

Saturday Handweavers Guild

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The Saturday Handweavers Guild meets monthly from September through June at either Medford Library or Jacksonville Library. In addition, we have periodic study groups on topics of interest, and maintain a library of books and periodicals available to all members. Each meeting features “Show and Share” where members bring items they have woven.

April

- Program – Deb Keberle and Kathy Fennell gave a program “Intro Ikat”. based on working through the book “Ikat: The Essential Handbook for Weaving with Resists” by Mary Zicafoose. They demonstrated setup for both warp and weft ikat, shared information about preparing and dyeing with indigo and with food coloring and showed many woven samples and dyed yarns.

May

- Laurie Elliot presented a program on Bobbin Lace. She gave the history of the technique and displayed the various lace techniques.

June

- The main focus was on the challenge. This year’s challenge was “Be Inspired by Geology” and many people had inspired items to share a scarf inspired by the colors of the barrier reef in Roatan;, a painted warp scarf that was challenging to the weaver; dishtowels in colors of the Painted Hills Unit of the John Day Fossil Beds; tapestries of sunset on Grizzly Peak and an Oregon Coast beach view; a scarf inspired by a microscopic cross-section of basalt minerals pyroxene and olivine under polarized light; petoskeys (petrified coral from Michigan) that will be the basis of a project, plaid fabric, a shadow weave sampler and a jacket all in colors from a photo of a lava bomb from the recent volcanic eruption on La Palma; a necklace of bobbin lace and kumihimo using the colors of golden quartz; a bed runner inspired by memories of attending Easter Sunrise services at the Red Rocks outside Denver; a wall hanging with colors from a poster from a trip to Bryce Canyon National Park; an echo-weave scarf with hand-painted warp inspired by a trip to the John Day Fossil Beds; and a sample of a seismic chart using clasp weft in wool and cotton.

September

- Linda Lindsay, our Outreach coordinator, represented the guild at the Logger Jamboree in Prospect.
- It was announced Linda Hartshorn will present a workshop on Shadow Weave in 2023.

October

- The program was speaker: Kristy Kun, a felting artist in Ashland “her work is not like the felting you’ve seen”!
- This year’s challenge was introduced - **GOLDEN** – in honor of our 50th Anniversary.