

Guild Activity Report
Guild: Aurora Colony Handspinner's Guild

Representative: Carrie Rohn

From: November 2017 to March 2018

Monthly Meeting:

November and **December** – No meetings were held since we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.

January – Trish Anderson gave a talk about how to destash which then segued into protecting your fiber from bugs. Caitlin Reynolds explained how to use the guild's new instagram account and encouraged members to share their projects with each other.

February – Patrick Harris, executive director of the Old Aurora Colony Historical Museum, shared the plans and fundraising for a building to store and maintain the artifacts that aren't on display in the museum.

March – The hall was packed for the results of the Fiber Challenge. If a member didn't accept the challenge there are always many items to inspire. This year we were given white tencel, baby camel, and black merino. The object was to use dye some of the white a favorite color, then tint part of it with some white, give the color a tone with the camel and shade with the black. At least 50 members participated turning in woven pillows, tapestries, a needle felted wall hanging, embroidery yarn, scarves, hats and some yarn was still on the spinning bobbins. The best thing one participant said about this challenge was "don't have expectations".

Special Events

Christmas Party – This party is always guaranteed to be an evening of laughter, good food and probably a pretty good gift. It is a great way to get to know members you haven't been able to spend time with before.

Antique Spinning Wheel Showcase – There were 30 antique wheels at the 36th showcase. The costumed spinners showed the interesting differences in their wheels and the fine yarn they could produce. The 150 visitors could learn to card and spin on drop spindles or wheels. The winning ticket for the raffle wheel was drawn at the end of the day on Sunday.