

Guild Activity Report

Guild: Aurora Colony Handspinner's Guild

Representative: Carrie Rohn

From: November 2016 to March 2017

Monthly Meeting:

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

January – Janet Potter gave a report on Wild Silk in exchange for a guild scholarship she had received. Judith McKenzie taught the class and discussed white vs. tussa silk, how what the worms eat effects their fiber and American wild silk. An interesting fact is that it takes 540 cocoons for one silk blouse.

February – One of our guild's most popular meeting is the presentation of the project results from the yearly fiber challenge. members were given fiber and packets of bits and pieces to include in something "tweed". There were beautiful artistic yarns, some felted pieces and one member was knitting in a hounds tooth pattern. It was a very inspiring evening.

March – Jill Laski from Ashland Bay talked about her company and how she started by spinning and dyeing and then wanting to use finer quality fibers. Jill brought some yummy fiber and then offered them to those who would like them.

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 35 antique wheels at, of course, the 35th showcase. The costumed spinners had fun showing the interesting differences in their wheels yet they all produce fine yarn. There were angora rabbits. Pete the goat and alpacas out in the back yard. Visitors learned to card, spin on drop spindles or wheels and do kumihimo weaving. The raffle wheel was won by a young couple that are moving to Alaska. They bought ten tickets because she knits and he had earlier promised to learn to spin for her.