



2025 Oregon State Fair Summary



Creative Living/Fiber Arts



Oregon
State Fair 2025



Karen Hein
Gobstoppers - all day, every day!



Cecelia Quaal
Only weaving on her mind.



Dorald Stoltz
More chickens...MORE!!



Judy Walker
Plotting her next project



Claudia Gahagan
♥ Dairy Ladies Ice Cream!



Pam Sullivan
Shining bright day after day!

The Oregon State Fair Team Photos



2025 Intake

Judy Walker
Dorald Stoltz
Pam Sullivan
Claudia Gahagan
Cecelia Quaal

Intake happens over two days. The team checks in and processes all items for the next step - judging



**Intake Team: Judy Walker, Pam Sullivan, Claudia Gahagan, Dorald Stoltz,
Missing: Cecelia Quaal**

The Oregon State Fair Intake Photos

2025 Entries Facts

101 total Entries

10 Felting

11 Hand Spun Yarn

16 Hand Spun Articles

50 Handwoven Articles

14 Hand Dyed

*For the 2026 Oregon State Fair
Let's Increase the number of Entries!*



Intake table



Judy Walker checking in Fiber Art entries



Claudia Gahagan and Cecelia Quaal, setting up intake

The Oregon State Fair Judging Team Photos



Hand Dyeing Judging Team: Kate Perry (Judge) and Claudia Gahagan



Handspun Yarn and Yarn Articles Judging Team: Janet Potter (Judge), Elise Cain, Chris Thomas-Flitcroft

2025 Judging Teams

Hand Dyeing

Kate Perry (Judge)

Claudia Gahagan

Handspun Yarn and Yarn Articles

Janet Potter (Judge)

Elise Cain

Chris Thomas-Flitcroft

Needle Felting

Loyce Erickson (Judge)

Kathryn Messer

Handwoven Articles

Suzie Liles (Judge)

Cecelia Quaal

Cyndi Wickham

4 judging teams examine each item, record notes on a scorecard and award ribbons and prizes. This is a one-day process.

The Oregon State Fair Judging Team Photos



**Needle Felting Judging Team:
Loyce Ericson (Judge), Kathryn Messer**



**Handwoven Articles Judging Team:
Suzie Liles (Judge), "Buddy",
Cecelia Quaal, Cyndi Wickham**



Fiber Arts Judging Team group lunch

The Oregon State Fair Display Cases Set Up



Empty cases ready for the Team

Display Cases

Jim Crabtree

Kathryn Messer

Renay McLeish

After the judging, the Display Case team comes in to set up the cases. Entries are placed in locked display cases for the public to enjoy. The fair is open for 11 days and gets thousands of visitors walking through the area.



Renay McLeish, preparing the display cases



Display Case Set up: Kathryn Messer and Jim Crabtree

The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements

Final results are available on the Oregon State Fair website:

**[https://showworks.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html?
file=802291_2025_Fiber_Arts_Results](https://showworks.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html?file=802291_2025_Fiber_Arts_Results)**

In addition to the many 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons, the following individuals were recognized with special awards:

Rebecca Ries-Montgomery:	WeGo Certificate Merit Outstanding Achievement in Hand Weaving
Bob VanSlyke:	Best Handwoven Articles
Carolyn St. Clair Hibbard:	Best Felted Article
Diane Pigg:	Oregon Award/ Fiber Article
Terri Veragen:	Best Handspun Yarn Articles
Nancy Hinsch:	Best Handspun Yarn
Kerri Smith:	Best Beginner (Over 18, less than 2 years Experience)
Otto Balliet:	Best Junior (Under Age 12)

Congratulations to All

The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements



Ribbon Winners: Handwoven Articles



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The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements



Ribbon Winners: Handwoven Articles on the left, Handspun Yarn and Yarn Articles on the right

