

**April 6-Month Report**  
**Salem Fiberarts Guild**  
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**October** – In October we held our annual sale. As usual it was a success and we raised several thousand dollars that we contributed to the Willamette Heritage Center, our “landlord.” Our October meeting featured Jennifer Moore with a multimedia presentation of how she uses geometric designs and color harmony in designing her work. Earlier in the week Jennifer presented a three-day workshop on doubleweave.

**November** – Barbara Setsu Pickett and her son, Michael, presented a program on the textiles of India, followed in the afternoon by a mini-workshop on the basics of Japanese bookbinding. We also held a weekend retreat at Silver Creek Falls State Park. Rather than bringing in a program, the workshop participants shared skills. This included weaving kumihimo with beads, making bracelets using the coyote stitch and knitting scrubbies.

**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.

**January** – At the January meeting, Julie Smith and Jeanne Schulz talked about their eco-friendly wool dyeing methods and showed us their products.

**February** – Following tradition, our February meeting was dye day. We used fiber reactive dyes to dye cellulose fibers for weaving projects.

**March** – Our March meeting was cancelled due to the corona virus outbreak. The program was to have been a visit from Bob Van Slyke who weaves Navajo rugs. The Willamette Heritage Center closed down, so all studio activity was halted.

**April** – Lisa Ruminski, SFG member, is scheduled for a workshop on making needle felted pincushions, but this will no doubt be cancelled because of the virus.

**May** – This month’s program will feature another one of our members, Wanda Jenkins, talking about, and demonstrating, the Turkish spindle. We also will participate in the Willamette Heritage Center’s Sheep to Shawl event (if it happens).

### **Special Activities**

We are amazed that our membership has grown to over 100. This is nearly double what we had three years ago. And the number of people participating in open studio (where we can use looms in the studio three days a week) has about tripled. We have a waiting list for classes, too.

We continued our Fiber Fun Fridays where members can come to the studio to work on any fiber project. We have knitting, rigid heddle weaving, crocheting, quilting – just about everything. It is turning out to be quite popular.