

EUGENE WEAVERS GUILD

REPORT TO WeGO November 2021

Eugene Weavers Guild has been up to some fun shenanigans. We are hoping to begin hybrid meetings (in person and zoom for those not comfortable in groups). Current membership is 84. We thank WeGO for our scholarship award which the guild used for presentations by Robyn Spady, GREAT WEAVE STRUCTURE FOR COLOR AND WEAVE. Jennifer Moore, MATHEMATICAL DESIGN AND GEOMETRY IN TEXTILES. These programs were available online for two weeks for members.

GUILD CHALLENGES

2021/22 Shawl Challenge. We are far from wrapping this one up.

2021/22 Weave a Gamp. Not all gamps are umbrellas!

Next year's guild challenge is "Diamonds" for our guild's 75th anniversary celebration.

At the start of COVID shutdown, in an attempt to keep contact between our members, a plethora of special interest groups were formed. Two groups remain quite active and have been adopted into permanent study groups status.

The new BASIC WEAVING STUDY GROUP is busy threading an 8 shaft Baby Wolf with a 20 yard warp. We started with a trapeze build by Pat Cane's husband Lyndell. Each member has 6 days to weave a 2 yard section. The other new addition to our expanding list of permanent study groups is BEYOND 8-SHAFTS STUDY GROUP.

The Dee Brown Scholarship will offer the winning applicant an opportunity to pursue their specified weaving interest for one year. The maximum amount of the grant is \$1,000. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2022.

Our October ZOOM meeting presenter was guild member Susannah Day (of Eugene Textile Center). She presented a dive into FIBERWORKS Tips and Tricks. Susannah Day has an article about her scarf in Nov/Dec '21 HANDWOVEN. Handwoven also accepted her article on Designing Deflection to be published online.

Other ZOOM presenters were Deb Essen on COLOR VALUE IN WEAVING. Lynn Smetko presented DESIGN DELIBERATIONS via ZOOM.

We are making up NEW MEMBER PACKETS to distribute all those tidbits you wished you had known when you joined the guild. There is a concise description of each of our groups and committees, who to contact and information needed to make new members feel valued and welcome to our guild.

We formed an ad hoc budget committee to initiate a plan to reduce our bottom line deficit. Our big fundraiser The Holiday Celebration and Sale has been cancelled for the second year in a row. We will be looking strongly at raising dues. I would be interested in any other guilds suggestions on staying fiscally responsible during COVID restrictions. Membership contact information has been moved online, thus reducing printing costs.

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