

WeGO
GENERAL MINUTES
October 25, 2025

Meeting began at 10 am

Motions were made and seconded to approve today's agenda, and April 2025 minutes.

Present: President Donna Wilson; Vice President Karen Sieradski; Treasurer Annali Cross; State Fair Coordinator Dorald Stoltz; Leigh Wheeler-ACHG, and PHG; Carrie Gordon-COSW; Education and Workshop Coordinator LeAnn Meyer-Clatsop Weavers Guild; Cheryl Richardson outgoing rep-CF, and GHG; Secretary Sarah Mostkoff-EWG; Kathy Nelson- KSWG; Communications Director Lisa Krebs-RVHG and SHG; State Fair Demonstration Pam Sullivan-SFG; Corinne Geddes-UWS; Patricia Beckmann WWFA. **Absent:** Heritage Textile Arts; Humbug Mountain Weavers and Spinners Guild; Threadbenders. Visitor- Laurie Foster.

VP Report by Karen Sieradski

Scholarships- Threadbenders and Salem Fiberarts Guild have submitted reports for their scholarships and were reimbursed. Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers declined the 2024-25 scholarship. The alternate Gorge Handweavers Guild had a Krokbragd class and will submit a report. Rogue Valley Handweavers used their scholarship for a presentation by OVER THE -TOP, featuring projects for wigs, chemo scarves and head wraps. They are also doing lap blankets to donate.

2025/26 SCHOLARSHIP Winners and Alternatives:

Portland Handweavers Guild (alternative Clatsop Weavers Guild)
Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers, (alternative Klamath Spinners & Weavers Guild)
Umpqua Weavers & Spinners, (alternative Webfoot Weavers & Fiber Artists)
Humbug Mountain Weavers & Spinners Guild, (alternative Eugene Weavers Guild)

Humbug Mountain Weavers & Spinner Guild currently has no representative nor president. There is a PO Box with no name attached. Lisa Krebs will contact Sandy Rose to see if she knows who the PO Box belongs to and if it is active. Sarah will follow up with a letter informing Humbug of their pending Scholarship and ask if they can commit to the criteria for accepting the scholarship no later than 12/31/2025. Annali reported that Humbug Mountain sent a 2024 application form and signed a check from a Laural "Harhul or Jarhul" (name was illegible).

Treasurer Report by Annali Cross

Annali presented and reviewed the following forms which are available for review upon request: **Balance Sheet; Budget Projections by Year; Profit and Loss.** Expenses included State Fair Postage, Oregon State Fair awards and transportation

costs for Dorald; mailing the secretary historical record boxes to the new Secretary; and paid scholarships;

Communication Coordinator Report by Lisa Krebs

Documents for the communications report are available upon request.

Website increased traffic: approximately 1,000 users. Lots of spam is being turned away automatically. Facebook stats are only for the last 90 days. Lisa discussed the value and positive results attained by posting a class with open spots on Facebook; for example her guild had 7 spots open, they were quickly filled and subsequently had a waiting list of 11. Guilds can contact Lisa to list their class openings on the website and/or Facebook.

For April and following meetings, please send guild reports to Lisa. Send photos to both Donna and Lisa.

Education and Workshop Coordinator Report by LeAnn Meyers

LeAnn is in contact with possible teachers. Some options may be Rigid Heddle, Painted Warps, or Tablet Weaving. Guilds are welcome to suggest themes and teachers.

LeAnn reported that she has been unable to reach the former Education and Workshop Coordinator to get pertinent information on how to set up workshops and payments.

An ad hoc committee was formed to research the criteria of the Workshop program. Included members are Annali Cross, LeAnn Meyer, Kathy Nelson, Donna Wilson, Carrie Gordon, Cheryl Richardson, Sarah Mostkoff. There may be some information from a Rigid Heddle Class Patty Huffner held about 3 years ago. The goal is to recreate or find the Workshop Information and budget by the end of one month. Annali found enough documents to help get information. Donna will set a date for the committee meeting.

Ten minute break

State Fair Coordinator Report by Dorald Stoltz

The Oregon State Fair had fewer entries in 2025 at 101, compared to the previous year, but the 2025 quality was excellent. \$850 in cash awards and certificates were paid out. The judges were paid. Compass Moon Creations donated gift bags for the kid's entries. We want to encourage more youngsters to enter. Looking for cash prizes donors for Dyeing and Felting. Special thanks to Suzie Liles who stepped forward at the last minute to do the judging. Exciting 2026 news as Robyn Spady will be the State Fair Judge!

The Fair is considering moving to the Danish method of judging. Using "standards" is considered more fair than the current American Judging method which is subjective. Switching to a standard judging method may increase participation. The Danish method would be used for all fiber arts if it is adopted. Eugene Weavers Guild had the most entries this year, with Salem Fiberarts Guild second. It would greatly help if there were a champion in each guild to talk up and encourage entries into the State Fair. WeGO provides shipping reimbursement to and from the Oregon State Fair for guilds that group their members' entries and ship in one box.

