

November 6-Month Report
Salem Fiberarts Guild
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Salem Fiberarts Guild's operation is still impacted by COVID, but we are slowly returning to some sort of normalcy. We will have our first in-person meeting in nearly two years on December 11. We will do a gift exchange and enjoy some snacks and show-and-tell for this Christmas meeting.

Since we haven't been able to meet in person, we have continued Zoom meetings and they have gone well. Attendance is good and members have enjoyed the guest presenters: Jennifer Moore in May, Laura Fry in September, Christina Harkness in October, and Anastasia Azure in November. (We don't meet during the summer.)

SFG members participated in the State Fair in August and September as key volunteers, a judge and scribe, demonstrators, and entrants. One of our members, Kathryn Messer, won Best Beginner for her spinning and others earned ribbons.

With fingers crossed we held our annual sale the first weekend in October. We were amazed at the turnout and ended up taking in more money than ever! We sold something like 130 dishtowels, plus scarves, rugs, blankets, table runners, etc. Several members offered knitted and crocheted items – sweaters, throws, a dress and a variety of cute toys – which went over very well.

On Halloween, for the second year in a row we donned our witches' gear and participated in the Willamette Heritage Center's Drive-Through Trick-or-Treat event. It was such fun and quite a success. An estimated 900 cars with about 400 kids and their parents (and dogs) drove through the WHC grounds, collecting candy and other treats (the dentists passed out toothbrushes) from 18 businesses and non-profits. We'll be back next year.

We have continued to weave in our studio, though following safety protocols like spacing and masking. We are slowly resuming weaving lessons and are again open to visitors (our studio is on the WHC museum tour route).

Like everyone else, we are looking forward to a new year that is back to normal. And to the ANWG convention in 2023 – the guild is already begun plans for our booth.