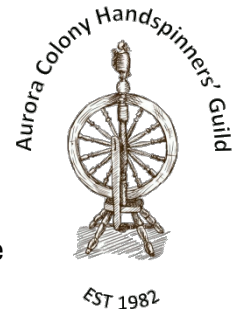


Aurora Colony Handweavers Guild Report, Spring 2025

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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:

General:

Our meeting location, the Canby United Methodist Church, is in the process of being sold to the City of Canby to be used as a Community Center. Fortunately they are supportive of our continuing to meet there, however we will need to find a new home for our library and some other storage items. We've build up a nice library over the years and members use it frequently. so it is disappointing that it will not be available onsite at meetings.

We have recently updated our guild by laws to change from a fixed membership year to a rolling membership year. Now that we are on Club Express, this will be much easier to maintain. The website can be set to auto-remind members, and takes payments automatically.

Membership Meetings

November – there is no guild meeting in November

December – Holiday Party – Nearly everyone brought treats to share and we had our usual fiber white elephant gift exchange.

January – Fiber Challenge Kickoff – Every year we do a fiber challenge with a big reveal in May. This year we are doing a re-use recycle and upcycle challenge. There were stations set up where members tried out a few different recycling techniques and get a little hands-on experience before jumping into their own stash. It was fun to be able to try a few things to get ideas.

February – Member Meeting presentation: Fiber Art in the Andes, an Unbroken Tradition

Come hear Jenny Wilson talk about some of the things she learned on a fiber-centric trip to Cusco

and the Sacred Valley of Peru. She will be sharing her thoughts and feelings about Alpaca, Street dogs, spindles and why eucalyptus is bad.

March – Member Meeting Presentation - ALPACAS! ALPACAS! ALPACAS! Suzanne Campbell (Alpacas of Oregon) and Paola Roselli (Paola's Pacas) will be teaching us all about Suri and Huacaya Alpaca breeds, their history, and qualities of fleece. Suzanne will be bringing some Alpacas for a meet and greet before the meeting, and both Paola and Suzanne will have fleeces for sale.

Fiber Fair: We have an annual fiber fair with vendors, a spin-in and demonstrations. A successful event! 17 of 18 vendors participated. Over a dozen spinners attended the spin in all day. The two donated spinning wheels were won by new spinners and brought in \$173.00 in ticket sales. Most vendors were pleased with sales. A special thank you to Kelly Wood for extra Braun for set up and tear down. Thank you to all volunteers who welcomed people at the information table, did spinning demos, and helped with set up and tear down!! We are considering moving the event to the same location as the fall workshops for next year to reduce costs and have more room.