

Rogue Valley Handweaver's Guild

WeGO report for April 17th, 2020

November, 2019

The program for this guild meeting was a set of four "mini-workshops" completed in one hour. Members had to choose two of the four. Each workshop lasted about 30 minutes. Mini Workshop topics were: 1. Kumihimo - Marilyn Milton, 2. Basketry - Cindy Fowler, 3. Needle felting - Elizabeth Acos, and Drop Spindle - Lucy DeFranco. We also initiated two new Study Groups to run until March: Inkle Looms, and Spinning/Drop Spindle. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the two new groups.

December, 2019

We hold a potluck and Stash sale instead of a program for this month's guild meeting. The Inkle Study Group met briefly to go over some technical questions by members.

January, 2020

The program for this month was on Guatemalan Weaving by Darcy Van Vuren. She has been visiting weaving villages in Guatemala for many years and has photographically documented the changes in the styles, colors, fibers, and popularity of the fabrics being woven. It was a fascinating slide show, and Darcy brought many examples of the woven fabrics showing many of the changes she has seen.

February 2020

This meeting's program, and subsequent mini-workshop, was devoted to learning to use the Fiberworks weaving software. Suzanne Hokanson, from ETC, came to our meeting and gave a presentation to the whole guild, then afterward about 12 of us (joined by members from the Saturday Handweaver's guild) brought out our laptops and dug in to the Fiberworks program. Suzanne provided to each of us (for only \$5.00) a USB flash drive with a lot of additional information, patterns and tutorials. Many of us became far more comfortable with using the software by the time Suzanne was finished.

March 2020

We had our meeting only a few days before the Governor decided that the ban on gatherings of 200 or more needed to be changed to 10 or less.

The program for this month was presented by Elizabeth Acos on Yarn Equivalencies. I was attending another guild's workshop, so I have no further information on her presentation.

April 2020

Meeting was cancelled, but we will be sending out an agenda as if we held a meeting because we have been doing a lot of communicating through emails and have accomplished a few things. Included in the agenda will be an announcement about our

nominating committee. We have a slate of officers, which may be a vote by email if we can't have a meeting in June.

In addition members will receive information about our Fall workshop: Swedish Art Weaves with Joanne Hall.

Our guild has been allotted a length of time that we may host the Travelling Show. We believe we have a venue located, and will firm up details over the summer. The venue contacts are very enthusiastic about hosting the show. We are still looking at one or two other possible venue locations, however.