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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 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. May 5th at 5pm. NOTICE TEMP. TIME CHANGE. Members welcome.

- **Studio Lunch Day** -Every 3rd Monday of the month. April 20th will be at Garcia's at 11:30am and May 18th will be at Olive Garden at 11:30am. It's fun to come & share & to see what everyone is working on. Come join for lunch & drive on over to the Studio and bring something to work on! The Studio will be open 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 go to the Guild.
- **Hooking** will be on the third Thursday, April 23rd, from 6-9 pm at the Studio. Join us for lots of fun, chatting & hooking.
- Guild has renewed it's membership to the Northwest Weaver's Guild. Go to their site at www.northwestweavers.org to be informed of membership benefits.
- Guild cookbooks for sale and can be purchased on Studio Night or at the Fiber Fair for \$14.00 each.
- **Saturday, May 16th, at 6:30.** Guild is restoring the traditional Fiber Festival pot luck & bring a drink of your choice—at the Studio at 482 Constitution Way, Suite B-11, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Fiber Festival participants, Guild members and fiber enthusiasts invited!
- 2009-10 Guild Directory is ready!!! Please pick up a copy at the Studio or at the Fiber Fair. A Huge **THANKS** to our Librarian **Lindy Kittle** and all others who helped update & print the new Directory.
- **NO STUDIO NIGHT Tuesday, MAY 19TH FOLLOWING FIBER FAIR.**



*****Snake River Fiber Fair May 16th & 17th

Don't Miss out -Sign Up on-line or Mail in for Classes Early!

Details & The Fiber Fair Booklet is ready for download at
<http://www.srfiberarts.org/Snake-River-Fiber-Fair.html>

Fiber Fair Evening Dinner will be Saturday, May 16th at 6:30pm at the Guild Studio (Downtown Idaho Falls) at 482 Constitution Way, Suite B-11.

The Guild is restoring the Traditional Pot-Luck Dinner ~ .
Bring a Pot-luck dish and a drink of your choice.
Dinner plates and utensils will be provided.

All Fiber Fair participants, followers and Guild members are welcome!

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



Keep the Fleece

Looking for a worthy cause?

Look up www.KeeptheFleece.org

There are many ways to be involved with Keep the Fleece but we want to encourage everyone to participate in creating the longest scarf in the world, Scarf "teams" from around the world will work towards raising 250K to build the world's largest fiber flock in cooperation with Heifer International. The rules are simple. The objective is to have fun. And the ultimate goal will not only benefit the sustainability of the

fiber industry and the lives of those who are in greatest need. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of the United Nations global celebration of natural fibers. To learn how to get started, click on World's Longest Scarf in the main menu on the website.

Selling "Bond" Knitting Machine. Lightly used with all the bells and whistles! I purchased this from another knitter in Idaho Falls who knitted some very pretty two color sweaters on it. She likes to crochet now. Machine has 4 sized key plates. Can knit from light sport weight to bulky. Comes with a big box of pattern books and leaflets & instructions galore & many more knitting machine accessories. This knitting machine does not need to be hand manipulated to cast on. It's a marvel! Fun to do some quick knitting and blank sock experimental dyeing \$75.00
email: "gbunny.com@hotmail.com" or call

Guild is missing a Ball Winder. Please check at home to see if you have accidentally brought it home with you.

If you have any weaving, knitting, accessories like a ball winder or swift that's in good condition and if you would like to donate them to the Guild, the Guild would gladly accept your donation.

Llama Grooming

Anyone interested in shearing llamas and trimming their toenails.
Call Sheron at: 745-5968

Lambswool and Mohair yarn
for sale

I have a large quantity of lambswool and lambswool/mohair in skeins. The yarn is medium gauge 2-ply and is ready to be dyed.

Skeins range in size and cost is \$15 - \$20 per lb. The wool was raised in an organic environment on my friends farm in Southern Alberta Canada. Contact: Tricia Boyko at triciaboyko@hotmail.com

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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 a member of 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

- **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.

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/>

- **HWSDA Conference 2009** HWSDA Conference May 22-24, 2009 [HWSDA Conference 2009](http://www.hwstda.org) Olds College, Olds, AB For more information contact Donna Faulkes [email](mailto:donna@hwstda.org)

What Are Micro Fibers?

