



The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts Guild  
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# Rovings, Ravelings and Thrums

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"Sharing A Love of Fiber Art!"

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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 7pm to 9pm at 482 Constitution Way 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.*

- **Board Meeting** will be Tues. April 6th at 6pm. Members welcome.

### Spring Spin-In

Saturday March 20th, 11am-4am @ the Studio

Bring your pot-luck and an item for the grab bag! Bring something to work on - your spinning wheel, knitting, or other fiber project. It's also a good time and place to show and share what you're doing.

Pot luck dish? Whatever you would like...dessert, main dish, salad, etc.

Grab-bag? We had so much fun with this last time-lets do it again! You're probably wondering what this is about. Do you have some yarn, fiber, knick-knack, fiber tool, wool fabric, string, etc. that's been around for ages and you don't know what to do with it or just don't want it any more? Put it in a bag (paper sack would be good), mark it with a hint of what's inside, put a minimum price, and maybe someone else will be tempted to buy it and take it home! This will be a fund-raiser for the Guild - and should be fun. We hope you will come and have some food and fun. Questions? Call Kathie 522-3872!

- **Monday Studio Luncheon**—March 15 at 11:30 am at the Hard Hat Restaurant in Snake River Landing. This is for our Studio Luncheon. Everyone is welcome to lunch with us & then go to the studio to work on what ever projects you want.
- **Rug hooking** will be on Thursday, March 25 from 6-9pm.
- **Market Night**—Every 2nd Tuesday during Studio Night. Bring items to sell and your purse! If you have items to sell, a place will be designated for you. We ask a donation of 5% of sales go to the Guild.
- **We Have a New Loom!** The Guild was able to buy a 4 Harness Schacht Baby Wolf loom recently. This is a nice small floor loom that will be available for rent. Come check it out!
- **Raffle yarn** is now available for purchase... instructions are also available at the studio. Yarn is \$11 / skein. Payment to be made to Skye. You can make your own pattern but it must follow the guidelines. Questions? Call Skye. 932-4173 Completed squares need to be done by March.

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## More Up-Coming Events

- **U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Tour Dubois, : May 14, 2010** Scientists at the USDA, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (USSES), near Dubois, Idaho, conduct research to improve the lifetime productivity of ewes; growth performance and carcass merit of market lambs; sheep nutrition; sheep health and wellbeing; and management and productivity of grazing lands. Research began at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in approximately 1918, and the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station is the only USDA, ARS research location that has been dedicated to sheep research throughout its existence.

The Navajo-Churro Sheep Association and Dr. Lyle McNeal's contacts at the USSES have arranged tours for our organization. The first USSES tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and the second tour is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the same day. Each tour will last approximately 2 - 2 ½ hours and will include indoor presentations and then outdoor demonstrations and discussions that will include buildings and handling facilities, lambing management, feed preparation, applied nutrition, and general management of sheep. The general content of the two tours will be approximately the same, but the exact content of the tours will depend on the questions from and interests of the participants.

Because of the nature of USSES research, a biosecurity program is in place and must be followed to participate in the tour. These measures are in place to protect USSES stock and yours.

1. Before the tour, clothing and shoes must have been washed and disinfected since last direct contact with livestock, manure, or soiled bedding.
2. The USSES recommends that after the tour, your clothing and shoes should be washed and disinfected before you come in contact with your stock.
3. Foreign Nationals (i.e., non-U.S. citizens) will need to have their passport for sign in.

The tour sizes are limited to 25 people each due to room restraints. Anyone planning to attend either of the tours please RSVP to Bonnie Barcus at [SpinDanceAcres@clearwire.net](mailto:SpinDanceAcres@clearwire.net). Please indicate which tour time you plan to attend.



## Sweater Knitting w/o a Pattern

“My hero, Elizabeth Zimmerman, has yet to disappoint me.”

I knew there had to be a better way to knit for my loved ones than going from pattern to pattern and yarn to yarn and needle to needle to get the right gauge. I hunted for the right pattern in the right “expensive” book. Then I found the yarn suggested in the pattern was no longer available and when I found a replacement yarn in a store that would work, it often would be the wrong color or not enough of the right color. Then my gauge was different so around and around I would go looking for a different yarn or another pattern. This circle of aggravation drove or rather lead me to Elizabeth Zimmerman's books and knitting techniques.