The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements



Handwoven Articles Ribbon Winners

The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements



Handspun Yarn Articles Ribbon Winners



Handwoven Articles Ribbon Winners

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Hand Dyeing Ribbon Winners

The Oregon State Fair Competition Achievements



Best Needle Felted Article



WeGo Certificate of Merit

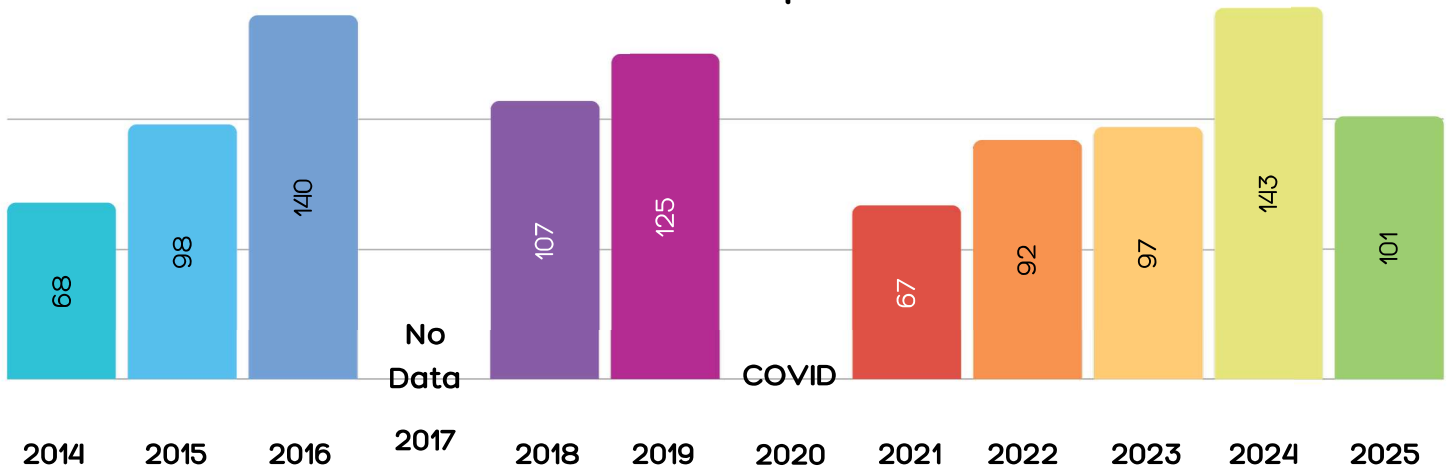


Best Handspun Yarn

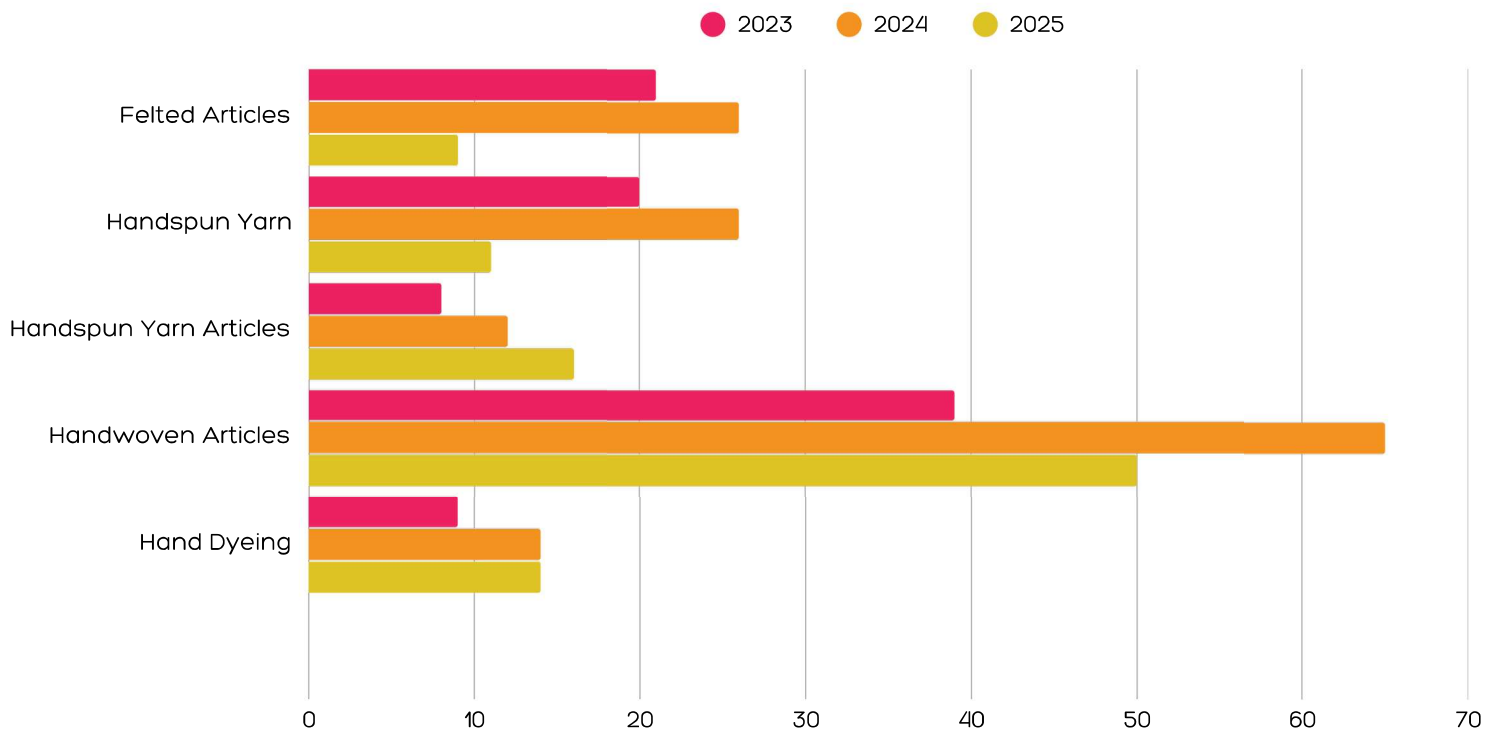
The Oregon State Fair Competition Participation

LET'S INCREASE 2026 PARTICIPATION!

