

## Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild: Report to WeGO October 7, 2017

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. Current membership stands at 36.

Here are the activities undertaken since our last report in April 2017.

April: Two instructors assisted by five helpers conducted a three-day beginning weaving class for five students. Three of these new weavers have joined either RVHG or the Saturday Handweavers Guild. Janis Thompson presented her program on “The Use of Color” at our April meeting.

May: Members demonstrated small looms, and inkle looms at the Art in Bloom Festival in Medford and the Heritage Fair at Hanley Farm.

June: This was our last meeting of the membership year and included sharing our challenge towels, woven to meet the specifications of the ANWG challenge: a tea towel woven of cotton and/or linen from the weaver’s existing stash, and woven to either 18 x 28 or 22 x 34 inches. Thirteen members completed the challenge, which was then followed by a towel exchange among nine members.

August: The Guild held its annual planning meeting on August 9th, attended by the Board, committee heads, and interested guild members. We discussed the budget for the coming year, plans for programs and workshops, and mentoring for new weavers.

September: At this first meeting seven new members and visitors were introduced. Plans were announced for programs and workshops throughout the year, as follows:

- Reports from recipients of Member Education Funds
- Stripes
- Embellishments
- Rugs Other Than Rags
- Tartans – Linda Davis
- Ply Split Weaving – Linda Hendrickson
- Boundweave – Cindie Kitchen

October: While WeGo is meeting today in Jacksonville, RVHG members are offering outreach demonstrations and activities at the Talent Harvest Festival. Our monthly meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup>.