



The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts  
Guild

of Idaho Falls Studio

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# Roving's, Ravelings and Thrums

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

"Sharing A Love of Fiber Arts!"

Feb/Mar 2016

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### Next Board

#### Meeting,

Thursday,  
March 3, 11:30

a.m. at the  
studio.

### 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 **Thursday, March 10, Pizza Pie Café** at 11:30 a.m. then over to the Studio. RSVP to Suzanne @ [sriche@aol.com](mailto:sriche@aol.com) or 528-9467 By Wed. All are welcome to attend.

### Reminder of our Fiber Arts Fashion Show and Tell

This event will be held on Saturday night May 21st in conjunction with the Saturday night dinner. Please plan to show and model your Handwoven, Knit, Crocheted, Felted or other Fiber Art created garment. It's not too late to start or complete items! It would be great if there was a lot more participation at this event this year. We think people just didn't know about it. It's so fun and really inspiring to see what you are creating! This is not limited to Guild members, so please help us get the word out to anyone out there in Fiber Land!

### Rug Hookers News

The rug hookers met last month and each worked on their individual projects. We inspire each other and there are some fun and beautiful projects. We discussed doing a hooked project for the Fiber Fair Raffle next year, so began getting a pattern and even started a collection of yarns. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month and welcome new members, or anyone interested in seeing what we're doing. *Our next meeting will be at the studio from 1 to 3 on February 24th.* If you have questions contact Kathie Phoenix (208-522-3872) [kathiephoenix@cablone.net](mailto:kathiephoenix@cablone.net) or Barbara Bradley at [barbbrad@cablone.net](mailto:barbbrad@cablone.net)

### Finish the Rug

We've been weaving large rag rugs on the big Cranbrook loom in the "back" room" of the studio. The 3rd rug of 4 has been finished, so our purpose for meeting at the studio to "finish the rug" has been a great success. So much so in fact that we're thinking of carrying on to do other weaving items, both to just get together for a few hours and to learn from each other. There are a lot of members with a great deal of weaving experience. We thought we could even warp one of the other looms in the studio for a project.

Our meeting schedule will be the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 11-1 with participants bringing their own sack lunch. The next get-together will be February 15th. Anyone with interest is welcome. This is a good time to try weaving in a casual atmosphere!

## In at the Guild library —check it out

### Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

New to the guild library this month is *Book 1: The Knit Stitch* by Sally Melville. Thanks to Laurel Cahoon for this donation.

The Knit Stitch takes the knitter from the basics such as casting-on and binding-off through various shapes and garments and on into fixing common mistakes. Melville rounds things up with lists of suppliers and yarn weights; as well as abbreviations, a glossary, and a table of comparative ratios (which I had never heard of, but then I only knit things that don't have to fit anyone).

The photographs are abundant, lovely, and useful, particularly those used to explain various techniques. There are some lovely projects to illustrate various techniques, or just because you want to do them. Melville will help you to make scarves, ponchos, sweaters, hats, mittens, and so much more.

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Back in 2010 I read a letter from Amy Clark Moore, the editor of Spin-Off, that really touched a chord with me and I have read it many times since then. She said;

“While I'll always strive to be better, I realize that it isn't a competition. There will always be someone who can make things more successfully than I can, but that's not the point. I'm not making things to be the best, I'm making things because in the making I find contentment, peace, and a self-sufficient joy that fuels me and gives meaning to my life. Sure, I'd like the things I make to be expressive and beautiful, but it is a journey, a process—and not everything I make will be successful, but I'll learn a lot along the way.”

Her words express exactly my point. I ALWAYS make mistakes when I make something. Sometimes I catch them and have to unweave or rip out my knitting back to before my mistake. But sometimes I don't spot it until I take it off the loom. I have to remind myself that I am not in this for a perfect product. Although I have to admit, it would be nice. I am really into this for the creative aspect. I have a great need to create. I love color, texture, the history behind the fiber arts. I want to take yarn or thread and create something that will last; a piece of beauty that expresses who I am and connects me with the past. So... I am a little flawed. But it is the creativity of weaving, or knitting that I love.

Happy Weaving

Mary Ellen

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The newsletter can be downloaded and is posted each month at:

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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](http://www.northwestweavers.org) to be informed of your membership benefits. You may check out videos, tapes and books and many other benefits.

## 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 2016. Stay up to date on all things pertaining to the Fiber Fair.

### **Studio Hosts:**

**Feb. 16 – Mary Ellen**

**Feb. 23 – Laurel**

**Mar. 1 – Elizabeth**

**Mar. 8 – Kathle**

**Mar. 15 – Kate**

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**THE NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE IS ON**

**THE 12TH OF THE**

**MONTH**

### FIBER FEST TEACHERS AND CLASSES

Teachers and classes for the May Fiber Fest have now been confirmed. Below is a list of teachers and classes that will be at the Fiber Fest.

Connie Denton will be returning and teaching two baskets over two days. One is a Lazy Kate Spinning Basket that will have room for spinning supplies. The other one is a picnic basket that includes a checkerboard on the underside of the wooden lid.

Steven McEwen will be teaching a class on the "Mechanics of a Spinning Wheel". This will be either a half day class or a whole day. Steven was here last year as a vendor.

Lonna Alexander - Steele is returning and will be teaching four classes. One on using up old or recycled yarns, one on knitting flocati, one on spinning batts, and on the spinning boucles.

Doris Florig is a world traveler who did a slide show of her travels a few years ago. She's returning this year with another slide show of her travels AND to teach a class on TANIKO-twining or finger-weaving, and one on IKAT dying.

Joan Contraman is returning to teach a new lecture class on Color Theory, one on knitting a silk scarf with silk hankies and an all-day class on weaving. (\*If you don't have a loom, the Guild can rent you one for this class.)

Elizabeth Dailey will be teaching "Beginning Spindle Spinning" (you get a spindle in this class) and one on "Spinning for Socks on a Spindle".

Randy Glick is a new teacher to us and will be teaching how to do "Perfect Plying" and "Splendid Singles".

We guarantee a fun, fiber-filled weekend with experienced, knowledgeable teachers and exciting, challenging classes for many wonderful crafts. Information on these classes is now being put on the website with pictures and should be available by March 1, 2016. Put the dates May 20-22, 2016 on your calendar now and don't miss this year's SNAKE RIVER FIBER FEST. - Carol Lyle

Spring Spin-In: March 12 @ Kathie Phoenix's,

Western Pleasure Basket Retreat: In Sandpoint Idaho, Weaving in the Wild, Wild West! WPBR I - April 28 - May 1, 2016, WPBR II - May 5-8, 2016. Jill Choate, PO Box 557, Moyie Springs, ID 83845 208-946-3655; [jill@jchoatebasketry.com](mailto:jill@jchoatebasketry.com), [www.jchoatebasketry.com](http://www.jchoatebasketry.com).

# February 2016

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7	8 <i>Board Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	9 <i>Studio Night</i> 7-9 pm	10	11 <i>Studio Lunch</i> 11:30 am	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Big Meeting/ Studio Night</i> 7-9 pm	17 <i>Warped Weavers</i> 9:30 am	18 <i>Dizzy Spinners</i> 1-3 pm	19	20
21	22	23 <i>Studio Night</i> 7-9 pm	24 <i>Rug Hookers</i> 1-3 pm	25	26	27
28	29					



Working on the rag rugs.

← New weaver, Carol DeVito

↓ Hanging out, waiting for a turn on the loom.



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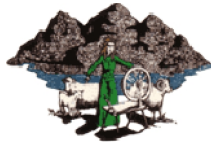
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### COME ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF GUILD MEMBERSHIP

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