

**Betty Alexander** moved to Boyd, MT, near Red Lodge in 1980 from Wisconsin. Traveling at least 40 miles and often more to attend guild meetings, she has been an active member of MAWS, Billings Weavers Guild, Prairie Handspinners, Western Weavers, Yellowstone Weavers and Spinners. On the national level, she is a HGA and Complex Weavers member. Since age 10, Betty has pursued the fiber arts and is an accomplished weaver, knitter, spinner, and seamstress. She appreciates all types of fiber works from the avant-garde to the traditional and always searches to improve her work and checks out all new techniques and ideas. Each month she inspires fellow guild members with her unique and well done projects and her avid enthusiasm and good humor. In recent years, Betty spends many hours at her AVL loom working on projects with fine yarns and complex patterns. Betty participates in almost all guild activities and workshops while pursuing her own fiber interests as well. Fiber artist daughter Kathryn Alexander says “Mom can do anything she puts her mind to and she can do it really well. She is interested in everything and really plows deeply into anything she wants to learn to do. She sets high stands and meets them.”

Although Betty’s own projects are always tasteful and well-made, she appreciates all different types of fiber work and encourages all spinners and weavers. Betty always finds something sincerely good about everyone’s project and brings it up and never once peers at the selvages with “that look.” Betty wove the award ribbons for the 2004 and 2006 MAWS conferences and was one of the weavers who wove the ribbons for 2002. Currently her work is in the Complex Weavers’ CD compilation. In 2008, she has started card weaving with Billings Weavers Guild study group.