Microfibers are extra-fine fibers of nylon, acrylic or polyester. The incredible fineness of the fibers changes the properties of the regular sized fibers and makes them have a wonderful hand and drape. In spinning, the multiple microscopic size filaments or fibers have more motion and allow the fibers to move shift lightly in the spun yarns for a more drape and a very soft feel and prevent loss of their yarn structure. The resulting knits do not sag or droop. They

also absorb and wick moisture better and seem to breathe. Microfiber knits feel more like natural fibers and feel less "clammy" in warm weather than regular synthetic yarns.

To compare with familiar fibers: microfibers are 1/2 the diameter of a fine silk fiber, 1/3 the diameter of cotton, 1/4 the diameter of fine wool, and 100X finer than human hair. This superfine quality means the softest feel against the skin.

One warning about microfibers is that they are more heat sensitive than normal diameter fibers because they are so fine the heat penetrates more quickly. They should not be pressed with a hot iron and the should NOT go into a hot clothes dryer. This is the reason we had 'hand wash' on Kiddo yarn - we were afraid it would accidentally go into a dryer and be ruined.

Source: <http://www.straw.com/cpy/wisdom/microfibers.html>

Quotes off the Net:

"Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Albert Einstein ~

~ "To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug."
~ Helen Keller ~

Librarians' Corner by Lindy Kittle

What exactly is spring, anyway? Most of my third graders are convinced that spring means summer, so as of March 20 we should all be wearing shorts; they have been bitterly disappointed lately. I suspect the child in many of us believes it, too-but it's not. Spring is a time of incredible change, and we ought to enjoy observing the many interesting weather patterns and reappearing animals. Let's don't rush too fast into summer (my apologies to those who are being battered during lambing time). Let's watch summer dancing up almost to greet us as we plant our tomato seeds in their little peat pots, prune our fruit trees, run into the back yard with a load of laundry to hang out in the breeze, and feed the birds as they wing past on their way north, but let's don't try

to hold on to her yet.

That said, if the weather is not worth looking at, the newest Spin-off magazine certainly is. I turned first to "Spinning the Perfect Sock Yarn" and discovered it was written by Judith MacKenzie McCuin, a familiar name to the guild old-timers. It was like settling down for a chat with her. However, it wasn't long before I discovered an article by our own Sharon Collins (see "Textile Words: An English Language History")-very interesting and enlightening. Who knew that words in Old English actually could be understood today, but the fibering crowd is a sensible one-if a word works, keep it! Congratulations, Sharon, and I hope we see more of your work in Spin-Off.

Browsing my way through the rest of the magazine, I found lots of temptations to keep me from seeding, feeding, pruning, or laundering: visiting a woodworking shop to see how drop spindles are made, pondering the pros and cons of top- and bottom-whorl drop spindles, poking around in London, admiring an old and beautiful Mennonite track wheel, checking out the Clun Forest breed of sheep (another "who knew?" moment), and marveling at the very idea of spinning for needlepoint projects. There is also a wonderful technical (but easy to understand) article on balancing your yarn when plying, and you'll enjoy the patterns for fingerless mittens and a "slotted" scarf. Go see for yourself-there is a wealth of pleasure in the spring issue.



Thanks to Lindy for her fun and interesting critique of the many magazines available to all members at the Guild Studio.

Most books and videos can be checked out and taken home to use!

Quips & Quotes Off the Net

"Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting."

~ Author Unknown ~

"The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was."

"A friend is someone who sees through you and still enjoys the view."

~ Wilma Askinas ~

Studio Night Assignments

Many thanks to those board members who come early and leave late to help us on Studio Night. They are there to answer any questions or help with the renting of books and equipment.

We as Guild members are so fortunate to have such a willing and gracious President & Staff.

April 14: Kim Rafferty

April 21: Mary Ellen Anderson

April 28: Kathie Phoenix

May 5: Sheryl Silberman

May 1: Mary Ellen Anderson

May 19 NO STUDIO NIGHT

May 26: Shelley Peterson

Ha Ha

"Some day my ship will come in, but with my luck, I'll be at the airport."

Thanks to all who attended and helped with the Spin-in held April 4th. It was a great success and lots of fun!

Thanks to Sheryl & Kathie for their spinning and basket weaving classes & Pat for hosting the dye pot party given in March!

Good Times!



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