First I would make an agreeable fabric using my own gauge in the yarn I loved and wanted to knit, then I would knit the sweater according to “my” gauge. By using a set of mathematical equations as explained in Zimmerman's books, I would know how wide & long, when to start the arm, etc. to make the sweaters, as wells as many techniques for making necks and front closures. (This is often how sock knitters make socks as well-with formulas). My hero, Elizabeth Zimmerman, has yet to disappoint me. By using her techniques and long tried and true methods of ancient knitters, my sweaters seems to fit quite pleasantly. Elizabeth also suggests another clever and efficient way of knitting sweaters is, knitting in the round. A marvelous idea, especially if you are knitting with 2 colors. I rarely knit using a pattern out of a book but I still love to buy books for ideas for style & color. Now my sweaters fit great. I invite you to look into some of Zimmerman's books, and learn some great time tested techniques for knitting sweaters! (Shelley Peterson, newsletter editor and often called Grandma Bunny)

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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 Shelley at "gbunny.com@hotmail.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](http://www.srfiberarts.org/newsletter_events.html)

### Missing Items From the Studio

We are missing several items from our studio. The biggest item is our drum carder which has been gone for some time. If you know anything about it, please let one of the guild officers know. Also, we are unable to find our Rigid Heddle loom. It was in a box and last seen in the studio a few months ago. We are also missing several books, videos, and magazines. If you have any of these items that are not checked out, please return them. We will be doing an inventory on March 16, so we can take stock. We hope to have a complete list of books available to our members soon. Whenever you want to take an item home please take the time to properly check it out. If it is a piece of equipment, like a loom, or a spinning wheel, you will need to leave a \$350 deposit, and have a guild officer help you check it out. Our equipment chairman has placed several "check out" notebooks around the studio for you to easily write down what you are renting, or in the case of books or magazines borrowing. She will then enter the item or items in the computer. When you return something, be sure to also note that you have returned it in one of the notebooks. Currently there is no rental fee or deposit for books and videos, but this may become necessary. Please respect the fact that we have so much available for Guild members to use and we would like to make it available to all of our members.

Thank you from Guild President Kathie Phoenix

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Contact Shelley Peterson at :

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Call 208.745-8952 & leave a message.

**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.**



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If you are a member of Ravelry.com, ANWG Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds. (which you a member of, if you are a Guild member) has formed a group for you to participate in. There is a forum that discusses fiber, weaving, knitting etc. The group name is: "Assoc. Northwest Weavers". If you have trouble logging in, contact Linda Shelhamer at "shara@bresnan.net" or Carolyn Wostenburg at "lwostenb@rtconnect.net".

## FINGER KNIT-

A wonderful way to invite and interest youngsters to the world of knitting is to teach them to finger knit. There are many videos and instructions on the internet. Try this site and many others and learn & teach someone to finger knit this month!

<http://pretty-ditty.blogspot.com/2008/07/finger-knitting.html>

## Local Fairs & Festivals

- **The Post Register has invited the Fiber Arts Guild to have a show in their Gallery** during the month of July. We will be having the show on June 29<sup>th</sup> and taking down the show July 27<sup>th</sup>. Hazel Meshrow is our contact 522-1800 ext 1178. Please start picking out pieces you would like to have displayed in the show. Some possible categories are Knit pieces, Felting (hats, vests, purses), Baskets, Woven items (rugs, table runners, towels, scarves), Dyed Fiber, Spun Fiber, Rug Hooking, Needle Punch, Rug Hooking, Rug Punching, Silk Painting, etc. We will also display a spinning wheel and loom with work in progress. This might be a good time to promote our classes for the upcoming year.
- **MAWS-Billings Weavers Guild and Prairie Hand spinners** invite you to a conference "Under the Rims" June 4-6, 2010. Conference booklets and registration information are available online at <http://mawsonline.org/Conference.html>
- **Big Sky Fiber Arts Festival 2011 (note next year)** at the Hamilton Montana Fair Grounds. This is a 2-day show. Set-up will commence on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9am until 5pm. Vendors may sell on Friday to people taking classes. The festival will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.bigskyfiber.com/>
- Fiber Fest Eureka! August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. <http://www.fiberfesteureka.org/>
- Montana Fiber Roundup, Kalispell July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 9 to 6, both days, at the Fairground's Expo Building, Kalispell, MT. Booth's are 10x10 and 50.00 or 1 and 1/2 booths for 70.00. There will be classes, free demos, fiber judging, llama/alpaca showmanship and walking fiber judging, and once again... authentic Mexican food by Juan Sanchez. More information about instructors will be posted on [www.gttsfibermill.com/roundup.htm](http://www.gttsfibermill.com/roundup.htm) as it becomes available. Info: Diana Blair 406-756-6772



Our own Snake River Fiber Fair will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2010, at the Eastern Idaho Technical College 1600 East 25<sup>th</sup> South Idaho Falls, Idaho

Booklet with classes and vendors & more information posted soon at: <http://www.srfiberarts.org/Snake-River-Fiber-Fair.html>

If you have other questions please contact: Skye Larsen at 208.557.8458 or [skyelar76@yahoo.com](mailto:skyelar76@yahoo.com)

Any Sponsors who would like to advertise in the Fiber Fair Booklet to contact Debra Smith at 745-7661.



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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 Fiber Arts Guild of Idaho Falls, 482 Constitution Way, P.O. Box 1522, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.

Please add your email address so we can send your newsletter via email. [www.srfiberarts.org](http://www.srfiberarts.org) (emails will not be shared for any other use)

### Membership Application

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