

Spring WeGO Meeting
Columbia Fibres Guild Report
April 2017 ~ Linda Frizzell, Representative

We meet the second Tuesday of each month from September to June in The Dalles Library Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. Each business meeting is followed by a program then lunch together at a local restaurant for those who wish to go. There are 35 members on the roster with about 20 attending our meetings. Our spinners meet every Tuesday at different places, in doors and out. They demonstrate whenever asked and are popular with the county fairs.

October: Our meeting was held at the home of Anne Kramer. After the business meeting, we toured her studio and then toured the studios of Anne Marie Ehrentraut. It is always fun to see where and how people organize their work. We draw a name for our \$150 Guild Scholarship to be used during the year on any fiber-related workshop or class.

November: sorry, I can't remember.

December: Our Christmas luncheon was held at a restaurant this year with the silent auction as usual. Everyone is expected to bring something for the auction AND to take something home. Again, more money was raised this year than any other. The auction seems to grow every year, and is our one fund raiser.

January: Cancelled because of snow

February: Kathy O'Hern shared her expertise on echo dying using natural objects such as leaves, and grasses. She printed on plain silk. They turned out beautifully.

March: Judy Bayley and Anne Marie Ehrentraut arranged for a discussion on the history and events of the Wasco County fair. It was very informative and interesting. Unfortunately it is held the same week as the State Fair and has for many years.

Feb 26, 2017 Frances Connolly passed away. She was the last surviving founder of the Columbia Fibres Guild which started in 1975. We all miss her and her expertise. She was a faithful attendee to all of our meetings as long as she could. There will be a memorial service later in the spring for her.