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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 at on **Thursday, April 14**, at the American Republic Grill & Tapas Bar at 11:30 a.m. then over to the Studio. RSVP to Suzanne @ sriche@aol.com or 528-9467 By Wed. . All are welcome to attend.

Rug Hooking News

by Kathie Phoenix

As I was preparing for a recent trip, I needed a project to take along. I had the small knitting project organized - a small-ish knit cowl using wooden points on circular needles so there would be no question for the TSA at airline security. So I arrived at a plan to be able to take a small rug hooking project. I'll explain the accompanying pictures. The linen pattern is about 12" x 12". I found my rug hooking hoop that makes the project more portable than a rug hooking frame. I quickly selected wool that I thought would work and cut it to get it ready. I fixed zip-lock sandwich bags by using some painters masking tape to reinforce the corners and then punched a hole through the layers. I did enough bags to have each color in its own bag. I found a carabineer of an appropriate size and threaded the bags onto it to keep things together. I found some little folding scissors, got my rug hook and stuffed it all into a 2 gallon zip lock bag. I could squeeze the air out of that bag and was able to come up with quite a compact lightweight project! I actually worked on the hooking project several times during our trip, giving me that moment of relaxation and creativity I needed at the time.

As a reminder, our rug hooking group meets at the studio on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 208-522-3872.

We are getting a group rug hooking project organized to eventually donate at the Fiber Arts Fair for 2017. We have the pattern selected and enlarged and have already started to collect some



yarn and wool for that project. If you're wondering about rug hooking or need help, please plan to join us. Of course we're a fun helpful group!



The Next Board Meeting will be April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Studio.

In at the Guild library —check it out

Charlotte Goddin, Guild Librarian

If you've thought about exploring band weaving, *Band Weaving: The Techniques, Looms, and Uses for Woven Bands* by Harold and Sylvia Tacker can provide you with a wealth of information about the history (albeit brief) of band weaving as well as instruction on many band weaving techniques.

The Tackers explore simple finger-woven bands, soda-straw loom bands, Hungarian-loom bands, twining-loom bands, rigid-heddle bands, band weaving on the American Inkle loom, card-woven bands, and weaving variations for special effects.

The book was published in 1974 and contains only a small section of colored photographs (which I must confess always draw me in). Though many of the fashions illustrated in the book are outdated (and the hairstyles!), the techniques are well illustrated.

I've made a card board box inkle loom (It worked well but was very limited in the length of band that could be made and the number of times it could be used – somehow cardboard just doesn't hold up like wood!!!!). I've also tried the Guild's inkle loom. It just seemed too tedious for me, one of little patience.

I'm in need of a band for a waffle weave towel I made (and have been in need for a year, maybe two, give or take). I don't have the requisite number of cards to make the band per instructions with the towel, so I'm hoping to find my answer here. When I am ready to make the band, I'll be checking this book out again

Dizzy Spinners – It's March and I'm back in action. After months of pain surgery and recovery, I'm ready to Spin! , teach, talk and otherwise share my love for this Art/Craft to Guild members and those who come in to see what we are all about.

I'm planning on being at Tuesday evenings in case we have new beginners. – Look forward to a class on learning to spin other wheels than your own. It's not hard, but there are a few principles to follow – with these in place – you can spin well on another wheel.

As Spring continues to come to East Idaho, future spinning workshops that are on the third Thursday of the month will be:

- How to use a drum carder to get what you want.
- Silk – in all of its wonder and elegance
- Spinning from roving vs. top

Review of worsted, woolen and long draw

These are just a few of the upcoming workshops. In March we will be looking at the drum carder and how to use it to blend and customize your fiber for that special yarn.

Please come and join us on the 3rd Tuesday evening, or 3rd Thursday daytime. I am also available for other needs related to spinning, new beginners, can't come to regular studio times, problems with your wheel.....Please feel free to call me. My new phone number is 208-243-1643; email is srwiklund@gmail.com (all lower case). Looking forward to seeing you and your wheel soon.

Sylvia



Sylvia on her
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Wheel

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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 5 of this newsletter for your convenience.

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

Studio Hosts:

March 15—Susan

March 22—Mary Ellen

March 29—Elizabeth

April 5—Kathle

April 12—Kate

BOARD MEMBERS

THE NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE IS ON

THE 12TH OF THE

MONTH

Reminder of Raffle for the Up-coming Fiber Fest in May

Our 2016 Fiber Arts Fest is quickly approaching. The Raffle we organize is one of the biggest fund raisers of the year for the operating expenses of the Guild.

Please look for anything that you might want to donate to the raffle this year. This could be any equipment dealing with any of the fiber arts, or supplies, items already made, or something like baskets to help with the presentation of donated items. Our vendors have been so generous to donate items to help us out too! Special thanks to them. Last year a table loom was donated and it brought all kinds of interest. We also had a rug hooked mat that the rug hooking group had finished and donated, and it also created excitement and helped sell more raffle tickets. It's a fun event especially when people gather at the drawing on Sunday afternoon to see what they've won

Please contact Kathie Phoenix (208) 522-3872 if you have any questions. Bring items to the studio, or if you need help with getting something to the venue we can arrange to pick it up! Thanks for your help and participation!

Fiber Fest Meeting on April 13, 9:30 a.m.

"Spin In" a Success and Great Fun

About 15 members met at the home of Bill and Kathie Phoenix on Saturday March 12 for our Guild Spring Spin In. There was LOTS of good food and a members had a good time talking, comparing notes, getting advice, sharing and yes, some spinning . There was some knitting, and rug hooking going on as well. If you weren't able to attend we hope you'll be able to come next time.

Lace Knitting Class for Intermediate Knitters:

Do you love Lace? Do you need help understanding directions and/or charts? Do you want to do more than the simple lace patterns? Then come to the studio on April 9th at 10 a.m. Suzanne will be there to help you with your problems. We will work on a small sampler of different lace patterns, as well as talk about other types of lace. Bring a small sized set needle that you are comfortable with and appropriate weight yarn for your needles. (I will have size 1), and any pattern that you need help with. Give me a call if you will be joining me or have any other questions. Suzanne @ 528-9467, or text me at 201-4922.

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Studio Night, 7-9</i>	16 <i>Warped Weavers, 9:30</i>	17 <i>Dizzy Spinners, 1-3</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Finish the Rug, 11 am</i>	22 <i>Studio Night, 7-9</i>	23 <i>Rug Hookers, 1-3 pm</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Studio Night, 7-9</i>	30	31		

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3	4 <i>Finish the Rug, 11 am</i>	5 <i>Studio Night, 7-9</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Lace Class 10 am</i>
10	11	12 <i>Studio Night, 7-9</i>	13 <i>Fiber Fest Mtg, 9:30 am</i>	14	15	16
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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.

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