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"Sharing A Love of Fiber Arts!"

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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 front window if the front door is locked.*

Studio day luncheon is on Thursday, February 10, 11:30 a.m. at Jaliso's Mexican Restaurant at 325 River Parkway (on the river), Idaho Falls.

- **Our library is getting a facelift!** But much less expensive, a whole lot less painful, and with the same beautiful results. We are putting into effect a new program to buy a new library item monthly. Our library has many great items, but it has been awhile since we have added to it. This library is such a great resource to those of us with a love for, and a desire to learn more about fiber arts. We are excited to help it grow, and are asking that you take part as well. We are asking that members who have the desire to see a new item in our library contact me. I will put all of the suggestions into a special box, and on the first Tuesday of every month we will have a drawing that will decide which new item we will purchase. This will be a new, exciting twist to our current method of updating the library, and will allow everyone an equal chance to have a say in what is purchased.. plus aren't drawings always fun? **Please send your suggestions to: Kami Jenkins, kwjenki@msn.com, 2469 N 26th W, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, 208-589-2316 Or bring it by on studio night.**
- We are starting a **spinning study group** that will meet once a month. It will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. The purpose is to help us improve our skills and just to have more time to spin. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost.
- I am thinking about having a **beginning spinning class**, starting in March. If interested, please give me (Pat) a call at 522-1337. We will set the time and dates to meet everyone's schedules.
- **A special thank you to:** Heike Striebeck for donating a large amount of older "Handwoven" magazines to our library. We appreciate the thoughtful donation.
- **Rug Hooking Meeting Changes to Daytime!** The rug hookers have decided to meet from 1 – 4 PM on the 4th Thursday beginning on January 27th at the studio. Barbara Bradley and Kathie Phoenix have taken over the opening of the studio on those days.

Next Board Meeting, March 1, 2011, 6 p.m.

The Librarian's Nook

Exploring the new, and forgotten treasures in our library. This month's featured book is "Natural Dyes Plants & Processes" by Jack Kramer. This book is a wonderful book, full of beautifully colored pictures. It has everything for a novice, or more advanced artist. It starts with the simple information needed on preparing and washing wool, as well as discussion of the mordanting. From there it goes through each step from collecting the dye material, to the dyeing itself. It gives a lot of detail on the different types of natural dyes, as well as commercially prepared plants, and the colors you can hope to get from them. It goes into detail on the dye recipes, and also gives information on how to grow your own ideal "Dyer's Garden." This book is a wonderful way to learn about natural dyeing. We would love to see what you come up with.

Interview : Skye Larsen

This month we feature our Board Secretary Skye Larsen. If you haven't met her, she is the statuesque knitter who is busy knitting intricate patterned gloves or a fancy sweater, who can chat while she is accomplishing these projects.

Skye was born and raised in La Grande, Oregon. She has also lived in Utah, Indiana, and Maryland and moved to Idaho Falls in 2008. She is married to husband Lance. She says, her most exciting experience ever was falling in love with a boy and having him love her back. That was AWESOME! My life's greatest achievement was convincing that boy to marry me! This has been going on awhile. They now have 4 children Sophie 10, Christian 8, Sylvia 5, and Dutch 3.

In addition to all her family tasks, she has a BS in Sociology. (Her degree includes two semesters of Appalachian Basket Weaving!) She has also worked as a tax advisor for H&R Block for 3 seasons

When she first moved here the family lived in an apartment but she currently lives at 4160 E. Nibley Circle in IF. It's on the east side, near Cloverdale Elementary. They enjoy the room. Skye doesn't have fiber animals

.but she has a back to nature desire and is hoping to convince her husband to let her get some chickens.

I asked Skye how she became interested in fiber arts. Her reply, "My mother did all kinds of fiber arts: sewing, quilting, knitting, tatting, weaving, pine needle basketry, etc. She was fearless, if there was a craft/art she was interested in, she'd get a book or take a class and learn it. Mom taught me sewing, and latch hook, which I loved. She also taught me to knit when I in grade school. I remember teaching myself, by a lot of trial and error, how to purl. Even though I liked to knit I couldn't read a pattern, so I only could knit dish cloths. While I was in college I would knit dish cloths to reduce stress. Then, several years later, I saw my sister in law knitting an adorable pink cabled sweater for her little girl. I was so excited; because I had not known that hand knits could actually be cute! I got "How to Knit" by Debbie Bliss and taught myself how to knit more than garter stitch dish cloths. I've been knitting like crazy ever since."

She has done sewing, quilting, crochet, knitting, spinning and tiny bits of weaving and rug hooking.

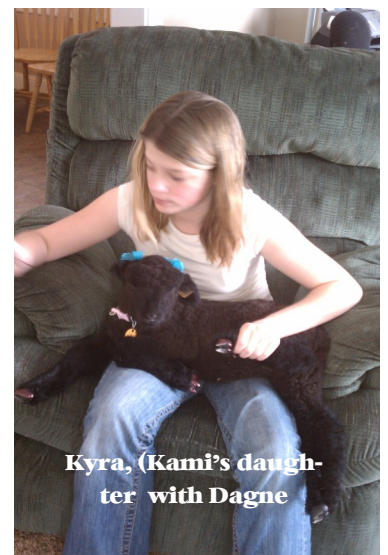
Her favorites are knitting, knitting, and knitting. But she says she feels another round of rug hooking coming on.

