

Portland Handweavers Guild
WeGO Report for the period October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

Memberships: PHG memberships has 241 members, of which 218 are regular members and 23 are life members (fee waived).

2020-21 Officers:

Officers for the PHG fiscal year 7/1/22-6/30/23: Dan Steves, President; Lynne Fitzsimmons, Secretary; Michael Schlieski, Treasurer.

Sales:

The guild held a weft-over sale October 22 at Multnomah Art Center (MAC). The Fall Sale, “Handwovens for the Holidays,” was November 12-13, 2022. The PHG Spring Sale with Gathering of the Guilds is scheduled for April 28-30, 2023 at the Oregon Convention Center.

Outreach and Demonstrations: Demonstrations were at the October Weft-Over Sale, November Fall Sale (“Handwovens for the Holidays”), and local events. Upcoming large demonstrations are planned for Art in the Pearl in September, 2023.

Special Activity: Janis Johnson, member and former PHG Board member, has led humanitarian relief fundraising for Ukraine through handwoven sales. Articles made by guild members, inspired by Ukraine (i.e., colors of the Ukrainian flag, sunflowers, traditional styles, etc.) are sold and proceeds go to the effort. A special sales table was set up at the Fall Sale and continues to be popular.

Website: www.portlandhandweaversguild.org

Retreat: After three years in abeyance, PHG’s annual spring retreat is scheduled for March 30-April 2, 2023 in Vernonia. Members can work on whatever they wish, free of the need to clean house or cook meals. Attendees can stay for the whole time or just a few hours.

Programs and Workshops (October through September):

Programs are the second Thursday of the month and will continue to be evenings only for as long as they are held via Zoom and/or recorded. MAC has reopened and meetings will return to day/evening with a Zoom option. Past (*) and scheduled programs are:

- *September: Patty Huffer, *Rigid Heddle Weaving*
- *October: Natalie Drummond, *My Journey with Color and Deflected Double Weave*
- *November (DATE CHANGE: Wed, 11/9): Marilyn Romatka Film, *Interlacements*
- *December: Mini-workshops and 2023 ANWG Conference Work Party
- *January: Debbie Greenlaw, *Krokbragd Weaving (via Zoom)*
- *February: Sue Walsh, *Margaret Bergman: Weaving Teacher, Designer, Innovator*
- *March: John Mullarkey, *Tablet Weaving – Warping the Fabric of Time*
- April: Steve Grafe, Maryhill Museum; *Théâtre de la Mode: Paris Fashion*
- May: Tim Urback, *Atiyeh Bros. Since 1900*
- June: Annual Meeting and Strawberry Shortcake Social
- July through August: summer hiatus

Workshops are a mix of Zoom and in-person:

*Patty Huffer; *Beginning Rigid Heddle*, September 10-11 (in-person) – **WeGO**

*Natalie Drummond; *Deflected Doubleweave*, October 15-16 (via Zoom)

*Debby Greenlaw; *Krokbragd*, January 13-15, 2023 (via Zoom)

*John Mullarkey; 3 one-day tablet-weaving workshops, March 10-12, 2023 (in-person)

The Fiberworks tutorials by Jerry Swick have been recorded and are viewable on the PHG website by members who log in and go to the Members Only menu. In the works for 2023-24 are Barbara Walker's Supplementary Warp Patterning and Juan Bautista for Zapotec Rug Weaving.

Study Groups: Study groups are slow to recover.

Theme of the Year and Conference Booth: The theme of the year, Noh Coats for the Mannequins, was kicked off in October. This will also be the theme for the guild's booth at the ANWG Conference in June.

WeGO Grant:

PHG was one of the guilds to receive a WeGO grant in 2021 and wanted to find a venue for "Interlacements," film on weaving produced by Marilyn Romatka. PHG tried repeatedly to air the film but suitable venue was available. The film was finally shown on November 9 to a full crowd, popcorn was provided, and one of the "stars" of one of the topics of the film, John Beard, attended the screening.

Continuing Impacts of Pandemic:

The Multnomah Art Center (MAC), which is PHG's home, reopened and in-person day and evening meetings have resumed. However, the Guild is continuing to offer programs via Zoom and recording the programs for members who still prefer to attend in remotely.

Name Tags for the ANWG 2023 Conference: About 500 name tag pouches have been woven and sewn together, and another lanyard work party was held at the Retreat on March 31.

PHG Mannequins at the State Fair: The PHG Mannequins are expecting to return this August.