

Central Oregon Spinning and Weaving Guild

April 2020 – October 2020 Guild report

April

Because of the high risk for the COVID-19 virus the guild board felt it was unsafe to meet in person and the guild meeting, study groups and outreach activities were cancelled. Everyone was staying in and staying safe.

May

All guild activities were still cancelled.

June

At this time, many other groups (that included many of our members) were meeting by Zoom. It was decided to give it a try and our monthly guild meeting was conducted on Zoom.

July

The monthly guild meeting was conducted through Zoom and about 25 members joined in again this month. Since members were staying in and safe, there was a lot of new projects to share and so a portion of the meeting was given to show and share.

The spinning group was able to meet outside and spin with social distancing. They continued their study of wool from the Livestock Conservancy threaten list of sheep.

August

In August, it was decided to finish out the year with the guild meetings be conducted through Zoom. The Zoom meetings were still a small group of members. The board agreed that a survey of the membership was needed to determine times that would work better for more members, members needing help signing in, and do we want to continue Zoom meetings in the future.

Sara Jackson the instructor for our September workshop “Color Confidence” felt that travel was not good so she offered the workshop through a video and on-line course.

Our current program chair, Patty Huffer is moving to WA and Ginger Kaldenback has agreed to be our new program chair.

Ginger presented “Projects for Conference Colors” for the Zoom guild meeting.

Carrie Gordon put out a request for members to send her pictures and descriptions of their show and share projects. Carrie is putting together a power point presentation for the guild Zoom meetings.

September

September Zoom guild meeting had its largest attendance of 33 members. Carrie presented the show and share power point and members talked about their projects. Eugene Textiles signed in and gave a presentation on spinning wheel and loom maintenance.

Donna Wilson has put together and is coordinating a Friendship Coverlet project.

October

The guild board will be meeting this month. On the agenda will be a report on the Zoom Survey results and discussion.

The program for this month Zoom meeting will be a power point presentation of this years “Shave em to Save them” wool studies by the spinning study group.

