

April 6-Month Report
Salem Fiberarts Guild
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Things are getting pretty much back to normal for the Salem Fiberarts Guild. We have broadened our monthly meetings to accommodate both members who prefer get together in the studio and those who prefer Zoom. It is working well with about half going either way. And we have fully resumed our weaving lesson schedule and are open to visitors in the studio.

In November, our presenter was Anastasia Azure who does wonderful woven jewelry and art. As always, we also had a business meeting and show and tell.

In December, we all came to the studio for a holiday party with a swap of materials and fibers, door prizes, show and tell, and snacks.

A highlight of the January meeting was a napkin exchange challenge. Members brought in a favorite coffee or tea cup. Each was put in a paper bag and numbered. Potential participants drew numbers then collected their bags. The challenge is to weave a napkin (or two) to go with the chosen cup. Results will be revealed at the June meeting.

The February presenter was Kirsi Mani from Leksana, Sweden, talking about and demonstrating Sakura (Saori) weaving.

In March we visited and admired each other's creations with show and tell. We also began planning for our booth at the 2023 ANWG Conference.

Sarah Saulsen did a video presentation on The Fabric of Life in April. With words and illustrations she showed the importance of fibers and fabric throughout history.

We had more than 200 visitors to the studio during the Willamette Heritage Center's Family Fun Day, a March spring break activity for the community. We demonstrated weaving and answered questions. In May we will participate in the WHC's Sheep To Shawl by coordinating demonstrations by various fiber arts groups and offering our own demos in weaving and wool prep.

True to our all-inclusive "fiber arts" name, we have added a stitchery component. An informal study group, these members meet in the studio on Tuesdays to pursue their hand stitching, mostly in wool.

SFG is excited about the ANWG Conference June 2023 in Bend and we are starting on weavings for our booth display. Several of our members are on the conference committee and report back regularly. We are also looking forward to hosting the WeGO Traveling Exhibit at WHC next November-January.