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Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild Report
April 2022

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The program was on Undulating Twill. Barb MacIntyre, former Kitsap Weaving School owner/instructor led us through the drafting of Undulating Twill, what makes it “undulate”, sizes of yarn best to use and other great bits of information. Three guild members contributed woven samples, along with pattern drafts to hand out to each member for their notebooks.

We received a donation of a LeClerc Gobelin tapestry loom and other accessories from the family of Nikos, who passed away in Oct. 2021. We can use the sale funds for member education.

Barb MacIntyre and I presented the newly updated Certificate of Weaving Accomplishment program. Under a different name, it was originally developed by loosely following the HGA certificate guidelines. The current iteration is more transparent and toned down in strictness. Applicants submit an intent to participate form in June, deliver their items to the judges at the October meeting, with results/certificate awarded at the December meeting. We have one judge from RVHG and one from the Saturday Guild, to create a combined program for both of the guilds. We hope to increase participation by updating the program.

May 2022

Replacement program for the Deflected Double Weave (rescheduled for November) was Learn how to weave with Kumihimo cards. Coming up just after this meeting, members of the guild volunteered at Hanley Farms “Farm Heritage Day” with many of our area’s 4th graders – some 750 of them! We didn’t end up doing Kumihimo, for lack of time with each group of students, but we demonstrated using a table loom and an Inkle loom, a spinning wheel, plus a display of a wide variety of woven goods to show what can be woven by hand. We will be using the Kumihimo cards later this summer.

We awarded three 20 – year members with a certificate and a beautifully handcrafted boat shuttle made by Robert Acos.

Our slate of Officers was determined for the election to be held at the June meeting.

June 2022

We held our annual June Potluck, Stash Sale, and presentation of the Guild Challenge items the members wove, or otherwise completed. The Challenge was to use one of the weave structures taught in the monthly programs, to create an item. Many people made scarves, or towels. We

had sign-ups for volunteers to work in our RVHG Booth at the Jackson County Fair in July. We were only given two days to have a booth, so we may not return again next year. The elections were held and we successfully found a new Programs Chairperson. Two people signed up for the Certificate of Weaving accomplishment program to be judged in the Fall.

September 2022

Great news for our first meeting after summer – Niko's Tapestry loom has been sold and proceeds deposited in our Member Education Fund. We already have a workshop planned that we can use the funds for and reduce the cost per person.

Our Outreach Chair resigned after many years of service to our guild, but we were able to find two members to replace her and they will work as a team.

Our June meeting needed to be changed since it's during the ANWG conference, so we got approval from the church to hold it the next week.

October 2022

Certificate of Weaving Accomplishment items were submitted. We only had one person, but she submitted all 12 of the items required for Level II

This month's program is on Clasped Weft weaving. We watched two very educational videos; one using a Rigid Heddle loom, and the other used a floor loom. We had a table loom warped in plain weave so everyone could try out the clasped weft technique using two colors of yarn. There was also a handout with an excerpt from Peter Collingwood's book on *Rug Weaving Techniques: beyond the basics*, that illustrates how to manage clasped weft with two, three, and four yarns.

Our Newsletter editor has resigned due to a heavier load at her business, and filling her shoes will be a tough job. We asked for anyone interested in taking over as editor, but no responses as of yet. The Secretary and President will produce the next newsletter and hope we find someone to take it on after that.

Our Guild's new Outreach team and our guild's volunteers, spent a day teaching parents and children how to make Kumihimo braids and weaving on our little Schacht loom, at the Talent Harvest Festival. We were allowed to set up in the public library's children's section and our area was a big hit! Dozens of parents and children came through and tried our offerings. We also had a small tapestry loom with lots of yarn, as well as our very patient Bobbin Lace lady – Shirley – who taught at least a dozen children (and a few moms) the basics of Bobbin Lace! We also filled all of our slots for the Beginning Weaving class. This year's Festival was a great success for our guild.