

WeGO
Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild Report
April 19, 2025

November 2024

Big news – We were awarded a \$500 scholarship from WeGO! Now we need to decide the best way to use the funds.

The program for this month was all about weaving Honeycomb. Our presenter, Kamie, wove many samples using a variety of yarns, and setts. We were able to clearly see how each variable affected the woven product. During this month we hosted Natalie Drummond who taught her Deflected Double weave workshop. Most of us used warps that we dyed at an ice-dyeing session at a member's studio.

We voted to have a Guild Booth at the ANWG conference. We also welcomed four new members this month. Our Tapestry Study Group, formed last June, is still meeting. Now we are meeting right after the guild meeting has adjourned.

December 2024

We have a December Potluck in lieu of a Program, and also a Stash Sale. We have a gift exchange as well, so the December meeting is a lot of fun and well attended.

January 2025

The guild program was on 3D Pulled Warp tapestry flowers, with Cindy Triplett. Cindy had woven a few narrow tapestries to show how we should begin the process of creating the flowers. After removing the tapestry from the loom, we began pulling the warp threads until a circular shape forms. We kept pulling on some threads and less on others until a flower shape emerged. We learned various methods of finishing them. It was a great lesson.

February 2025

Our guild program for February was on Tablet/Card Weaving. A member had received a guild scholarship to take a Tablet weaving class taught by John Mullarkey last May, so needed to do a program about it. Two Inkle looms were set up for the members to try card weaving – one was a simple forward/back design, and the other a little more complicated. There was a brief PowerPoint slide show and many handouts about the basics of threading, card turning, and resources.

We welcomed three more new members at this meeting.

We discussed the upcoming Tapestry Workshop to be held the third week of March.

March 2025

The guild program was actually a panel of members discussing the ins and outs of various weaving topics. It was very helpful information and we had a very energetic question and answer session with the panel members. Topics included: New tools for weaving: great gadgets to help with warping and threading. Sewing with your handwoven fabrics, and another on Sett: how and why.

We held a two-day Tapestry workshop with Terry Olson from the Damascus School. She was a wonderful instructor and all class members wove a successful tapestry. Some of have become a little addicted to weaving tapestries! We have high hopes of inviting her back next Spring to do another workshop with us.

April 2025

The guild program was on How to Paint Your Warp, using dyes from Dharma. Melody brought all of the items necessary to paint a cotton warp she laid out on plastic wrap. She discussed the things we need to add to the dye and/or the fiber before applying the dyes. She used Urea and Soda Ash and mixed it with the dyes. She painted the warp with the dyes using separate brushes for each color.

Many of already dye our fibers, but enough members had not, this was a great program for them.

We held our annual Beginning Weaving Workshop again, with five students participating. All but one of the students were already members of a guild in the Rogue Valley. (there are two). The workshop was very successful, and all of the students completed their assignments very well. They now have the table loom for the next three months to weave more projects and reinforce what they have learned.

There will be a WeGO meeting on the 19th, which will be reported in May's minutes of our guild.