



The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts Guild
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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 —All members and visitors are welcome every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at the *New & Larger Studio location 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.

Next Board Meeting will be Tues. Feb.3rd at 6pm. Members welcome.

- **Studio Lunch Day** —Every 3rd Monday of the month— Monday, Feb. 16 is our Studio Day luncheon. We will meet at the new Red Robin, 2450 E. 17th St. at 11:30. Come as early as 10am to 3pm to spin or bring a project and join for a day of fun & Chat.
- **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 be donated to the Guild.
- **A BASKET WEAVING CLASS** The basket class will be offered on Saturday the 7th of February from 9 – 4 at the studio. The cost will be \$35 to include all materials and a fee to the Guild. We will be making a hen basket using 8 inch and 12 inch hoops. If you have basket materials (weavers:1/4" flat reed, #2, 3, or 4 round reed), #6 round reed (ribs) of your own to use, bring them and an adjustment will be made to the cost. I would recommend using the hoops I will provide so we all start out equally. Class size will be limited to 10. If you have questions or would like to sign up please contact Kathie Phoenix by email: kathiephoenix@cableone.net or 522-3872. Other supplies needed will be: cloth tape measure, small knife or pencil sharpener to trim reed ends, pencil, container for soaking, awl or ice pick, clothes pins or small clamps, scissors or sharp knife or pruning shears.
- **February 17 & 24 Rigid Heddle Weaving at the Studio 6:30 p.m. Cost about \$7.50 for materials and \$10 for the Guild. This is a beginning weaving class that can be done on most any loom but rigid heddle looms are preferred. Bring non-fuzzy yarn, scissors and shuttles if you have them. Three looms are available for rental. You will start and complete a project. Sign-up by February 10. Call Pat Day Hartwell at 522-1337.**
- **Feb. 26 is our night to get together to hook. We have had lots of new hookers & we have lots of different projects going now so come join the fun. We meet from 6-9 pm at the studio every 4th Thursday of each month.**
- **March 3 Core spinning mohair (\$8. for materials plus \$5 for the Guild) at the Studio 7:00 p.m. You will learn this beautiful but simple technique. You will make a finished skein of exotic yarn. Sign-up by February 28. Call Sheryl Silberman at 5217919 or Pat Day Hartwell at 522-1337.**
- **March 14 Dye Party at the Lazy PJ Ranch (Pat Day Hartwell's home) Starting 10:30 a.m. with space dyeing, potluck lunch, at 1 p.m. on open dye party, bring what you want to dye. Cost is for products used about \$5 for 1 pound of your own fiber dyed plus \$5 for the Guild if you dye. Yarn and fiber will be available for purchase. This is an open event, all Guild members are invited to come for lunch or just to visit and/or work on your projects. RSVP by March 10 requested but not required.**

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

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Small Icelandic Sheep flock for sale. 2 ewes, one silver and one tan, and 1 ram, black. Will deliver. Market lambs also available, born early summer. Call Ginger, 680-4697 or e-mail gingerrichins@yahoo.com.

Yarn Tip:

When using both ends of a skein of yarn, clip both ends of a ziploc baggy and put the skein in there, feeding each yarn end through a bag hole on each side. Helps keep the yarn untangled

Memberships are Dues

\$25.00/individual or \$32.50/family

You may pay your dues online at www.srfiberarts.org, to any Board member or mail them to the address below:

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Please enclose your Name, Address, Phone number and email address with your payment. Information is not shared with any other organization.



Holiday Open House Report!

Thanks to all for a wonderful turn out and LOVELY contributions given. Over \$500.00 collected for the Guild during the Holiday Open House! Many thanks to Debra Smith (The Guild Hostess) for decorating and setting up the room so festively!



Winter Spin-In

Thanks to Kathie for hosting our Winter Spin-In. Lots of fun and chatter and enjoyment by all who braved the cold weather to find the warm hospitality at Kathie's home.

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Call 208.745-8952 & leave a message.



If you are a member of Ravelry.com, ANWG Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds. (which you as 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".

