

Eugene Weavers' Guild

Fall 2017

The Eugene Weavers' Guild had the opportunity to host Tien Chiu in May for a program and a workshop. She spoke of her working techniques in "Get Wild: Finding Inspiration, Brainstorming Design". A workshop on creativity and translating ideas into weavings followed. She has a book "Master Your Craft: Strategies for Designing, Making and Selling Artisan Works".

In June the weavers' guild had their annual show at the Eugene Textile Center Gallery. Ten people entered 21 items.

The Lane County Fair was in July and four people entered 11 weavings and four people demonstrated. (Not all the same ones) At the Oregon State Fair in August two guild member entered four items. We are working on encouraging a better participation in all these events, both for entries and demonstrations.

A number of members attended the ANWG conference in Victoria, B.C. Our booth highlighted our study groups- Weave Structures, Natural Dyes and Fiber Challenge. Our show and tell piece was part of the guild booth and was woven by Dora May Keasbey.

In August Eugene Weavers' hosted the HGA certificate of Excellence. Patsy Zawistoski, one of the judges, also taught a one day workshop "Flax: A Very Old Spinning Challenge".

Our September program was 'Above The Fray' presented by Maren Beck and Joshua Hirschstein. It told of Laotian weavers for whom silk production, spinning, weaving and dyeing are an integral part of their culture. There were many examples and explanations of the textiles made there as well as pictures of the people and their textiles. They offered their book and some textiles for sale.

November 24th and 25th will be our annual Holiday sale (and fund-raiser). There will be demonstrations, door prizes, raffles and, of course, handmade items for sale.

The Eugene Weavers' Guild would like to invite all of you to come to Eugene on April 7, 2018 for the spring WEGO meeting. It will be held at the Glimakra warehouse, the distribution hub for Glimakra Looms North America and the Swedish yarns they offer so you have a chance to see that facility. It is 2 miles from Eugene Textile Center so there will still be shopping opportunities!

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