

The Heritage Textile Arts Guild in Coos Bay, OR, was busy with a couple of events this past year.

The weekend before Mother's Day 2023, we had a demo/hands on/sale event held in a local shopping mall. We did it on a Saturday so working folks and kids could have the time to attend. It was a mix of an educational event with live demos and items on display, and there was also a "for sale" section where items were available for purchase. We included a free book and magazine table that featured fiber arts topics.

Later in May a few members of the guild attended workshops at Fiber In The Forest in Bridge, OR. A few focused on weaving, the others on colorways in spinning.

Our second big event was returning to the Blackberry Arts Festival held in Coos Bay in September. This is a very popular arts and crafts event, and many folks attended this year. There was limited space for demos, so sales was more of a focus, and there was a reasonable amount of commerce conducted.

Our next event will be a craft sale at the local Coos History Museum that is an annual holiday season event.

Plans for 2024 include a more structured program schedule for Guild members and repeat participation in the same organized events as this year.

Included here are a couple of pictures from things done by member Kim Palmer.



