

Guild Activity Report

Guild: Aurora Colony Handspinner's Guild

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From: April 2021 to October 2021

Monthly Meetings:

April – Results of the fiber challenge were shared virtually with members having used fiber provided by the guild last October. Some had been dyed, some spun only or spun and made into a garment.

May – Clemes and Clemes gave a virtual video presentation on how to prepare fiber with a lot of information provided on equipment. Clemes and Clemes also has a blog on their website with tricks and ideas to restore and keep your equipment in perfect running order.

June – The guild met outside at the Aurora Colony Museum where members shared the projects they had been working on over the past year. Just seeing friends in person was a pleasure.

July – An in-person dye day was held outside at the Aurora Colony Museum with 31 people sharing ideas, helping each other, sometimes sharing pots and appreciation for the work each was doing.

August – Members parked in every other space of the church parking lot, opened the back end of their vehicles and out poured mountains of fiber, at least 7 spinning wheels and almost any other piece of fiber equipment you could imagine. Plenty of chatting with friends and prospective buyers happened as did the sales, trades and giveaways.

September – This program was a show and tell shared around the virtual spinning circle.

October – The virtual program was a video “Shearing the Shaints”, about three uninhabited islands off the Hebrides where the sheep play a critical role in maintaining the ecology of the islands.

The guild has kept members interested and participating through virtual spinning circles two or three times a week at various times of the day or evening along with a couple study groups. One group meets once a month (virtually now) in SE Portland and the knitting focus group meets twice a month (virtually) in Oregon City.