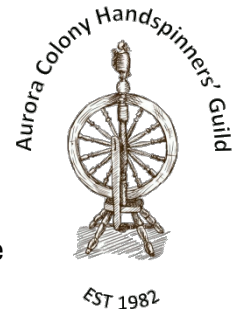


Aurora Colony Handweavers Guild Report, October 2024

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Mission: The Aurora Colony Handspinners strives to be a welcoming venue for all who attend and participate in our guild and its events. Our mission is to promote awareness of the art and craft of hand spinning in the community at large, and to give spinners an opportunity to share, learn, educate and study. We will accomplish this mission with a caring attitude, and we expect and encourage everyone to be kind and respectful in their intentions with each other.



Meetings: The guild meets monthly on the 4th Thursday except for June, July, November and December. Guild meetings are held at the Canby United Methodist Church, 1520 N Holly St in Canby, OR. Meetings run from 7pm to 9pm, with a business meeting generally preceding a guest speaker or other activity. The space is open at 6:30 for spinning and socializing.

Library: The guild maintains a lending library for members.

Guild Activities:

April

Sheila January gave a presentation on wheel maintenance.

May

Fiber Fair – The guild held a fiber fair at the Multnomah Arts Center on May 4th. Anna Zell demonstrated using her mini combs on Jacob top. Beth Doyle was embroidering. Three women were demonstrating drop spindle spinning. The vendor section was full and the

The **membership meeting** did not have a speaker. Instead, the meeting was the Fiber Challenge reveal. This year the challenge was vegetable fiber. There was a variety of different fibers represented from the more familiar flax and cotton to rose, pineapple, Tencel and other fibers.

June

This year we added a weekend spin-in and potluck at a member's alpaca farm.

July

Dye Day – our annual Dye Day was held at the Aurora Colony Museum. Dana and Lester Nishimura organized it. Sue Gee gave a presentation and demonstration on mushroom dyeing.

August Presentation

Cydne Pigeon gave a talk on blending fibers. Arriving at the right combination of fibers for your perfect blend can be tricky! Cydne shared her tips and tricks for successful fiber blends starting with handcards, fiber knowledge, sampling, and out-of-the-box thinking. She demonstrated her process, shared finished garments, and had some of her innovative blends for sale as well.

September Presentation

Ed and Wanda Jenkins of Jenkins Woodworking and Yarn Tools will share their knowledge of spindles. Ed gave an overview of how he fell in love with woodworking, his passion for making spindles and about wood. He explained a bit about the various styles he's designed. Wanda demonstrated spinning with a Cross-Armed spindle and talk about some of their advantages. Ed started making things with wood before he even started school. By the time he was six years old he knew that he wanted to be a woodworker when he grew up. Wanda had enjoyed playing with yarn since she was a young girl learning embroidery, crocheting, needlepoint and eventually weaving. Early in their marriage Ed started making bobbins for Wanda when she took a bobbin lace class. By 2002 Ed was making crochet hooks, boat shuttles, knitting needles and hairpin lace looms to sell online. During Convergence 2004 Ed became intrigued by spindles and it wasn't long before he became passionate about making them.