



The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts Guild
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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*

This month's studio day will be on Jan. 12th at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at the Stockman's Restaurant, 3 N 3800 E (at Snake River Landing), 552-6500. Come and join us.

WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual **Winter Holiday Party** will be held on Saturday, January 21st at the home of Kathie and Bill Phoenix, 5440 Gleneagles Drive, Idaho Falls, from 11 to 3 PM. Please bring a potluck dish to share. There will also be a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a fiber related item with a value between \$5 and \$10. It could even be something handmade! Have it wrapped and we'll figure out some fun way of "exchanging" the gifts!

We have also decided to do an auction with the proceeds going to the Heifer International Foundation. You may remember our last auction for this charity. We had a lot of fun, as well as raising \$500 to buy the foundation "knitting basket". Barbara Bradley has agreed to be our auctioneer again. Bring items you think might be valuable to someone else. Some ideas from the last auction: knit items like mittens, or fingerless gloves, scarves, storage containers, stationery, jewelry, yarn, glassware...and the list goes on. Just about anything you think someone else might be interested in. This should be a lot of fun (Barbara makes it fun) and the funds will go to a good cause!

**There will be a Board meeting on the evening of
January 31st, 6 p.m.**

Charity Work

For the Pocatello Veterans Home:

The New Year brings new opportunities and this year we have the opportunity to do some charity knitting for the Pocatello Veterans Home. We are going to knit lap afghans for our veterans one 7x7 inch square at a time!

Each month a new pattern will be presented in the newsletter for your use. Our first square is the Honeycomb Slip Stitch square. You may choose to knit this or your favorite stitch or pattern which can easily be turned into a 7"x7" square.

Worsted-weight yarn is preferred to get gauge and maintain a continuity of size throughout the completed lap afghan. Machine washable

yarn is a must as the Veterans Home launders in hot water.

Dig into your stash and see what you might be able to use and to donate to help get this worthy project off the ground. Any color is acceptable except maybe baby colors. Although, there are more men in the Home, they do currently have nine women so just about any color will do.

A bin will be set up at the Studio for donated yarn for you to use. I have pulled several skeins from my stash to begin. Thank you for participating and if you have any questions feel free to ask. -*Kimberly Howard*



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

Gilmore 40" 8 harness loom for sale. \$1950 includes Gilmore loom bench. contact Carol @ 208-522-2310 for more information.➔



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

Newsletter Prices:

2.50 business card size

5.00 1/4 page

20.00 full page

10.00 1/2 page

Link on website: \$25.00/yr

Page on website with link: \$50.00/yr

Your Newsletter advertisement will be posted on our web-site as well.

Advertise on the Guild Website:

To add your web-site link to our favorite Links page ---\$25.00 per year.

For those who don't have a web-site, we'll post you a Full page and a link for \$50.00 per year.

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
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New products from Knit Picks, Great Adirondack 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
\$60.50



Ashford's redesigned Traditional wheel spins like a dream



Baby wolf with 8 heddles, a great buy



New books



Gift Items



Valkryie combs in all sizes



Warping boards in 3 sizes



Electric ball winder \$90.



Kromski's Minstrel



Knit Picks needles and yarn

Opal's new Antolia sock yarn



New lambs are being born nearly every day.



We are 1 m. east of Hwy 20 & 1 m. south, plus 2 houses on (Bonneville/Jefferson) County Line Rd.

Our hours are when it is convenient for you to shop.

Call before you come, so we can better serve you. Phone: 208-522-1337

Checkout our website at lazypj.com

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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".

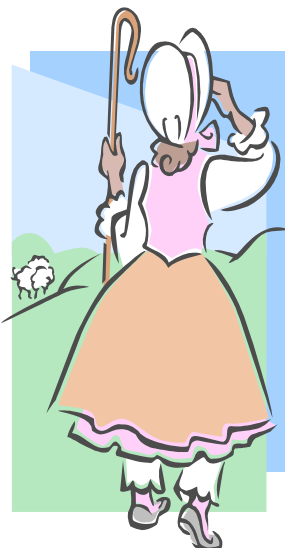
Check out our own group! Snake River Fiber Fair 2011. Stay up to date on all things pertaining to the Fiber Fair.

Studio Night Coverage

January 17th – Kimberly

January 24th – Kim

January 31st – Kathie



Guild News

For the Rug Hookers:

How to penny dye

1. Fill a container (with a lid) with enough water to cover your wool. I often use one of my dye pots because it's too hot to do any dyeing on the stove. A student of mine uses a gallon jar. It's convenient because you can watch the transformation. A large sherbet container works fine, anything that will hold water and ammonia.
2. Add several dollars of pennies to the bottom of the container. No need to count, just several large handfuls. You can't add too many. Too few may not work at all or will take longer to work.
3. Add a few plugs of ammonia. The more water you use, the more ammonia you will need. The chemical reaction will take place faster if you add enough ammonia. If you're not sure, start slow. You can add more ammonia in a day or so if nothing is happening.
4. Add the wool. You can add several different wools if you like, but remember that some of the dyes will leak and discolor the others. Sometimes this is exactly what you want. Experiment! If you are using red, be careful. Like a red sock in the white load of laundry, everything will end up with a pink cast. Add the lid. The ammonia stinks! And wait. If you are trying to change the bountiful red plaids out there, be patient. It make take a week or two. Other wools may change in less than an hour.

Timing is everything

Be sure to keep a small piece of the original wool nearby to check the progress. Compare wet to wet. I usually keep the scrap in a small cup of water next to the container. When you want to compare, just remove both without squeezing the water out.

I usually check the first time in about 30 minutes. If nothing noticeable has happened, double the time to 60 minutes before checking again. Check again in 2 hours, 4 hours, 8 hours, etc. Once you start to notice a change begin checking at shorter intervals. You can put the wool back into the ammonia and pennies, but this is a stain and you cannot reverse the process. When in doubt, stop early or process two pieces and take them out at different times. One or the other should work after they are dry.

Remember that wet wool appears darker than dry wool. That is why it is important to compare wet to wet

Tips and Comments

1. Use White for instant snow. A great dirty white for snowmen, Santa's beard, etc. I start with white wool for this not natural. Natural has a slight yellow cast that I can ignore except when I am dyeing snow or sky.
2. Camel: I've had some camel colored wool change to a mint green! This process is unpredictable but fun.
3. Red plaid: If you are patient, really patient, you will get a wonderful, soft cinnamon plaid - wonderful in any piece.
4. Yarn: Don't pass up the 100% wool yarn you find at garage sales, etc. The most awful colors can be made useable after spending time with the pennies. Heat can speed up the process but **DO NOT PUT IT ON THE STOVE**. They evacuate cities due to ammonia fumes. You can put the pot in a sunny part of the yard if you are not using glass. A sealed glass container could break unexpectedly if it is left in the sun. Be safe. Adding warm water when you add the pennies and ammonia can also jump start the reaction.





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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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