

April 6-Month Report
Salem Fiberarts Guild
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October – Pam Patrie, a nationally-recognized tapestry weaver and guild member, gave us a program on non-flat tapestry weaving. We also celebrated the success of the annual handweavers' sale held the first weekend of the month.

November – This month's program featured Peruvian weaving, including a video, display boards and a trunk show of beautiful pieces woven in this South American country.

December – We had our annual Christmas potluck with no program – just time to visit and enjoy. Guild members also participated in the Willamette Heritage Center's annual Magic at the Mill event, demonstrating weaving and spinning and teaching kids to weave on both rigid heddle and multi-shaft looms.

January – Guild members presented this meeting program, bringing in examples of items that fit the theme Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle. We also started a new schedule: optional coffee and visiting at 9:30 a.m., then Show and Tell at 10 followed by the business meeting and program. After members were invited to meet up for lunch at the Willamette Heritage Center café.

February – Following tradition, our February meeting was dye day. Members gathered in the studio to dye yarn and fibers for future projects.

March – Suzie Liles of Eugene Textile Center told us about Ondule, weaving with a fan reed, and showed examples of her beautiful work.

April – Our April program will feature guild members who traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, for 10 days of touring, dyeing, weaving, shopping and just fun. They will present a slide show and display items they made and bought on the trip.

May – This month's program will be Betty Davenport talking about her journey through the world of rigid heddle weaving. The next weekend members will participate in the Willamette Heritage Center Sheep-to-Shawl event, demonstrating weaving, spinning and carding in the Dye House.

Special Activities

Items woven by members are now on display and sale in the reception area of the Willamette Heritage Center, including dishtowels, rugs, handbags and scarves. Also available are greeting cards featuring handwoven elements .

Members continue to work in the studio on a loom warped for dishtowels to be sold at the annual October sale.

Members are gearing up for the 2018 Oregon State Fair and looking forward to hosting the 2018 WeGO traveling exhibit in the fall.