

Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

Spring 2023 Guild Report

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of most months, at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in IlWaco, WA. The Fiber Arts group meets the 1st Tues. of each month either via Zoom, at a member's home or during nicer weather, outside at a local park. There are currently 24 members from both sides of the Columbia River.

October: The guild met in-person at the Ocean Park Library. The focus of the meeting was on our preparations for our guild booth and the shuttle race for the 2023 ANWG Conference. The rules of the Shuttle Race were submitted to be published on the conference website.

There was also a reminder about our community service project: finishing the hats to be given to 2 local non-profits to be distributed to those in need.

Under new business, the results of another poll on the Guild's Covid-19 policy for in-person get-togethers was discussed. The majority of members had responded that all participants of any indoor meetings, workshops and general get-togethers must provide their proof-of- vaccination.

The History of Indigo program for today was rescheduled to next year.

November: The guild met in -person at a member's home. LeAnn Meyer reported back about the semi-annual WeGO meeting that took place in Bend. Our guild was one of the four guilds chosen to receive a 2023 \$500 WeGO Grant which we voted to accept.

Information about the WeGO 2023 Filaments Traveling Show was handed out with urging to submit work to the traveling show.

A 2 ½ x 6 foot guild banner was ordered to be used at the 2023 ANWG Conference in our guild booth and for other events.

It was reported that 43 hand-crafted hats and 5 scarves/cowls were turned in by those who participated in the community service project.

An announcement was made that there is going to be a Pacific Fiber Festival in Long Beach, WA in November 2023.

There was no program scheduled.



Community service project hats, cowls and scarves.

December: This month's meeting was held at a members' home as it was the Holiday Gift Exchange/Pot-Luck. The theme of the gift exchange was the gift could be any item which was woven, spun, felted, knitted, or crocheted, to name a few hand crafts. As it turned out, the majority of the gifted items were again handwoven dish towels.

The ANWG Conference guild booth was again a topic of discussion. Displays props were narrowed down. The guild banner was displayed for all to see.

The current executive board was voted to remain in place for 2023. A committee was formed to rewrite the CW&SG by-laws.

Julie Wittrock was drawn as the recipient of the guilds' 2023 \$100 scholarship winner.

The guild now has a permanent home at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in IlWaco, WA.

Meetings begin at 11 am on the 3rd Tuesday of most months.

January: A discussion on renewing our paid Zoom account decided that as we now have a permanent home for our business meetings and Covid-19 restrictions have eased, it is no longer necessary to have the paid account, as we will now be meeting in-person. Free Zoom meetings are available to use for the Fiber Arts Gathering each month we do not meet in-person.

Final preparations were discussed about the guild's conference booth.

The Portland Handweavers' Guild retreat at Camp Cedar Ridge in Vernonia was announced. Some members expressed an interest in attending as "Day Trippers" per the PHG invitation.

The guilds' Mission Statement was changed slightly to "promote the skills of handweaving, spinning, dyeing and other fiber arts through demonstration, education and exhibition" and the 1st Tuesday Gathering Fiber Day was officially shortened to Fiber Day.

The newly rewritten by-laws were approved.

Announcements included a call for instructors for OFFF in October 2023 and that PHG had donated 19 books to our library that they no longer needed.

The program was an introductory Kumihumo demonstration/workshop by Jill Benish, a CW&SG member.

February: A short in-person business meeting was held.

The announcement of the opening of the WeGO traveling show, Filaments, at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center on March 4 was made.

There was also an announcement that more rooms and more spaces in seminars had been added to the ANWG Conference site as was the news that there were only 5 entries so far for the shuttle race.

The program was 'Around the World with Textiles' given by Sandra and Michael Thornton. It was a slide show with many samples of ethnic textiles from their travels to over 10 countries.

March: Again, it was a short business meeting. Nine members of our guild paid to attend the PHG retreat as "day trippers" for later in the month.

An Interest Survey for 2023 was collected so future workshops could be determined, including one partially sponsored by the 2023 WeGO grant.

Word was received that the number of guilds participating in the shuttle race at the ANWG Conference had dropped to two. It was suggested by ANWG that the race be cancelled which CW&SG voted on and the shuttle race is now officially cancelled.

The program for the month was a Guild Sale of member's surplus yarns and equipment.

