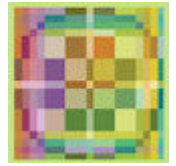


Portland Handweavers Guild Report

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WeGO Report for the period April 2025 to October 2025



Mission: The Portland Handweavers’ Guild is dedicated to promoting the artistry and culture of handweaving and related fiber arts. We support and inspire members of all levels through educational opportunities, resources, and creative sharing, and engage with the broader community through outreach and events.

Meetings: Membership meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. There is a day and evening meeting for those members who work and those that don’t drive to evening meetings.

Library: The guild maintains a lending library for members. It is available during membership meetings. The guild also rents looms and small equipment.

Guild Activities

General Membership Meetings

April – Fabrics and Their Fixes by Elise Webb at [Villagemending.com](#) Elise showed many methods of repairing or mending different types of fabrics.

May – Linda Hendrickson presents “Tablet-woven necklaces, scarves, and walls of bands” in the morning and “Ply-split braids, baskets and a QR code” in the evening. Linda is one of members. She gave a trunk show of her amazing work.



June – Annual Meeting to elect officers and Strawberry Social. The evening meeting features approval of the 2024-25 spending plan, and election of 2024-25 officers and board of directors.

July/August – There are no meetings in July or August.

September – Judilee Fitzhugh presents Indigo Blue: History and Practice for both morning and evening meetings. She showed us how easy it is to make an indigo pot, and gave a presentation on the history of indigo.

October – Representatives from The North American Linen Association (NALA), a nonprofit trade association founded and supported by individuals and businesses committed to developing the flax fiber industry across North America, gave a presentation on the NALA organization, their goals for revitalizing flax fiber (linen) in North America, as well as the history of flax in Oregon,

Study Groups

Sewing with Handwovens Study Group - The Sewing with Handwovens Study Group is led by Linda Edquist. Their primary focus is constructing garments with handwoven fabric. Here's news from the Sewing with Handwovens Study Group.

Band Weaving - Weaving narrow wares. The Band Weaving Study Group is led by Lynne Fitzsimmons, and meets monthly. Their primary focus is inkle and tablet weaving, using all sorts of techniques and equipment from standard inkle looms to back strap setups to large band weaving looms.

Small Looms – Specializing in portable solutions. Rigid heddle, single and double heddles. The Small Looms Study Group is led by David Norris, and meets monthly. Their primary focus is rigid heddle weaving, using all sorts of techniques and equipment.

HGA Certificate of Excellence – Even though the HGA program is on hiatus, the group is using the handbook to further their weaving skills and weaving structure knowledge. They pick a section each month to study, and member present their findings at the next meeting.

Linen Study Group - The Linen Study Group is led by Sue Walsh, and meets monthly. Their primary focus is weaving with linen and linen blends.

Workshops

September: Indigo and Shibori, an Exploration of Resist Techniques with Judilee Fitzhugh

Other Events

New Weaver Forum - There is a monthly meeting for new weavers to get their questions answered It is held on zoom. There is a morning and an evening meeting schedule.

Gathering of the Guilds Show & Sale: The annual PHG Spring Fiber Art Sale is part of Gathering of the Guilds, which also includes:

- Creative Metal Arts Guild

- Guild of Oregon Woodworkers
- Pacific Northwest Glass Guild
- Portland Bead Society
- Oregon Potters Association's Ceramic Showcase

This has been an enjoyable and fun event with opportunities to do demos and for members to have booths. Recent changes in the overall event has made participation challenging and PHG will not participate in 2026.

WeftOver sale - Every fall the guild holds a WeftOver Sale. The sale is our annual clean-out -the-closet event! It is where we pull all the fiber donations out of the PHG closet, and you can clear out some old unwanted stash, too. It is also a wonderful time to pick up items for a deal. We always have a wide variety of fiber and weaving materials, books, and equipment.