

Klamath Spinners and Weavers Guild - October, 2022 Report

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The Klamath Spinners and Weavers Guild meets in-person, monthly on the second Monday of the month. Location varies. Each meeting begins with Guild updates and business issues and continues with a "Show and Share" where members bring items. Following that is a monthly "topic" which can be a demo, workshop or group project. We currently have 27 members

The last six months have been very busy for the Guild!

Just last week we held a Spin-In and wheel sharing. Members brought their wheels and everyone tried them out. There certainly are a lot of different types of wheels!!

In September the Guild hosted the tremendously successful "Out of the Wools" art show at the Klamath Falls art gallery. Featuring works ranging from felted wall hangings, scarves, towels, locally grown wool to woolen dog leashes, the show was well attended.



In addition to the month-long exhibit, the Guild held five, well-attended mini-workshops for the public:

- Beginning Spinning with a drop spindle

- Indigo Dyeing Intro
- Dorset Button Weaving
- Wet Felting
- Weaving a Small Pouch

Along with many demos:

- Lock spinning
- Kumihomo (cord weaving)
- Tapestry weaving
- Inkle weaving

All were well attended, and new members joined the Guild



Here, Liz Hubbard demonstrates wet felting. The tree wall hanging in the background is one of Liz's wonderful felted creations.

August

The Guild held a summer spin-in at the Art Gallery.

July

Flax Day! Margery Brick hosted a comprehensive flax processing workshop at her home. Starting with retted strikes guild members learned to break, scrutch, and hackle flax to linen. Next step, spinning! We are excited to see other Guilds working with linen production also.



June

June's meeting focus was rugs. Members shared their rug projects. Sharon Allen and Kathy Nelson showed their t-shirt chenille rug and demonstrated the steps to produce it. Sharon Allen also discussed and showed 'toothbrush rugs'.



May

Kathy Nelson and Sharon did a presentation of energized singles. Kathy wrote up a summary handout for interested folks to take. Sharon had knitted samples with different fibers to show what can happen when using s and z twist yarns. Kathy had woven samples that also showed what can happen with s & z twist yarns. There also was a twist gauge for members to take to figure the angle of twist in their singles.



