish to create their own colored fibers for spinning. Ms. Menz walks you through applying color to unspun protein fibers. Beginning with a full fleece, you will learn proper skirting, sorting, and scouring techniques as you prepare fibers for dyeing; how to use dyes by mixing basic stock solutions; then on to mixing to create the colors of your choice.

"Knitting Multi-Color Techniques for Handknitters" by Susie Hodges teaches how to knit with several colors of yarn at once, similar to those processes found in patterns by modern designers and in the work of traditional ethnic knitters. If can knit and pearl, you can learn to do stripes and Intarsia, then move on to Jacquard for intermediate and advanced knitters.

You will explore techniques and tricks such as knotless add-ons, avoiding holes by means of half-twists, two and one handed stranding and ways to weave long floats and short ends into the back of stitches as they are worked. Ms. Hodges teaches related methods like duplicate stitch, working with more than two colors at a time, and tips on incorporating beads.

The **Warped Weavers** will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 at the Guild Studio.

*At the last meeting:* \*We have formulated a simple weaving project due next month. We are each planning to weave 8 mug rugs and then will exchange them with each other. We decided on inexpensive and readily available Sugar & Cream in any color and warp them at 5" x 5" so they end up around 4"x 4". They need to be some kind of plain weave. This ties in with chapter 6 of the text we're using. So be as creative as you can and have fun. See you and your project next month!



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!

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

# 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.

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

**[www.northwestweavers.org](http://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.

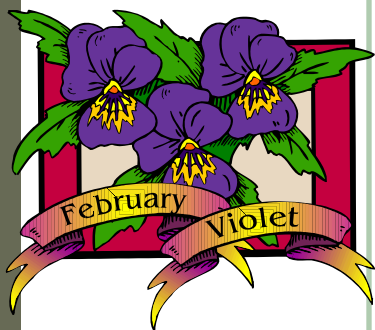
### **Studio Hosts:**

**February 4 — Mary Ellen**

**February 11 — Kate**

**February 18 — Kate**

**February 25—**



### **And More Information:**

**Tuesday, February 11, 7:00** at the Studio, the Big Meeting will focus on novelty yarns. According to wiseGEEK, Clear Answers for Common Questions, "Knitters know that there are as many different kinds of yarn as there are types of knitters. Some yarn is simple and durable, other yarn is meant to make a statement. Novelty yarn is a relatively new trend that has enabled a variety of new looks for knitters who prefer to depart from traditional yarn. Generally, novelty yarn involves a strand or two of "normal" yarn combined, often by twisting, with something else to create a more interesting color pattern or texture. The most common types of novelty yarn are bouclé yarn, eyelash, ladder yarn, self-striping yarn, and ribbon yarn." Please bring your beautifully made novelty yarn items to share and let's talk about the many uses and inspirations of novelty yarn!



**Thursday, February 13, 1:30** at the Studio, the Dizzy Spinners, spinning study group will meet in the workroom. Under Kate Robertson's guidance, we will be spinning cotton at the February meeting. For many of us, it will be our first experience with spinning cotton! 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.



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, Debbie Ahlf-Reams, Cyndi Marshall, Peggy Jessmore 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 at the Hope Lutheran School gymnasium, just a short walk from EITC. Mark your calendars folks and pass this information along!!



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### 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](http://www.srfiberarts.org) (emails will not be shared for any other use)

### Membership Application

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