

Threadbenders Guild Report to WeGO April 2024

Since October of 2023, Threadbenders has been acquiring new members, from weavers with many years of experience to beginners. Because of the variety of skill levels and interests within our guild, we surveyed our members' weaving interests and have organized our activities to encompass them all in a progression of learning along with regular weaving and spinning circles each month.

We have assembled a 16-month training calendar, bringing in 3 instructors for weekend workshops. Our first workshop is in April with Master Weaver Vila Cox instructing her three day Beginning Weaving Workshop aimed at our newest weavers. Master Weaver Mary Berent is scheduled for September and will be teaching her 3-day workshop on 8/2 Cotton for weavers that know how to warp their own looms. In May of 2025, Patty Huffer will be instructing a 2-day workshop of Krokbragd for the Rigid Heddle and 4-Harness loom. Providing these workshops will offer an opportunity to engage fiber artists at a range of levels and encourage personal expression and excitement in weaving. The more weavers that receive skilled training, the more fiber arts will grow and prosper in rural Eastern Oregon.

A committee has been formed for the purpose of planning our first guild sale in many, many years to be held in the fall of 2024. We were given a last-minute spot at Cross Roads Art Center in Baker City to sell items in December of 2023. It was very successful and we were able to take notes to help plan for our 2024 sale. These sales will allow us to provide education to the public and offer hands-on experiences to those interested in learning more about weaving.

Respectfully Submitted,

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