

W_eGO GUILD REPORT FOR EWG OCTOBER 2020

Our thoughts are with those impacted by the pandemic and wild fires.

It seems that after the first few months of uncertainty about the pandemic our guild has been busier than ever. EWG has been innovative to keep our 75 year old guild viable during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The plethora of Special Interest Groups offered is exciting, and the ease of ZOOM and tiny group masked meetings means we can join in at our personal comfort level. Our librarians have created a contactless system in accordance with COVID-19 procedures to facilitate library loans.

We are delighted to present Pat Cane with a Lifetime Membership Award for her many contributions to the Guild during the 49 years she has been a member. Board members sent out a questionnaire to guild members to see how they wanted to proceed with Guild activities during the pandemic. Sadly our annual Holiday Sale and Celebration is canceled this November. We hope to have a more elaborate Sale and Celebration in 2021 to commemorate our 75th guild anniversary. Nancy Hoskins had an exhibit at Eugene Textile Center of Ephemeral Fabrics from Egypt and the Aegean: Before and After Tutankhamun. Krista Richey coordinated a group of Masked Bag Babes to create purses and bags by five of our members.

Eugene Weavers Guild has been experimenting with nascent virtual groups and ZOOM presentations providing innovative outreach to members. Several members have volunteered their time to spearhead these special interest groups.

Along with our standard study groups ie: Weave Structure, Natural Dye and Ethnic Textiles, Scandinavian Weaves, Fiber Challenge, and Inkle Weaving, our Special Interest Groups include:

Weave A Prayer Shawl
Weave Along
Rigid Heddle Weaving
Beginning Weaving Techniques,
Color and Dyeing
Pattern Identification
Weave Kitchen Towels
Weaving with Hands-on
Historical Weaving Today
Weaving and Designing with Blocks
4 Shaft Rug Weaving
Weaving With Meaning
Tapestry Weaving

So many groups, so little time.

In our newsletter we have a list of optional internet programs with links to the sites including Craft In America: Visionaries (on PBS). Question Everything? The Women of Black Mountain College (exhibition at Black Mountain College).

Along with attempting to keep our guild active and retain all members we have instituted a policy that creates a waiver for those in financial hardship due to COVID-19 to skip their membership dues no questions asked. We have expanded our online presence to include a Ravelry Site.

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