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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

Please join us for lunch at 11:30 am Thursday, January 8th at 11:30 a.m. at Hardy's. for Jambalaya!. All are invited —2626 North Yellowstone Highway Next Month—we will have lunch at Famous Dave's on February 12 at 11:30 am.

Tuesday, January 6, 4 to 6 at the Studio, **Snake River Fiber Fest Planning Meeting**. All interested are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend. Open Studio with Kathie hosting will follow at 7:00.

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 at the Studio, **Board Meeting**. All members are welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 15, 1-3 p.m. at the Studio, **Dizzy Spinners** meet. The spinning study group will be studying the crimp for various fleeces and decide the optimal angle of the twist in the ply. Sylvia will bring Romney, Merino and Lincoln, washed raw fleece. If you have any washed fiber you would like to study, bring it!

Wednesday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. at the Studio, **Warped Weavers** meet.

Thursday, January 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Studio, **Rug Hookers** will meet.

The Fiber Fair Committee (and friends) have been busy gathering information, formalizing instructors and organizing schedules. Look forward to exciting NEW instructors, returning favorites as well as some great local gems! Mark your calendars now!!

The Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 8, at 6:30 pm - at the Studio. All members are welcome to attend.

In at the Guild library —check it out

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

Handwoven Scarves from Interweave Press features twenty-eight beautiful scarves from a number of well known (even to me) weavers. Many techniques are represented, and the scarves range from dense and warm to ethereal. The illustrations are beautiful and inspiring.

However, in many cases the three or four sentence biographical information on the designer/weaver was about as long as the directions. So, if you know what you are doing, this book may be a wonderful inspiration. If you are a relatively new weaver, unfamiliar with many techniques, know that you are going to be doing a lot of “figuring.”

Generally (not always) the directions include the finished size, fabric description, types of warp and weft threads, the e.p.i, and some project notes. In some cases there are drafts. Most are woven from silk, some silk/wool blends, and an occasional cotton or linen. Several use hand painted threads.

So, if you are a seasoned weaver, this beautiful book may serve as an inspiration and a guide. If you have some experience and are looking for a challenge, this may also serve you well. If you are new to weaving, you might want to wait a bit on this one.



Warped Weavers

The temperature outside is cold, but the warped weavers have been warm and busy at their looms. We've all been working on our huck lace projects. Some have been making scarves and others table runners or towels. Huck lace is a pretty and versatile weave that can be used for all types of fabric. It is also a rather magical weave because you don't see the holes in the lace until you take the fabric off the loom and wash it. Then the threads bend and move to reveal the lacy holes. Charlotte finished her 8 harness project, and Mary Ellen is working on a rigid heddle huck table square using pickup sticks, while she waits for her new 8 harness loom. We are all excited to see what everyone is doing. At our February meeting we will show off our projects and start planning our next project. So as you weave, think about what you want to make next. Maybe Ms and Os, rep weave, or some twill towels. This month, January 21, we'll talk about some of the possibilities, do some dreaming over old Handwoven magazines and put some time on the big loom project. See you at 9:30 on the 21st.

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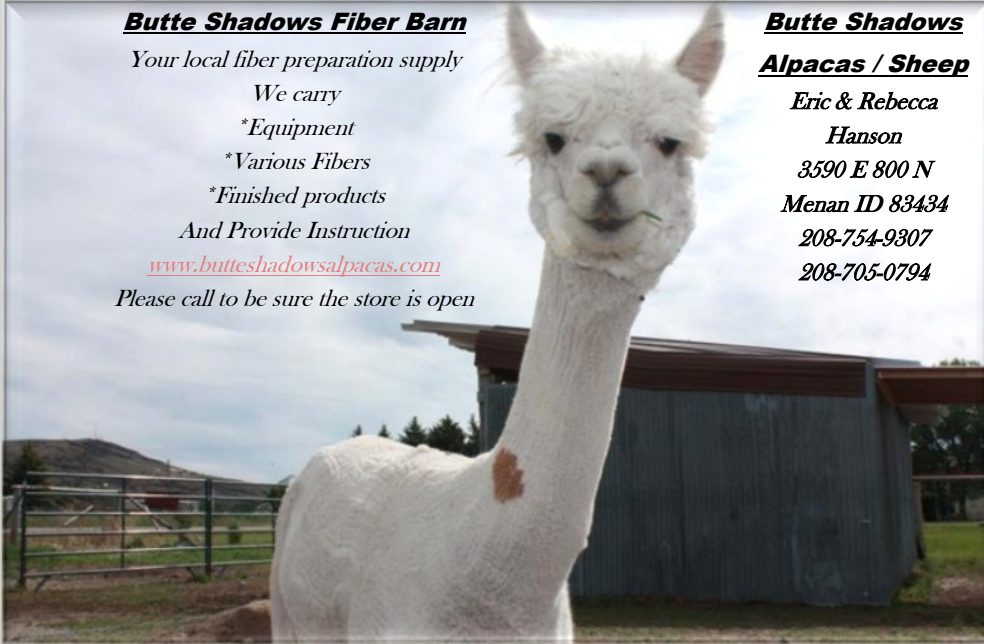
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WANTED

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.



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:

Surprise!



Ambitious and serious	Rather reserved
Loves to teach and be taught	Loves children
Always looking at people's flaws	Homely person
Takes to criticize	Loyal
Hardworking and productive	Easily jealous
Smart, neat and organized	Highly attentive
Sensitive and has deep thoughts	Needs to improve social abilities
Knows how to make others happy	Quiet unless excited or tensed

Warmth Needed!

Are you interested in helping someone keep warm this winter? The Guild is having an ongoing drive called Warmth Needed to provide hats, scarves and mittens/gloves for those who need some warmth this winter. We plan to distribute our handmade items to local fire departments, sheriffs' departments and any other place where they may be needed. We need your help to knit or crochet these items and then drop them off at the Yarn Connection in downtown Idaho Falls or the Guild Studio at 482 Constitution Way, Suite B11. Please furnish a card with each item telling what fiber you used (acrylic, wool, etc.) and washing instructions. All sizes of items are needed. If you have any questions or have completed items that need to be picked up, please call Kate at 521-5343 or email her at iwantsheep@ida.net. As items are distributed, we will let you know to which agency they were given. Thanks so much for your help!!

*Do you want to Learn How to Spin or tune up your skills?
New classes will be available in February 2015.*

Hookers Get Organized! (Rug hookers, that is)

The Rug Hookers met and have agreed on a regular meeting schedule beginning January 22, from 1 – 3 at the studio. The group will meet each month on the 4th Thursday from 1 - 3.

Giving us great excitement and challenge was Midge Vivian with a joint project that we're hoping to have finished by the Fiber Arts Fair and then donate it to the raffle for the benefit of the Guild.

Our group would like to challenge the other study groups in our Guild to "produce" an item that could be donated to the money making raffle at the Fiber Arts Fair!

Speaking of the Raffle

As you go through your daily life, watch for items that might be donated to the Fiber Arts Fair Raffle! As I've been working on cleaning (tiny bit of progress) I've set a few things aside to be donated. These can be simple and small to complicated and BIG. Like fiber equipment, or yarn, or basket full of yarn, or tote bags, or books or woven or knit items! The list could include almost anything. I think it would be great if anyone would like to include a service, or gift certificate for a restaurant, etc. Why not? This raffle will be one of our main money makers for the Guild at the Fiber Fair. If you have any questions or comments, contact Kathie Phoenix at kathiephoenix@cablone.net. Thanks!

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