

Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

Spring 2021 Guild Report

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of most months. The Fiber Arts group meets the 1st Tues. of each month at a member's home*. There are currently 19 members from both sides of the Columbia River and a member who resides in No. California.

*Because of the Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, we have been holding Zoom meetings in place of meeting at a member's home for the Fiber Arts group.

Oct.: A very short Zoom business meeting was held.

Rob Mertz, manager of the Eugene Textile Center joined our Zoom meeting and gave a presentation on the general care and maintenance of looms. He answered all questions asked and provided a lot of useful information.

Nov.: A Zoom meeting was held; unfortunately, our Christmas Potluck which has always been held at a member's home was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided to hold a "Christmas in July" meeting during which we would hold our towel exchange, Covid-19 restrictions permitting.

The cancellation of our first Holiday sale was also voted on and passed. We will try and have a Holiday Sale in late fall 2021.

Robyn Spady, a CW&S Guild member, presented her online program "The Taming of the Hue". The power point presentation and lecture taught guild members how to successfully use color in our weavings and provided many photos of samples.

Dec.: A Zoom meeting was held. The recipient of the 2019 Guild Scholarship was given until the end of 2021 to use it and present a program to the guild. It was voted to choose the recipient of the 2021 Guild Scholarship during the "Christmas in July" meeting.

Current board officers agreed to continue in their positions for 2021 and the motion carried.

There was no program.

Jan: A Zoom meeting was held. There was a lengthy discussion about programs for future meetings with Robyn explaining proper etiquette and copyright laws regarding the use of another artist's materials when teaching or presenting to others. Robyn also alerted guild members to a list she had compiled of fiber artists, mostly weavers, who were available for programs and workshops. The list is on her 'Heddlecraft' website, <https://www.heddlecraft.com>.

There was no program.

Feb.: A Zoom meeting was again held. There was additional discussion about potential programs with guild members ranking 5 different topics. Per President Janice Peterson, the top ranked topic was Uzbek Ikat: the Personal Saga of an Exceptional Cloth and the 2nd ranked topic was Card Trick: The Magic of Tablet Weaving. Future programs will include topics on spinning, dyeing and other types of weaving. Ideas were discussed about how to raise funds specifically for programs, educational and inspirational. A committee was formed to research raising dues so as to help fund programs. Gheri did a program on how to weave paper Woven Hearts.

March: A Zoom meeting was again held. There was more discussion on programs. Lori, our CA member, is sending our secretary Vicki, her copy of HGA's Professional Member Directory & Fiber Art Resource Guide. There was also preliminary planning for a spinning workshop for this fall with several possible instructors suggested. The new dues structure was approved for 2022. As most of the guild's members will have received their Covid-19 vaccinations by then, the "Christmas in July" get-together is looking promising. Members of the Guild were asked to help warp 6-8 Rigid Heddle Looms belonging to the Astoria Fiber Arts Studio and local 4-H for a 4-H workshop mid-June. LeAnn offered to host several days of an informal Ikat Workshop at her home in Aug. Participants (most of the guild) are encouraged to purchase 'ikat' by Mary Zicafoose. Adding book reports as a line item to the agenda was requested by several members to help those purchasing new books make informed decisions. The March program was an overview of the online class, Unraveling Overshot by Janet Dawson. Three members, Jill, Betsey and myself, LeAnn, took this class and made a one hour presentation on what we learned and how the class was presented. There was a handout which was distributed to the guild members a few days prior to the presentation. Photos of our Tablecloths and Placemats are part of the WeGO slide show.