



The Weaving, Spinning & Fiber Arts Guild
of Idaho Falls Studio
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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. March 2nd at 6pm. Members welcome.

Spring Spin-In

Saturday March 20th, 11am-3am @ 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-let 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** will be February 15, 11:30 am at Puerto Vallarta Restaurant, 340 E. Anderson Street, Idaho Falls.
- **Rug hooking** will be on Thursday, February 25 from 6-9 pm. Everyone welcome. Lots of new things going on now.
- **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.

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 Navajsheep. The general content of the two tours will be approximately the same, but the exact content of the tours will o-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, 2010, and the second tour is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the same day. Each tour will last approximately 2 to 2½ 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 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. Please indicate which tour time you plan to attend.

Russell E Groff -A Prominent Figure in the Weaving World Passes Away

A prominent figure in the weaving world has passed away. Russell E. Groff of Robin and Russ Handweaving in Oregon died in his sleep on January 3, 2010. He had been ill for some time, fighting a lung disease caused by breathing cotton fibers.

He published many weaving books and a newsletter that included a woven sample with every issue. He did his own weaving and produced about 15 yards to be cut into 2" squares for these samples.

Many of us will remember him with his truckload of books, cones and cones of yarn and great love and knowledge of handweaving when he came to our Fiber Fairs. And many of us, like me, will remember him as one of our first sources of weaving supplies as we were getting started in weaving years ago. I still have some of those cones of yarn I could resist buying from him – since they were such a bargain. I will think of him when I get around to using them and remember his influence on the weaving world.

(From a notice written by Joan Contraman in the MAWS neweletter)

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

LOOKING FOR A FLOOR LOOM

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

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 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

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

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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 Shelley Peterson at :

"gbunny.com@hotmail.com" or

Call 208.745-8952 & leave a message.

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.

Studio Night Hosts

Feb. 16th--Kim

Feb 23rd-Debra

March 2nd-Kathie

March 9th-Kim

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.



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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".

Debra Smith, Guild Secretary, sent me this email:

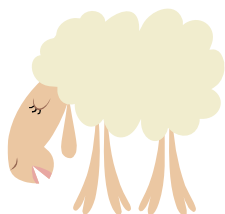
"I've been looking at interesting things on the internet. I thought since we had a discussion about tablet weaving, it might be interesting to do a series on tablet weaving."

Attached to this electronic newsletter is a colorful PDF article about Tablet Weaving--Enjoy!

If you've found a particular web-site or interesting article. Please feel free to share your obsession with us!

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 29th and taking down the show July 27th. 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.
- **Scotland Tour with Nadine Sanders:** Registration for the April 2010 Threads, Ruins & Tunes tour is open. "I'm looking for people who have a great desire to visit Scotland to join me on this 4th annual tour. I welcome a group of travelers from a guild that wish to share a fiber adventure, individuals or couples. Detailed information is available on my website www.singingweaver.com while images and stories from past tours can be seen at www.singingweaver.blogspot.com. Contact me to request a brochure mailed directly to you." Nadine Sanders, Tel: 360-740-0914, PO Box 268, Chehalis, WA 98532 nadine@singingweaver.com (N-CSA Annual Meeting Event)
- **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** at the Hamilton Montana Fair Grounds. This is a 2-day show. Set-up will commence on Friday, June 10th, 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 11th & 12th. <http://www.bigskyfiber.com/>
- **Fiber Fest Eureka!** August 7th & 8th 2010. <http://www.fiberfesteureka.org/>
- **Montana Fiber Roundup, Kalispell** July 10th and 11th. <http://www.gttsfibermill.com/roundup.htm>
- **Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair**, South Jordan, Utah . Sept. 4-5 2010. greatbasinfiberartsfair.org



Our own Snake River Fiber Fair

will be held May 15th & 16th 2010, at the Eastern Idaho Technical College
1600 East 25th 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

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 (emails will not be shared for any other use)

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