



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

## The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Art Guild of Idaho Falls

"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. Jan 5th at 6pm. Members welcome.

### January "Winter Gathering" Party – Saturday January 16th, 11am-3am

- Kathie Phoenix's house – 5440 Gleneagles Drive, Idaho Falls

Bring your pot-luck dish to share, a gift for the gift exchange if you would like to participate and a "white elephant" 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... (maybe we'll end up with all desserts!)
- Gift for exchange? Please keep the value approximately \$15. Hand made, (priceless of course) or purchased!
- Grab-bag? 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. Need directions? Call Kathie.
- **Studio Day Lunch** on Monday, at Brownstone's on Monday, January 18 at 11:30 am. Come have a great lunch & join us at the studio later.
- **Rug hooking** will be Thursday, January 28th from 6 - 9. Everyone is welcome. Come & go as you please.
- **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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Contact Shelley Peterson at :

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Call 208.745-8952 & leave a message.

## LOOKING FOR A FLOOR LOOM

If you have a floor loom for sale please call Jen at 307.734.5682

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## Guild Drum Carder Gone Missing!

The Guild drum carder has been missing from the studio for several months now. If you know anything about where it might be, please let Kami Jenkins (589-2316) or Kathie Phoenix 522-3872 know. We would even be happy to transport it back to the studio if needed.

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 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".

## Studio Night Hosts

*January 5th*  
Kathie Phoenix

*January 12th*  
Kim debase

*January 19th*  
Jeanette Cooley

*January 26th*  
Skye Larson

*February 2nd*  
Kathie

*February 9th*  
Brenda

## To Feel or Sniff? That is the Question.

Aside from one year in college in Helena, Montana, two years on the St. Charles Mesa near Pueblo, Colorado and another two years in Runnelstown, Mississippi, the bulk of my life has been spent right here in Southeastern Idaho. My mother was always sewing when I was younger and I often accompanied her to the fabric store touching and feeling the wonderfully colored fabrics, embroidery floss, and other treasures found within. She taught me to crochet when I was about 9 and when I was pregnant with my daughter 29 years ago (has it really been that long?—I am getting old!) I learned to knit. During the last 10 years, I have learned to spin and done some weaving (cloth and basket). It seems like I have always been making something—clothing, doilies, quilts, afghans, sweaters—you name it, noting was immune from the hook or needles I happened to have handy.

It was during my time in Mississippi that I noticed a curious behavior. Alright, it was probably brought to my attention from a recent cable television show I had watched, but that is beside the point! I was sitting underneath a sprawling pecan tree at an alpaca ranch outside of Moss Point, Mississippi in the pleasantly warm September sun. I was spinning (go figure!). I was also extremely tired and stressed at the moment having spent most of the last week with my husband in and out of the hospital and clinics with a kidney stone attack. I really needed this day in the sunshine with the gentle whirl of the spinning wheel and the feel of the wool slipping through my fingers. I was demonstrating spin-

ning for a wonderful lady, Vida Palmer, who had graciously opened up her farm for two days for the first annual Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA) Farm Days which has been held every September since. We had visitors from all over Southern Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana that day and the last day was almost over. I was tired but relaxed and refreshed.

Two young ladies approached me and my tree. They both picked up some wool. One felt, I continued spinning (I knew the questions would come—they had been all day) and then I heard it. Ssss. Then longer. Ssssssss. Ahhh! Snakes are oh so common in this are but that was not the cause. I looked up and was shocked to see this lovely young gal blowing her nose in my wonderful freshly spun yarn! What was she thinking! I must have looked slightly stunned and her friend started laughing. They explained that the friend touches but Mel sniffs! OK! I am a feeler, as is my son and mother. If you watch me in a store, I am feeling things. Fabric, yarn, notions, the balance of a set of needles, the list goes on. I am a feeler. But Mel, she is a sniffer. She absolutely loves the smell of fiber. Fresh off the critter, traces of the most recent product used to wash it or from the person who most recently wore it, it did not matter, she was a sniffer.

Of course this action sparked a long conversation and friendship that afternoon. She is a knitter. A lace knitter and after spinning for a little while on my

wheel she declared that she would continue to purchase her yarn at the yarn store, but I knew differently and I warned her. I saw the gleam in her eye. I too had that same gleam after watching some spinners at the fair in Blackfoot years earlier. I had some of my cards on the table where the yarn was and she took one.

Months later I received a call from her. She wanted to come up for a visit she wanted to see my alpacas and she had something to show me. We arranged to meet at my house and I gave her direction. When she arrived, it was with wheel in tow. She looked at my animals, smelled their fiber and we spun the afternoon away. She introduced me to Ravelry and before leaving, Mel again declared that she would not get an alpaca. I told her that it might not be an alpaca, it might be something else.

A few short months later I received another call from Mel. She was on her way home from Georgia with three fiber bunnies. We still keep in touch, mostly through

Ravelry and I have ceased making predictions on what she will do next.

I must admit that after the Mel Incident I tried sniffing a couple of times. I am still confused, but then I am a feeler.

By Brenda Monson (Guild Hostess)

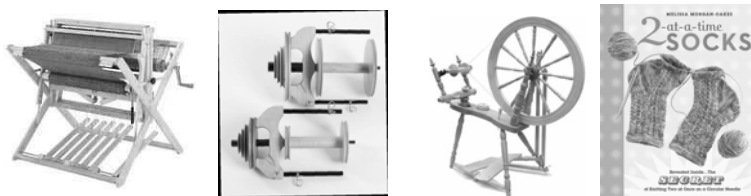


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