

UMPQUA WEAVERS GUILD
ROSEBURG, OR

Umpqua Weavers have had a busy fall and an even busier spring. /we started with an Eco dye workshop with Janis Thompson in October. We used local plants, flowers, and some dried dye materials to dye silk scarves and other silk fabrics. It was great fun with members and some guests.

In November we choose programs for the year and decided on a challenge - Only one for this was requested. Create a new weaving from one of our old books. We did this last year and really liked the results. There is a lot of great information in these old books.

December was our Christmas Fair Sale for three days. We did well again. We also had our annual potluck lunch and party with U Spin Fibers. We have a great lunch with games and a wild interactive gift exchange.

In January our program was on tapestry, which we haven't touched on in a long time. We had a special guest, Richard Bailey who lives in a local assisted living facility. One of our new members is a friend of his and they weave together when he is able. He brought some wonderful weaving he had done and told us about weaving experiences and education and other weavers he met. We had some frame looms warped up and did some tapestry weaving with instruction from Clare Matthews.

February and March were programs on Huck Lace and finishing your weaving.

A lot of our energy has gone into revising our Fiber Fest celebration. We've had a small celebration in the fall but decided to get away from all the competition in the fall. We've joined with the local farmers market which meets at the local Methodist Church in the parking lot in the summer and in their community room in the winter. They move outside in April and we have rented the community room and applied to the Douglas County Cultural Coalition for a grant to help with expenses. We received the grant and with three very enthusiastic chairpersons its all set to go - April 28th 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM with classes, vendors, demos, and all things fiber including a talk and presentation by Above the Fray.

We are also sponsoring a Rosalie Nielsen workshop on May 7 - 8 - 9. We have 8 signed up and have room for at least 4 more.

Color Gone Wild is scheduled for Roseburg at the Umpqua Valley Art Center May 4th through June 28th. There will be an opening reception May 4th from 5:00 - 7:00. There will be catered snacks with beverages and a no host local wine bar. Umpqua Weavers members will be there to help host.

Since the Art Center takes care of all the reception plans as there are three additional shows also opening with the WeGO show, Umpqua Weavers is planning a separate celebration. We are having an afternoon tea on May 31 from 2:30 - 4:00. Everyone is invited to come and have a special showing and have tea and cake.

We have four new members and several more have been coming to meetings and are getting involved. I think when new ideas and members bring new energy to a group. I hope they all have a good time and will continue to contribute.

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