

WeGO COSW guild report  
Spring 2025

The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild is starting to look at presentations/workshops for 2026. The November 2024 Holiday sale went well. We've been finishing up with presentations from guild scholarship recipients. Our program in March was on the history of weaving by Dee Ford Potter. We're hoping to get her presentation into a more formal format to be shared with a wider audience.

COSW has 2 Rigid Heddle Study groups, 2 tapestry study groups (Wednesday, Sunday), a weaving study and Spinning Study.

**Education Outreach:**

We are looking at the upcoming fairs – preparing entries and encouraging members to participate as volunteers.

We are continuing to support 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.

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. These have enabled clients to weave daily in their homes.

**Programs:**

January – 2025 Challenge - "Get us Involved: Volunteering, Outreach and Sharing. Help us grow our love of all thing's fiber!", sponsored by Colleen Franks.

February- Stash Management and Fiber Estate Planning by TerriSpins - Terri Guerette is an excellent speaker. She gave us lots of ideas for how to organize our stash and thinking down the road for final dispersal. How many of us have tools that our family haven't a clue what they are and will most like toss them into the landfill??

March – Kimberly Farner – Tapestry Scholarship Presentation and Dee Ford Potter – Modern Art in Fiber Art

April – Tylar Merrill: Soft, Supple, and Stylish Felting – followed by a workshop.

**ANWG 2025 Conference** – The design team has been working on the COSW guild booth for the conference in Yakima.

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