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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, March 10, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny Carino's Restaurant at 2833 S 25th E, Ammon.

- We will be having a *Dyeing Variegated Yarns and Fibers Class at The Sassy Sheep Dye Studio, 244 N 4200 E, Rigby, ID March 12, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$25 for Snake River Fiber Art Guild members, \$35 for non-guild members. Potluck lunch. Please bring a side dish to share.*

Students will be given a variety of protein based yarns and fiber to learn how to dye variegated yarns using a variety of dyeing techniques. Students may also bring protein-based yarns and wool to experiment with. Please wear old clothes, aprons are encouraged.

- 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.
- Basket Class** — Kathie Phoenix will be offering a Market Basket making class on Saturday April 2nd at the Studio at 9 AM – 4 PM with a lunch break.

Market baskets usually have what is called a "D" handle and are generally rectangular in shape. They have a flat bottom using flat reed, but the sides can be woven incorporating colored round or flat reed and combinations. If you have some supplies of your own you can bring them. Approximate class fee will be \$25 - \$30, depending on supplies needed. Class size will be limited to 12. Call or email Kathie with questions or to sign-up. 208-339-3873 (cell) or kathiephoenix@cablone.net.

- Spring Spin-In** planned for April 16th from 11 – 3 PM at the Studio. Bring a pot-luck dish to share as well as your project to work on while we eat and talk! It's always fun to see "Show and Tell" items! There have been a lot of classes recently so bring along those projects! We would all love to see what you've been doing!
- Rug Hooking Meeting** The rug hookers will meet from 1 – 4 PM on the 4th Thursday at the studio. Barbara Bradley & Kathie Phoenix have taken over the opening of the studio.

Next Board Meeting, April 5, 2011, 6 p.m.

The Librarian's Nook

Exploring the new, and forgotten treasures in our library.

This month's featured book is "A Knitting Wrapsody" by Kristin Omdahl. I borrowed this book from Pat Day Hartwell. She received it from Kristin herself while at TNNA. I borrowed the book, and quickly fell in love so decided that I needed to share my joy.

"A Knitting Wrapsody" contains innovative designs to wrap, drape, and tie yourself in timeless, beautiful garments. While reading this book I found myself saying "I need this. I think I will make this" on nearly every page. The book has chapters on Scarves, Wraps, Shawls, and Skirts. In each chapter she features 5-6 designs, and with most of the designs the clothing article can be worn in multiple ways which makes the knitting seem even more worth while. For example, in the chapter "Skirts" she features a wrap skirt that can double as a dress, or long shirt.

The book also comes with an instructional DVD, which is always a bonus. This book is a treasure, and I think it will make a great addition to our library. I have not yet received any nominations for new library materials, so plan to make this our first nomination.

Positive Things

About Bamboo:

Bamboo is a renewable resource.

Bamboo can be harvested without killing the plant, and it only takes a few months before the plant is ready to be harvested again. That makes it an environmentally friendly choice.

Bamboo yarn, when not mixed with unnatural fibers, is biodegradable.

Bamboo yarn is often dyed with more natural dyes that are safer for the environment.

Bamboo fabric is naturally antibacterial.

Bamboo also has ultra-violet protective properties.

Fabric knitted with bamboo is quite breathable and cool and has great drape.

• Bamboo has a good luster, similar to mercerized cotton.

Bamboo is strong, flexible, and can be softer than silk when spun into yarn.



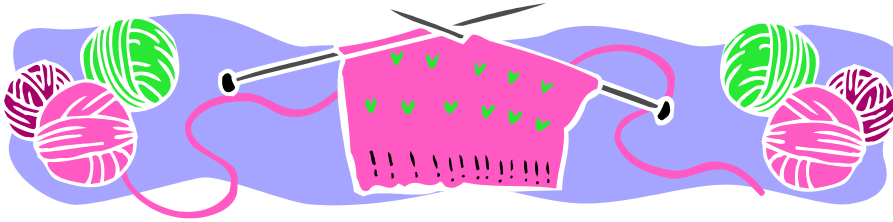
Not so positive:

• Bamboo yarn loses strength when it is wet and swells considerably in water.

• The yarn may not be very cohesive. Some brands split much more than others.

• Bamboo needs to be hand-washed, so it isn't a great choice for things that need to be washed frequently.

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



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:

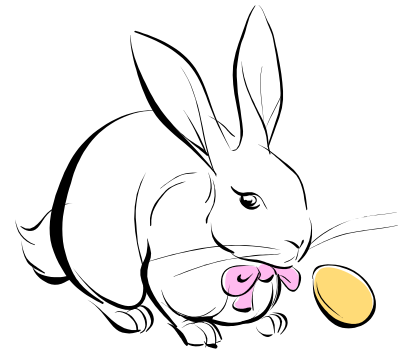
http://www.srfiberarts.org/newsletter_events.html

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
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
\$60.50



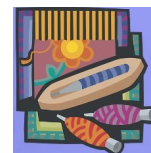
Ashford's redesigned Traditional wheel spins like a dream



Baby wolf with 8 heddles, a great buy



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Electric ball winder \$90.



Kromski's Minstrel



Knit Picks needles and yarn

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New lambs are being born nearly every day.



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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

March 8th – Kim DeBlase

March 15th – Linda Elison

March 22nd – Skye Larsen

March 29th – Jeannette Cooley

April 5th – Kathie Phoenix

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

Fiber Fair News:

Fashion Show to be held at the Fiber Fair this year

The Fiber Fair Committee thought it would be fun to have a Fashion Show at the Saturday night dinner. Be thinking about any wearable item you've knit, woven, hooked, etc. that you would like to "show off". There will be ballots to mark and a Peoples Choice award given out. This should be fun!

Dear Members:

We are really trying to get the word out to the most people possible about our Fiber Arts Fair! Not just about the vendors and their amazing wares, but about what great classes we offer and the opportunity to take them from great teachers at reasonable prices.

Please copy the last page of this newsletter a bunch of times and hand this "**Ready-made Information Leaflet**" to anyone you know! LET PEOPLE KNOW! Give them an opportunity to SIGN UP!

Scholarship Opportunity (12 – 18 year olds)

This year we are encouraging the participation of young people by providing a scholarship opportunity to enroll in a Fiber Fair class of their choice.

Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 may apply. If you know of someone you would like to apply, please give them this information and have them include the information below.

Name: _____ Age _____

Parents Name: _____ Phone _____

Special Donation Opportunity: You have the opportunity to give money to the scholarship fund in general OR to sponsor a particular student for a class. Please fill out the form below and make your check payable to Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts Guild with an indication of "class scholarship" on the check.

Sponsoring a particular student:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Young Person's Name: _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Desired Class _____

General Scholarship Fund:

Name _____ (for acknowledgement)

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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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____