

Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

Fall 2020 Guild Report

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of most months. The Fiber Arts group meets the 1st Tues. of each month at a public park, weather permitting, or at a member's home. There are currently 20 members from both sides of the Columbia River with interest from three more individuals of possibly joining the Guild.

April: Much of the Zoom meeting covered information about the 2023 ANWG Conference. There was discussion about the Shuttle Race, which CWSG is sponsoring, the guild booth and the Noh coat. Connie Gerth, a guild member, is donating yarn to help accomplish our service project of knitting or crocheting hats for the homeless. Due date for the collection of the hats is the November meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

Program: Shave 'Em to Save 'Em was presented by Cindra Kerscher of The Livestock Conservancy.

May: Our Spring Potluck was held at our president, Janice Peterson's home. In addition to Connie Gerth donating yarn for our service project, Jill Benish also donated some.

The holiday gift exchange was discussed.

The Guild held a one day workshop, **3-2-1 Designing and Weaving Couture Tweeds** taught by Robyn Spady on Saturday, May 14th. The workshop started with a study of numerous couture tweed fabrics and garments from high end designers that gave a better understanding of the weave structure and the combination of yarns. Participants were introduced to a collection of different weaves that work well for showcasing novelty yarns while combining them with more traditional weaving yarns. At the same time, techniques were taught which improve the interlacement and structural integrity of the fabric. During the hands-on portion, textile design techniques were introduced for planning and designing contemporary tweeds using a combination of yarns. This included the creation of thread wraps and small woven samples as a way of prototyping ideas for potential projects.





June: No business meeting.

July: No business meeting. A natural Dye Day was held at my house on Tuesday, July 12th. Participants dyed handspun yarn, garments and other threads and yarns with their choice of indigo, fustic, alder and Cherrywood.

August: No business meeting.

September: There was a 'refresher' discussion about the Guilds' different ANWG responsibilities. As there had been no business meetings held during the summer months, many members brought their accomplishments from summer workshops and home projects. Wendy Emo brought some hand spun yarn samples from the Judith MacKenzie workshop at the Eugene Textile Center (ETC) in June. Diana Courtner more than a dozen hats for the service project and a knitted hat and cowl to share. Vicki Pero brought samples from the Itajime Shibori workshop that she attended at ETC with Barbara Setsu Pickett in September. Many attendees of the Rigid Heddle Workshop brought their samples for show and tell.

The Rigid Heddle Workshop with Patty Huffer was a great success and those that attended it came away with a scarf and mug rugs. Below are photos of some of the participants.





MUG RUGS by Connie Gerth



SCARF by Jill Benish



Various projects and samples woven during the Patty Huffer Rigid Heddle Workshop by Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild members.

