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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

Please join us for lunch at 11:30 am Thursday, May 8th at (the new) Happy's, 504 Shoup Ave in Idaho Falls for delicious food and great company. All are invited. RSVP to Charlotte Goddin (390-3776) or alexandria52@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 6th if you will be attending.

The June Board Meeting will be Thursday June 5, at 11:00 at the Studio.

The **Dizzy Spinners** study group will meet Thursday, May 15 at 1:30 at the Studio. For the summer months (May, June, July, August), we will be meeting and spinning and chatting and learning from each other. Our Study Group program will resume in September. Come join us!

The **Warped Weavers** will meet **May 22** at 1:30 at the Studio and will be warping the big loom for rag rugs. The group will be going through the warping process from winding the warp to threading the heddles; every step necessary to begin the weaving process. It will be a great learning experience so if you are a beginning weaver and would like to see how the warping process is done, you are invited to attend. The rugs will then be woven out of cotton rags with all members of the group taking a turn to weave. All interested Guild members are invited to join us!

Folks: We are counting down the days until the **2014 Snake River Fiber Fair!** T-14 days until Friday, May 16. If you have not signed up for a class, please do so! If you have any questions, please let me know and I'll do my best to get you an answer. If you have an hour or two Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to be at the Registration Desk, please let me know. I'll be setting up the schedule and if you don't call me (521-5343), I just might be calling you! Kate

Mark your calendars, folks! Lots of **summer activities** to choose from. Hope to see you at one or all of them. **Guild picnic** on June 7 (location to be announced); **Frontier Days** at the Tautphaus Park Zoo on July 12 (check the newsletter, website and Facebook page for more information as the date draws closer); **Summer spin-in** at Kathie Phoenix's house sometime in August; we will be spinning and doing demonstration at the **Eastern Idaho State Fair** sometime between Aug. 30 to Sept. 6. There is a possibility of a dye-pot party and perhaps a Christmas-in-July sort of event to help us all get a kick-start on those handmade Christmas gifts. Also remember the Dizzy Spinners and the Warped Weavers study groups will be meeting through the summer. If you don't see something you would like to do, please give Kate Wolski a call, 521-5343 or email her at iwantsheep@ida.net.

In at the Guild library —check it out

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

Pursenalties (20 Great Knitted and Felted Bags), by Eva Wiechmann includes directions for 20 knitted and felted bags. They range from pretty, petit purses to totes, with an assortment of bags in between.

Ms. Wiechmann gets started with 100% worsted weight wool which is not superwash. She provides knitting basics where she addresses gauge, stitches (garter stitch, stockinet stitch, seed stitch, increases, and circular knitting). Instructions for making three (3) different types of handles (I-cord, flat handle with rounded edges, and twisted cord) are provided, as well as the “how to” for any other technique needed (including, of course, felting).

Then onto the bags. They come in all shapes and sizes. It would (will?) be hard to choose just one, but who says you have to stop there. Ms. Wiechmann warns, “This activity may become an addiction, and I don’t mind being responsible for it.”

Library Checkout Procedures

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

To check out a book or DVD:

1. Legibly sign and mark the due date on the card found in the book or DVD. Pens/pencils area available on the table by the mailboxes, and a calendar is over the boxes.
2. Place the card in the blue box beside the mailboxes, behind the first letter in the title of the book or DVD (excluding words such as “the” and “a”).
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4. Please return the book within three (3) weeks.
5. Place returned books and DVDs into the box beneath the table. The librarian will return the card to the books and DVDs and re-shelve them.

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1. In the magazine notebook (in front of the mailboxes), please note:
 - a. Your name;
 - b. The names, volume numbers, and dates of the magazines;
 - c. The date you are checking them out.
2. Magazines may be checked out for three (3) weeks.
3. Please return magazines to the box beneath the table.

The Warped Weavers meeting for April was busy figuring out the warp length and then winding a warp to put on the big floor loom to start a rag rug. Carol, Brooks and Barbara spent quite a bit of time straightening out the existing warp so we can just tie on the new warp and pull it through the heddles. Barbara brought a boxful of mill ends that we are going to be cutting up into one inch widths at our next meeting on May 22. This should get us started on the big floor loom and give us all a chance to try weaving on it.

The other floor loom has also been warped and Carol and Laurel tied up the treadles during the last open studio day so that we can start a twill project on it. Charlotte finished a beautiful scarf on her rigid heddle loom and brought that to show us. We will be continuing with the projects on the big floor looms over the summer. Hopefully, there are also folks who are working on their individual projects at home who will have projects to share by the end of the summer.

Carol Lyle, Weaving Coordinator

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

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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 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:

May 6 – Kathie

May 13 – Kathie

May 20 – Kate

May 27 – Laurel



Our 20th Anniversary Fiber Arts Fair

The booklets are out! The Web site has all the information! The class registration has begun! Vendors are reserving space! The Old Time Fiddlers are ready to go and now it's about time to order our Anniversary Cake! We're on our way to a great celebration come May 16, 17, & 18!

We hope you are all looking at those classes and thinking what a great opportunity this is to learn something totally new, or learn more about what you already do! Our teachers are excellent, and we tried to offer classes you would enjoy. Don't forget that our Guild members get a break on the registration fee for classes this year. Your price is \$10 lower per class than the published price.

Our next Fiber Arts Fair planning meeting is Wednesday April 9th from 4:30 - 6 at the studio. We'll be calling on members to help "mind the store" like spending a little time at the registration desk, gallery show, and silent auction/raffle rooms. If everyone does a little that helps a lot!

Please participate in the donation of an item or two for the silent auction and raffle. This will be our main fundraiser this year. We hope to make enough money to run our studio and Guild for the next year! If you need ideas or have questions, just ask Kathie Phoenix, 522-3872. Thanks to Midge Vivian we have been receiving some items from companies such as The Woolery. Cj Godfrey has donated a few baskets we can use to help display items up for auction, so if you have appropriate display "vessels" let Kathie know. We'll be getting items prepared for display in the next few weeks. Bring donations to the studio soon!

The booklets are out, available at the studio and also on the website www.srfiberartists.org so be sure to check it out.

There's a lot going on for this special Anniversary event. Call or email Kathie Phoenix kathiephoenix@cableone.net 208-522-3872 or Kate Wolski at iwant-sheep@ida.net 208-521-5343 if you have questions or would like to help.

The Big Meeting for May will be held Tuesday, May 20 (instead of the usual second Tuesday). This month's focus will be on 2014 Snake River Fiber Fair, sharing memories and newly-learned or more finely-tuned skills. Come share with the group!

May 2014

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				1 Board Meeting 11 am	2	3
4	5	6 Studio Night Host Kathie	7	8 Studio Day/Lunch @ Happy's	9	10
11	12	13 Studio Night Host Kathie	14	15 Dizzy Spinners 1:30 @ Studio	16 Snake Fiber	17 River Fair
18 Fiber Fair	19	20 Studio Night Host Kate/ Big Meeting	21	22 Warped Weavers 1:30 @ Studio	23	24
25	26	27 Studio Night Host Laurel	28	29	30	31



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COME ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF GUILD MEMBERSHIP

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