

WeGO COSW guild report
Fall 2024

The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild has been active preparing for the November Holiday guild sale, 2024 Guild Challenge, outreach to a local non-profit: Central Oregon Collective, various study groups and a variety of programs.

COSW has 2 Rigid Heddle Study groups, 2 tapestry study groups (Wednesday, Sunday), Crackle Weave/Summer & Winter study, Spinning Study, and Bonnie Tarses Horoscope shawl study.

Education Outreach:

We supported fairs through clerking for judge at Crook County Fair and super-intendents at Deschutes County Fair, plus demonstrating at the fairs.

We have also been supporting Colleen Franks' daughter, Carol, who is introducing folks to fiber. Here's the website for the Central Oregon Collective.

<https://www.inthecollective.com/>

Their mission: Central Oregon Collective strives to make our passion for people a collective mission, regardless of their different abilities. We create opportunities for individuals to live full & rich lives in community with others through our values of passion, mutual respect & generosity.

Carol's Enrichment Activity Program is focused on fun and beneficial activities to clients in home, one on one and in group classes in social settings. The activity list includes a range of enrichment activities such as painting, weaving, pottery, book binding, music, drawing, sewing, photography, and much more.

Central Oregon Collective currently borrows looms from the COSW equipment library on a regular basis. They have also been the incredibly grateful recipients of everyone's stash clean outs: bags and bags of yarn, roving, whole fleeces (14 bags of Dorset!) and numerous other art supplies.

Looms have also been generously donated by a handful of our guild members. 3 Floor looms and a tabletop loom on its' own stand, with another floor loom on the way. These have enabled clients to weave daily in their homes.

The incredible generosity of the Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers has been the main source of supplies for this non-profit and its Enrichment Activity Program.

Most recently, Carol has introduced her clients to the Peg Loom. It works great for some types of physical challenges.

Holiday Guild Sale – Planned for November 1-3, 2024, in Bend at the Environmental Center.

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! We will see the outcomes at our November guild meeting.

Programs:

April – Mary Anna Swinnerton “Preparing Fair Entries from a Judge’s Perspective” and Scholarship Presenter: Perry Drevo “Crimp Cloth”

May – Rigid Heddle Program: Patterns: Possibilities in Weave Structure

June – Guild picnic and Progressive Studio Tour

July – Raylene presented a program on Turkish Rugs, from her travels. Gillian presented her scholarship program on the Shaker Tradition, including weaving.

August – Egyptian Textiles Tour by Linda Gettmann

September – Kiki Dembrow – Tapestry program” My weaving Journey”, followed by a three-day Weaving Tapestry: Beyond Basics workshop.

October – Presentations by Spinning Study and the two Tapestry study groups.

November – Guild Holiday potluck and Presentation of the 2024 Guild Challenge

COSW Tablet weaving workshop: John Mullarkey, May 13-14, 2024. It was a total success. John is an amazing instructor.

ANWG 2025 Conference – Starting to discuss designing a guild booth for the conference.

Submitted by Carrie Gordon, COSW rep.