

# October 6-Month Report

## Salem Fiberarts Guild

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The Salem Fiberarts Guild is continuing to grow, gaining new members who are willing to take on the tasks that keep the group running smoothly. And a number of the newcomers are younger people – a nice infusion of energy to the guild. At last count, the membership was 103.

We are having fun with FaceBook. For several years now the guild has had a page for members only – SFG NOW—where members show off their creations, trade ideas and just talk. The guild also has an open page – Salem Fiberarts Guild – where we communicate with the public.

**April** -- Terry Olson of the Damascus Fiber Arts School presented a three-day workshop on Tapestry Weaving in April. Also, Weisha Mize, a member, offered a workshop in Introduction to Drop Spindling. This began an on-going series of workshops from members willing to share their special skills.

**May** -- The guild, as per usual, played a major part in the Willamette Heritage Center's Sheep To Shawl event by filling the Dye House with demonstrations of fiber crafts for visitors. Hundreds of people stopped by to enjoy the weaving, spinning, lacemaking, rug hooking, knitting and other crafts.

**June** – Tiffany Yazzle, a Navajo weaver and artist from Northern Arizona, presented our June meeting via Zoom. Judy Walker, a member, offered a workshop in bead weaving.

**August** – A highlight of the year for the guild was the Oregon State Fair. Outgoing president and WeGO State Fair Demo Booth chair Pam Sullivan encouraged members to participate in the fair. The result: 20 members entered 52 items, more than twice the numbers from past years. In addition to the competition, SFG members participated in the fair as key volunteers, scribes during the judging, and demonstrators.

**September** – This month's program, via Zoom, was Corey Alston, sweet grass basket weaver, who talked about the history of the Gullah people and his weaving. Cindy Giralt, a member, presented a workshop on Introduction to Hardanger Embroidery.

**October** – The October program featured Bonnie Tarses talking about Weaving Your Horoscope, via Zoom. We also will have an in-person workshop on Supreme Warping with Robin Spady. At the end of the month, we will be donning our witches' gear to participate in the Willamette Heritage Center's Halloween Drive-Through Trick-or-Treat event.