Total Entries per Year



Total Entries per Category - 2023, 2024 & 2025



The Oregon State Fair Participating Partners



Thank You To All Our Participating Partners

WeGo (Weaving Guilds of Oregon)

Eugene Textile Center

Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild

Salem Fiberarts Guild

Compass Moon Creations

The Wool Club House

Because of the financial assistance we receive, we can offer prize money and additional judges' stipends.

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth

2025 WeGO Fiber Art Demonstration Booth

77 different individuals volunteered their time for a total of 1,090 hours to demonstrate their favorite fiber art. This is where we get the great photos of kids - watching us in awe!

Spinning

- Treadle
- Spindle
- Great Wheel

Weaving

- Floor Looms
- Table Looms
- Pin Looms
- Inkle Looms
- Tapestry
- Branch

Miscellaneous

- Hand Carding
- Machine Carding
- Knitting
- Needle Felting



Panarama of the Fiber Art demonstration area

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Spinning Circle



Pam Sullivan,
relaxing finally!



Dorald Stoltz knitted Tiny Comfort Chickens

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Pam Whyte, demonstrating



Visitors interested in Kerri Smith's loom demonstration



Jim Crabtree and Judy Walker showing off hats.



Andrea Higdon, demonstrating

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Diane VanDreische and her demonstration of card weaving



Weisha Mize demonstrating her Walking Wheel

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Joyce Arthur, Laura Wagman demonstrating Drop Spindle



Cyndi Wickham weaving an America 250 dishtowel.



Sam Massingale, ACHG and visitor



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Cecelia Quaal demonstrating



Mary Page demonstrating drop spindle on a budget (onion)



Judy Bartel and her Fiddle Inkle loom.



Nikkie Alt Needle Felting

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Spinning Circle



Weavers

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Off the loom

This is how we do it! 9 yards of fabric off the loom to be cut and finished into napkins



Finished napkins

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth

2025 Guild Participation

Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild
Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers
Columbia Fibres Guild
Damascus Fiber Arts School
Eugene Weavers Guild
Salem Fiberarts Guild



**Karen Sieradski,
Eugene Weavers Guild**

**A new record! We saw
entries and
demonstrators from 6
different Oregon Guilds
this year. We hope to
grow that number in the
future. A special thank
you to Eugene Weavers
Guild for stepping up their
participation - they
provided 33% of our
entries and a day of
demonstrators!**

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Susie Wilson from Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild, sharing roving with a visitor



Damascus Fiber Art School Tapestry demonstrators



Linda Borntager, Eugene Weavers Guild



Sisters Della Ward and Darlene Ward of the Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild

The Oregon State Fair WeGO Demonstration Booth



Bob VanSlyke, Damascus Fiber Art School with with a completed rug on the table and a work in progress on his upright tapestry loom.



Aurora Colony Handspinners' Guild spinning circle

Make and Take Was New in 2025



Kalia Flocker, Make and Take

Make and Take 2025

- Friendship Bracelets
- Felted Soap Bars
- Fabric Collage
- Felted Wool Christmas Trees
- Roving Angels
- Paper Weaving
- Drop Spindle
- Cardboard Loom Weaving
- Roving Bracelets
- Shear a Sheep
(Willamette Heritage Center provided this!)

This was a new activity this year - it drew participants of all ages.



Kerri Smith and Renay McLeish, felted soap bar Make and Take

Make and Take Was New in 2025



Glenda Mah and friends Make and Take fabric collage



Make And Take friendship bracelet



Pam Sullivan, the first Make & Take Wool felted tree



Make and Take fabric collage

Make and Take Was New in 2025



Pam Sullivan & Dorald Stoltz, Make and Take paper weaving



**Shear a Sheep Make and Take
Rebecca Hill , Willamette Heritage Center**

Closing Thoughts for Guilds, Groups and Individuals

2026 Objectives

- Expand participation in the Oregon State Fair which promotes Fiber Arts to the public.
- Promote Oregon Guilds and grow guild membership. People attend the Oregon State Fair from all around the State - not just Marion County!
- Facilitates leadership roles as well as socializing in a wholesome environment.

Next Steps

- Initiate early promotion of 2026 State Fair to expand participation.
- Organize remote group collection points of contact for shipment.
- WeGO will reimburse postage for Guild group entries.
- Promote Special Awards Available:
 - America 250Award
 - Oregon Award
 - WeGO Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Hand Weaving
 - Best of Division - Handwoven Articles -
 - Best of Division - Handspun Yarn Articles -
 - Best of Division - Handspun Yarn Articles -
 - Best Beginner (all divisions, age 18+) -Best Junior (all divisions, under age 12) -Best Student (all divisions, age 13-17)

Other Considerations

- 2025 and 2026 county fair pieces not previously submitted to the Oregon State Fair competition are eligible in 2026.
- Oregon weaving and fiber arts guilds are encouraged to utilize the Oregon State Fair to enrich membership joyfulness in the fiber arts while strengthening the important relationships within your guild and community.

We Hope to See You at the 2026 Oregon State Fair



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Check out our YouTube video recap:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=200krpN2ki4>