Local Area Fairs & Festivals

- **Snake River Fiber Festival 2009** May 16th & 17th at the Eastern Idaho Technical College. More Information: [Www.srfiberarts.com](http://www.srfiberarts.com)

- **Artists Invited to Apply**

The Ennis Arts Association will hold its 14th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival Saturday, August 8, 2009. Artists

working in all media are invited to submit entries for this juried arts and crafts show. The festival will take place in Peter T.'s Park, formerly the Wild Rose Park, in beautiful downtown Ennis, Montana on the historic trail between Yellowstone National Park and Virginia City. In addition to the arts and crafts show, there will be live entertainment, delicious food, an art raffle, "meet the author" book signing, and children's face painting.

ing. For an application please write to Madison Valley Arts Festival, c/o Margie Reck, 340 Bear Creek Loop, Cameron, MT 59720, call Margie at (406) 682-4416, or e-mail redmtnranch@yahoo.com. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2009.

- **Convergence 2010, Albuquerque, NM, New Visions: Ancient Paths, July 18-25, 2010**, <http://www.weavespindye.org/?loc=8-00-00>

- **HWSDA Conference 2009** HWSDA Conference May 22-24, 2009 [HWSDA Conference 2009](http://www.hwstda.org) Olds College, Olds, AB

Weaving Waves of Color 2009 ANWG Conference May 28-31, 2009 Post Conference Workshops: June 1-3, 2009 Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA <http://anwg2009.org/>

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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.

Potential Negative Things

- **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.

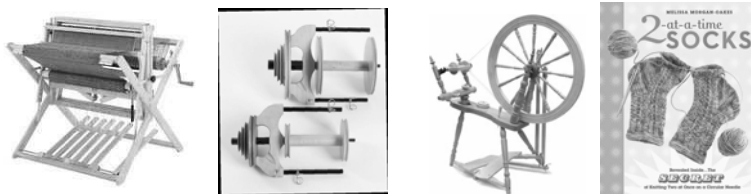


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Knitting Tips - New Ball of Yarn

Leave about 6-8 inches of yarn hanging down from each of the balls. Just continue knitting across the row. When you're done, pull up any looseness where the ends are hanging down and weave in the yarn end on the back of the fabric. I like to weave in the end by zig zagging along the back of one row of stitches. Be sure to do this loosely (it helps to stretch the knitting to make sure it's loose enough). Finally, trim off the remaining yarn.

You can also begin a new ball of yarn at the edge of your knitting where a seam will be sewn. After seaming, weave the ends into the seam.

Eyelet Buttonhole

One of the more useful buttonhole tips given was her favouring of eyelet buttons. Her reasoning (it naturally scales the button to your yarn and gauge) is very practical. She also suggests doing a tuck stitch into the eyelet on the following row to reinforce it .. I've not gotten to try this yet, but am keeping it in my mental file of buttonhole tips.

Librarian's Corner

Why do they call it the "dead" of winter? It's not dead at my house. I'm busy putting grade cards together. However, I'd rather be fibering, or at least perusing magazines about fibering. If you feel the same way, and if you can tear yourself from your other duties, take a look at the January/February 2009 issue of Handwoven. The technique of the month is how to make sure your finish matches

the yarn you use, and the yarn of the month is-tah daah!-wool. The majority of this magazine is devoted to clothing- probably to impart a false sense of warmth- and there are some terrific-looking projects: hats, scarves, shawls, a vest, a paneled skirt, even a ruana. If those don't tickle your fancy, you could wrap yourself up a "lush, brushed blanket" or make or embellish a bag or two. Even

non-weavers might enjoy the felting projects, so mush on down to the studio and check out this or another magazine, book, or video to cool down your cabin fever.

By Lindy Kittle

Three-row Buttonhole

The three-row buttonhole is a hand knitter's dream. It works in any pattern stitch, needs no final finishing, and is easy to remember to make. It is a vertical buttonhole that's three rows high. The size varies according to the yarn and needles used, but the button size appropriate for the yarn will usually fit the hole. Try it on your swatch.

FIRST BUTTONHOLE ROW: On the right side of work, work to desired location of buttonhole (knit five stitches on your swatch), yarn over twice, knit next two stitches together by knitting into back of two stitches and continue across row.

SECOND BUTTONHOLE ROW: On wrong side of work, work to location of buttonhole, purl one (first yarn over), drop next stitch (second yarn over) off the needle, and continue across row. I know it looks terrible, but have faith.

THIRD BUTTONHOLE ROW: On right side of work, work to buttonhole, knit into hole (below the next stitch), drop next stitch, and then continue across the row.



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