She loves spinning and says, "Learning to spin was absolutely magical! I felt just like Rumpelstiltskin."

Asked about her bucket list, Skye replies, "I really want to learn a second language. Also, I'd love to do stained glass art. I've had two kids have lead poisoning (not fun), so I'm not going to start this until the kids are older." Another, passion in her life is Bollywood (Hindi Cinema).

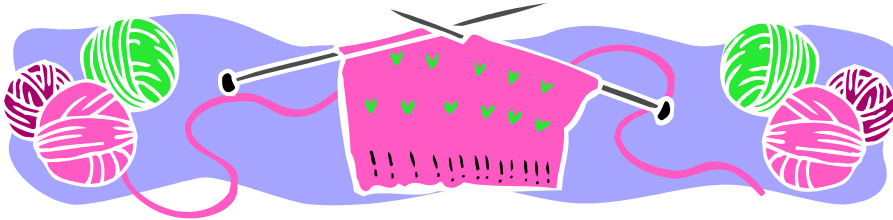
Last year Skye was in charge of our Website for the Fiber Fair and did all of the registration for classes. We certainly enjoy her presence in the Guild and all that she gives to us. She also made a sweater for each of her kids for Christmas.

Interview by Pat-Day Hartwell



Kyra, (Kami's daughter with Dagne

*****SALE*****RENT*****TRADE*****SALE*****RENT*****



This is one month old Dagne, a Romney that Pat & Jack raised, but found a home with Kami.

Lots of room for advertisements! When you place a advertisement, it is also posted on our web-site at www.srfiberarts.org!

Also look at <http://www.srfiberarts.org/rental-equipment.html> at the many items we have available for members to rent from the Guild. The amount of the check we hold, when a large item like a loom is rented, has been raised to \$350.00. This check is returned when the rental item is returned.

Would you like to receive the Newsletter?

If you are not currently receiving “Rovings, Ravelings & Thrums” via email, please send an email to Suzanne at sriche@aol.com” requesting the Guild newsletter which is sent monthly.

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

http://www.srfiberarts.org/newsletter_events.html

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.

ADVERTISE HERE

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2.50 business card size

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10.00 1/2 page

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Page on website with link: \$50.00/yr

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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.



Hartwell's Lazy PJ Ranch

Jack and at Day Hartwell
12739 North 55 East
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

New products from Knit Picks, Great Adirondak Yarn Company yarns, Skacel Felting Kits, Schacht, and Glimakra. Fiber for fleece rugs. Hand-dyed yarn in luscious colors.



A great rigid heddle loom for fleece rugs and quick weaving 32" comes with everything but yarn



Beginner's loom
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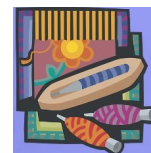
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If you are a member of Ravelry.com, check out the following groups!

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 2011. Stay up to date on all things pertaining to the Fiber Fair.

Studio Night Coverage

February 8 — Kim

February 14—Kathie

February 22—Skye

March 1—Jeannette

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our own Snake River Fiber Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2011. We now have a Snake River Fiber Fair Group on Ravelry! Join the group for the latest and greatest information for the 2011 Fiber Fair

LOCAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS Big Sky Fiber Arts Festival 2011

The Big Sky Fiber Arts Festival 2011 will be at the Hamilton Montana Fair Grounds. This is a 2-day show. Set-up will commence on Friday, June 10, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Vendors may sell on Friday to people taking classes. The festival will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. For more information, visit them online at <http://www.bigskyfiber.com>.

Guild News



Needle felting machine interest?

Brooks Stevens is allowing us to try a needle felting machine. If you would be interested in trying it please come in on Tuesday night and let us know.

Skill Classes:

More Skill Classes offered to Guild Members: This series of classes will be offered to any guild member for a donation of \$20. For this donation, you may take as many or as few of the classes to suit your schedule. If you have questions about whether the class is right for you, check with the teacher. This is a great opportunity to build your knowledge in these Fiber Arts! Classes will be held at the studio, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, February 19th, 2011, 9-12 AM and PM (if needed): **Learning to Knit Cables**, instructed by Lolly Blumhorst.

We will be learning the basic cable, slip-stitch cable and cables without a needle. Basic knowledge of knit, purl, increase and decrease is needed.

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 6 PM: **Beginning Weaving** instructed by Nancy Liebrecht. Note: 3 sessions total, Saturday, March 5th 9 AM, and Tuesday March 8, 6 PM.

Students will learn the fundamentals of weaving on a 4-Harness loom by making a scarf in plain weave. By the end of the class, students will understand basic terminology, how to select yarns for specific projects, how to dress a loom, and how to read a weaving draft. Best of all, each student will have a nice wool scarf to wear for the rest of the winter!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Katherin Hess from Shelley

Michelle High from Idaho Falls

Sue Steuhm from Idaho Falls

Welcome back to:

Midge Vivian



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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 (emails will not be shared for any other use)

Membership Application

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Phone _____

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