

## Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months, in Astoria, at the Astoria Fiber Arts Studio. The Spinning group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month at a member's home. There are currently 16 members from both sides of the Columbia River.

May: Discussion of another workshop was held, but no topic was determined. Leena Riker gave a presentation on Finnish Ryijy (rya). She brought in some rya weavings she has woven and gave Guild members a handout on the knotting technique. Several copies were added to the Guild library. Leena also brought in several books with photographs of very old (1800's) and contemporary weavings in this technique.

June: Discussion of the Oregon State Fair and entrant pieces was held. It was decided that a study group would be formed and then each member of that group would enter a piece in the 2018 State Fair representing the technique learned from the study group. This, we hope, will 'encourage' Guild members to have pieces ready to enter the fair next year! In other business, a December gift exchange was decided upon, using a challenge yarn to be incorporated into a tote bag. Final preparations were discussed for the ANWG Conference in Victoria.

July: As seven members attended the ANWG Conference at the end of June, Show and Tell was the focus of the meeting. Members had taken classes in Natural Dyeing, Metal Basketry, Color Gamp Weaving, Spinning and Cowichan Knitting, to mention just a few of the classes taken, and projects from each class was presented. The talk was lively.....everyone having had a wonderful time. All attendees came back invigorated leading to many ideas on study groups. It was decided to do a study group on a Theo Moorman technique that Guild member, Sandy Thornton, will lead. Two new members were added to the roster.

Aug.:

Sept.: There was more discussion on the Theo Moorman study group. The first meeting of the group will be held in Nov. after vacations are finished. Carpooling to OFFF was discussed and finalized. Another new member was added to the roster.