

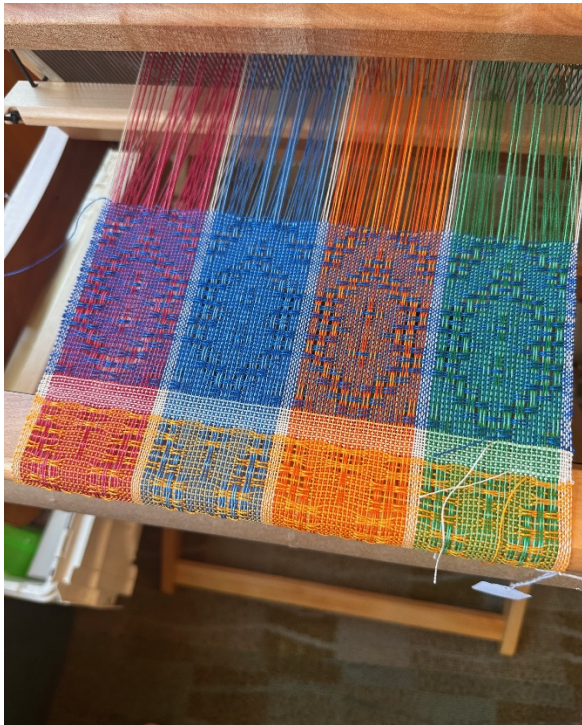
# Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild- LeAnn Meyer

## Spring 2026 Guild Report

The Clatsop Weavers and Spinners Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of most months at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco. The Fiber Arts group meets at a guild member's studio in Seaview the 1st Tues. of each month or at an outside location, weather permitting. The Spinning Study Group meets the last Saturday of each month at the Ilwaco Community Room. There are currently 24 active members and 2 lifetime members from both sides of the Columbia River.

**October:** The guild held its second retreat at Camp Cedar Ridge in Vernonia, October 31- November 2. The event was so successful that another retreat is planned for 2026 for 3 nights. The workshop, Lace Weaves & the Rainbow Connection taught by Robyn Spady was held in early October.

**Program:** The program presented by member Betsey Ellerbroak was "Early European Textiles". Betsey put together a slide show from photographs she took at several museums she visited in the U.K. and Ireland. The program had examples of many different types of textiles.



**November:** All current officers of CW&SG volunteered to remain in their current positions as the nominating committee confirmed. A motion was made with the current slate of officers remaining in their positions passing unanimously.

The sign-up sheet for 2026 hostesses was passed around and the Workshop/Program Committee began planning for 2026. A workshop with Robyn Spady has been planned for July 2026 and the annual natural dye day will be held in July at LeAnn's.

Guild member, Robyn Spady, volunteered to develop a guild website.

The guild had a display at the Columbia Pacific Fiber Arts Festival held on the Long Beach Peninsula in Long Beach. Volunteers were on hand to explain the spinning wheels, table looms, Baby Wolf loom and other equipment. Interested visitors were encouraged to try their hand at the different fiber crafts.

**Program:** Michael Thornton, guild member Sandy Thornton's husband, gave a presentation on the warp Ikat weaving workshop that Sandy and LeAnn took part in on their April/May 2025 Uzbekistan Textile Tour they took with Marilyn Romatka. Michael and LeAnn's husband, Robert Johnson, had gone on a previous tour to Uzbekistan with Sandy and LeAnn so Michael was very familiar with the process. He also used the notes and photographs from Sandy and LeAnn's 2<sup>nd</sup> tour from spring.



**December:** There was a short business meeting before the Christmas Pot Luck and gift exchange took place.

Robyn Spady obtained our website address and did a sample website for CW&SG.

**Program:** As December is our Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange, the program was the opening of the gifts. The gift challenge this year was to use three colors from a magazine photo which had been blind-chosen earlier in the fall. It was interesting to see how the 3 colors were chosen and interpreted by the gift's creator. The creativity and ingenuity was absolutely amazing.





**January:** The 2027 ANWG Conference theme was announced. It is “Rivers & Bridges: Connecting Fiber Communities”. There was also discussion about having a booth at the conference. The new website should be up by the end of the month per Robyn. In February Robyn and another guild member, Vicki Pero will lead a half-day workshop on different methods of warping, “Essential Warping Techniques”. Robyn’s weaving workshop in July will be “Block Party: Designing with the Building Blocks of Weaving” in IlWaco. Wendy Emo, guild member who has recently been giving spinning workshops in the PNW, will be teaching “Batt Outta Heaven” Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the 2026 guild scholarship is Jill Benish. In lieu of using the scholarship money, Jill has asked that the money be earmarked toward an outside presenter for a guild program.

**Program:** Robyn presented an informative program, “Gizmos & Gadgets for Every Weaver”.

**February:** Our new website is up and live, thanks to guild member, Robyn Spady.

The website for CW&SG is: [www.Clatsopweaversandspinnners.com](http://www.Clatsopweaversandspinnners.com)

There was a short business meeting. A few of the topics discussed were: the added August program, the hostess schedule for the year which was completed and ideas for the Christmas gift exchange. Also discussed was the HGA Travel & Workshop LIVE presentation.

It was announced that the Peninsula Artisans Association will be having sale events in April and November for all artists who may want to sell their work.

The half-day workshop, "Essential Warping Techniques" presented by Robyn and Vicki, was held Saturday, February 21. There were 9 attendees and included both new and experienced weavers.

**Program:** Those who attended Red Alder shared the classes they took.



**March:** The dates for this year's Pacific Columbia Fiber Arts Festival are Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8. Several members of the guild have volunteered to help the Festival with signage and yarn bombing the community. The guild will also have an information table where information about the guild and fiber arts in general will be presented. Some weaving and spinning equipment will be available for demonstrations.

**Program:** The program this month was a fun and educational hands-on program on Circle Weaving given by guild member Sheri Hendrix.