

## Guild Activity Report

Guild: Aurora Colony Handspinner's Guild

Representative: Carrie Rohn

From: April 2022 to September 2022

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

**April** – A meeting was not held

**May** – The results of the Fiber Challenge were shown. Members used a bundle of fiber they had chosen in January add some fiber they already had and created a project. There were 4 handspun skeins, one Saori piece and one woven scarf in a diamond twill pattern and one caplet. Guild members who are certified judges through Northwest Regional Spinning Assoc. spoke about what they look for in handspun skeins and articles made with handspun when judging at fairs and events.

**June** – Because the building was not available the guild held a parking lot sale with things people needed to destash.

**July** – A meeting was not held

**August** – Shannon Welsh from Fiber Shed Northwest gave a talk about working to bring back a regional fiber flax economy. They have grown 7 varieties of flax in 2 years and are working to organize groups in North America who have previously been working independently.

**September** - Suzanne Campbell spoke about how to select a fleece to purchase be it sheep, alpaca, camel or any number varieties. When looking at fleeces one needs to think about the what it will used it for, your budget, the volume of the fleece, color and much more. Chris Thomas-Flitcroft also spoke about fleeces with regard to sheep.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Fiber Fair** – The guild held its annual fiber fair in April with lots of members selling fleeces, yarn and fiber related goodies. There was also a beginning spinning class.

**Dye Day** – Held at the Aurora Colony Museum our annual event was well attended with pots steaming away while beautiful colors appeared on yarns, silk caps and fiber. There was lots of laughing and exchanging of ideas.

**October Workshops** – Classes this year were given on Dying Silk Caps and Hankies, Easy Long Lock Earrings, How to Card and Blend Fibers, Introduction to Circle Weaving, Beginning Spinning and Navajo Style Three Play/Chain Plying