

## WeGO COSW Guild Report

Spring 2024

The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild has been active with a November Holiday guild sale, 2024 Guild Challenge, outreach to a local youth support ranch, Rigid Heddle/Spinning study groups and two amazing guild programs.

COSW has Rigid Heddle Study, Spinning Study, and upcoming weaving study group(s). A new one is weaving a Bonnie Tarses Horoscope shawl.

Education Outreach:

Crystal Springs Ranch – Spinning and Felting, using their own Jacob's fleeces.

Holiday Guild Sale – Held in Bend at the Environmental Center.

2023 Guild Challenge – Enter in fairs and ANWG conference. Out of 129 guild members, 31 took up the challenge – 24%. We had 6 members who participated in the State Fair, entering a total of 19 items. We can enter in all three central Oregon counties, and we did. Several of our members also participate in the ANWG shows.

2024 Guild Challenge – It's About Time! What spinning, weaving, dyeing, felting, etc. project have you been wanting to accomplish for way too long? In what area have you longed to learn more, maybe through an in-person or online class, or even through a self-directed research project? The 2024 COSW Challenge is just for you!

Programs:

January - Bonnie Tarses: Horoscope weaving. <https://bonnietarses.com>

February - Laverne Waddington: Backstrap weaving, South America.

<https://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com>

Taproot Video: <https://www.taprootvideo.com>

March – 2023 ANWG Scholarship presentations by Diana Purkey, Donna Wilson, and Raylene Keating.

Upcoming COSW weaving workshop:

John Mullarkey, May 13-14, 2024. Class size 18 participants.

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