

WeGO COSW guild report  
Spring 2026

The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild has set up presentations/workshops for 2026. Our first workshop was a two-day spinning with Jacey Boggs, held in early March. We had 2 Klamath Falls members join us. According to the Education team, our next two workshops will be in May with Karen Gelbard on May 19/May 21-22 followed by a two-day workshop by Cynthia Newman on May 23-24, plus a second workshop by Karen Gelbard, also on May 23-24.

COSW has 2 rigid heddle interest groups, 2 tapestry interest groups (Wednesday, Sunday), a weaving interest and spinning interest. We have also brought together a band interest group. It's been fun to participate with my inkle loom, improving what I learned at John Mullarkey's workshop.

**Education Outreach:**

We provide volunteers for demonstrations at local schools when requested. High Desert Woolgrowers Market Day will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm at the Deschutes County Fairground in Redmond, OR. Check out the FB page for additional information. We will be demonstrating spinning and band weaving.

**Programs:**

January – Learned about our programs for the year and upcoming workshops.

February – Robyn Spady presented a delightful zoom program on the Bateman Weaves. I was amazed to learn he was a chemist that after retiring, he dove headfirst into using math and weaving threading study. WOW! Highly recommend inviting Robyn to give this talk.

March – Gillian Burton and Bobbie Faust talked about ***"The Fabric of Canadian and West Coast Salish Weaving"*** and our guild challenge "Enter into our counties and state fair". We had a presentation: ***"2026 Oregon State Fair Overview"*** by Pam Sullivan and Dorald Stoltz, via zoom. Thank You!!

April 15 – Guild meeting: Tina Hovecamp, Textiles from Greece"

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiber Market Day – April 25 at the Deschutes County Fair, Redmond, OR.

May 19 - Workshop Karen Gelbard: Trash Bag garment design

May 20. - Guild meeting – Karen Gelbard "Designing and weaving with handwoven"

May 21 -22 Workshop Session 1 Karen Gelbard" Cut and sew your own handwoven jacket/vest/top – 2 day

May 23-24 - Workshop – Cynthia Newman: Color in Composition

May 23-24 - Workshop – Session 2 – Karen Gelbard" Cut and sew your own handwoven Jacke/vest/top

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