A major highlight was Columbia Fibres with a three panel display featuring the use of different fibers to create a finished product. This was a great exhibit and made possible via a grant from ANWG. Without WeGO's support, the Fiber Arts Department wouldn't be what it is today at the Fair.

Note 2026 dates for the Oregon State Fair are August 28-September 7. This is a week later than usual.

OREGON STATE FAIR DEMONSTRATION REPORT By Pam Sullivan

Over the 11 days of the fair the textile section had 77 individual demonstrators. Over 1,000 volunteer hours. Having weaving demonstrators helped drawn folks in.

Pam starts planning for the 2026 fair in January. She has been promoting the State Fair in a variety of creative ways. She is happy to zoom into meetings if it is of value to a guild to help promote participation in the State Fair. Both she and Dorald Stoltz are available to speak in person to nearby guilds.

The new **MAKE AND TAKE** demonstrations proved popular. Several videos were made. A discussion ensued about posting one video a month to the Facebook site. There is a limit to content on WeGO's website, but Lisa can put in a hyperlink to FB. There has already been a high number of clicks on our FB page from the fair.

Kathy Nelson wondered how to tell a person what the benefit of WeGO is. Some suggestions include inter-guild communication and ideas. Learning from the reports, newsletters and the fiber related events around the state, and the feeling of connectedness and familiarity with other guild members.

ANWG no representative

Portland Handweavers Guild is sponsoring 2027 ANWG. WeGO's opportunity to host is in 2031. Donna will ask ANWG to give a report at our meetings. Individuals can sign up for ANWG's newsletters.

HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF AMERICA By Sarah Mostkoff

Carrie Gordon will replace Sarah as HGA representative. HGA no longer has a representative liaison program with guilds. It is valuable to report on HGA for guilds that don't have a membership, and as a general reminder of what is happening at HGA. HGA has an annual Online Guild Building Retreat, January 31. It is an all day event with a panel of speakers, and a series of breakout sessions covering many topics where you can speak directly with other guilds members across the country to share ideas and insights. **Convergence** is planned for New Orleans, LA August 12-16, 2026. The HGA Spinning and Weaving Week just concluded.

LONG RANGE PLANNING by Sarah Mostkoff

We briefly reviewed the addition of the tag line to the WeGO logo "Exploring All Fiber Arts". The Workshop section of the LRP was discussed above. The Certificate of Merit discussion follows under old business.

Break at 1156. Meeting resumed at 1215

GUILD REPORTS available on the Webpage

Show and Share Power Point presented of guild activities

ELECTION OF OFFICERS by Donna Wilson

Vice President - OPEN

Treasurer - Annali Cross will continue

Education/Workshop - LeAnn will continue

State Fair Demos - Pam Sullivan will continue

Karen Sieradski made a motion to approve the above positions with the exception of Vice President. Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Thank you Karen Sieradski for serving as our Vice President these last two years!

TILLAMOOK LIBRARY EXHIBIT by Annali Cross

Annali reported that Tillamook Library asked us to consider a 2026, month long display in their library exhibit area, including artifacts and information related to our fiber craft. It was discussed that a couple guilds could donate items for the exhibit along with WeGO. Possible suggestions were Clatsop Weaver's Guild as the closest guild, and perhaps Salem Fiberarts Guild. Annali will forward information to the ad hoc committee of LeAnn Meyer and Cheryl Richardson. Cheryl has three large panels showing the process of fiber process from sheep to finished product that could be included.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT by Sarah Mostkoff

In response to a 2024 survey of WeGO, the majority of requests were to have a certificate or an award from WeGO to acknowledge our guild's fairs, and help recruit new members. Summer 2025 was the roll out of the Certificate of Merit available to all WeGO connected county fairs and the Oregon State Fair. Post event surveys were requested from each participating guild to assess the value of the Certificate program.. It was decided to include certificates for spinning and weaving separately.

Committee members are Pam Sullivan, Sarah Mostkoff, and Doral Stoltz.

There were six requests for certificates in 2025, Oregon State Fair-WeGO; Lane County Fair-EWG; Curry County Fair-WW; Hood River County Fair-CFG; Skamania County Fair (Washington)-CFG; Klickitat Country Fair (Washington)- CFG.

It was suggested to use Survey Monkey next year for the survey. The Certificate of Merit was well received, although no new members were recruited to our knowledge in 2025.

The post event survey and full report are available upon request.

MISCELLANEOUS - Representative changes

Laurie Foster, incoming guild representative effective January 1, 2026 for Columbia Fibers and Gorge Hand Weavers Guild and replacing Cheryl Richardson.

Pam Sullivan the Rep for Salem, replacing Doral Stoltz.

Cheryl Richardson incoming for Sarah Mostkoff EWG effective April 2026

Meeting adjourned at 215pm

Spring meeting April 18, 2026 Fall Meeting October 24, 2026

Submitted by Sarah Mostkoff

