

# Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

## Spring 2020 Guild Report

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months. The Fiber Arts group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month at a member's home. There are currently 21 members from both sides of the Columbia River.

Nov.: The Guild voted to hold one of the Rigid Heddle Traveling Workshops in the fall that is partially being sponsored by WeGO. Because some participants who want to take the workshop may not have a rigid heddle loom, a grant from the local 4-H Chapter to purchase several looms was discussed. Discussion and planning for the spinning workshop using the \$500 2020 WeGO Scholarship was tabled until after the first of the year.

The Noh Coat Challenge for the 2021 ANWG Conference was discussed. LeAnn distributed copies of the pattern and information about the coat. There was also discussion and a motion passed to have a Guild Booth at the Conference.

A committee was formed to scout out locations for a spring retreat for guild members.

Dec.: Members exchanged handwoven, knitted and hand dyed scarves during the annual Christmas pot luck gathering. A recipient of the \$100 Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild was chosen. Electa Mathre will present a program in Oct. 2020 on how the money was used to further her fiber knowledge.



Jan.: There were no committee reports given, but President Janice Peterson appointed members to the following committees: 2021 ANWG Conference Guild Booth, NOH Coat Challenge for ANWG Conference and the Shuttle Race for the ANWG Conference, 2020 Retreat for guild members, 2020 Spinning Workshop, and Guild Holiday Sale.

The program for the month: Tami Klockau, owner of Candy Skein, a local and online yarn store with an emphasis on hand dyed yarns, gave a presentation about how she became involved in the fiber world and how she started her business with an online store. She brought skeins of each of the base yarns she uses for the dyeing with and also talked about inspiration for the creation and naming of her colorways.

Feb.: The committee for the ANWG Guild Booth requested that guild members make kitchen towels in conference colors for the booth. They presented display ideas for the booth.

A member of the NOH Coat Committee has been working on drafting and making a muslin pattern of the coat.

The Guild Retreat Committee has reserved a house with the retreat taking place April 22 – April 25 in Newport, OR.

A member of the Spinning Workshop Committee spoke to 3 possible instructors for a fall workshop. The instructors under consideration are: Kate Larson, Judith McKenzie and Sarah Anderson.

The Holiday Sale Committee has arranged a date, Sat., Dec. 12, and a place, The Vaulted Gallery on Duane Ave. in Astoria. The sale will be held at the same time Astoria has its' 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Art Walk, 5 pm – 8 pm. Guild Members discussed a number of items that could be made for the sale.

Approval was given to apply for one of the ANWG 2020 Grants.

The program for the month was a presentation by member Suzi Ragsdale on the history and techniques of Bohus Stickning, a Swedish Couture Knitting style that gave work to women in Sweden during the 1930's and into the 1960's.

March: Because of the Corona Virus not many members were present, although social distancing was practiced. Committee Reports were given.

The program for the month was on Knitted Plaids. After the presentation and although it was fun, it was decided that woven plaids are much easier with less finishing involved!