WeGO COSW guild report
Fall 2026

The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild is starting to look at presentations/workshops for 2027. COSW has 2 rigid heddle interest groups, 2 tapestry interest groups (Wednesday, Sunday), a weaving interest, band weaving and spinning interest. The weaving and band weaving interest groups meet every other month. Rigid heddle, tapestry and spinning meet monthly.

Education Outreach:
We provided volunteers at the Deschutes and Crook County Fairs for demonstrations. We partnered with NwSFA spinners (NW Spinners and Fiber Arts Assoc.) at Crook County Fair for a Saturday demonstration. Reality is, most of our NwSFA members are also COSW members.

Programs:
April 15 – Guild Tina Hovecamp, Textiles from Greece"
28th Annual Fiber Market Day – April 25
Workshop Karen Gelbard: Trash Bag garment design May 19
Guild meeting – Karen Gelbard: Designing and weaving with handwovens," May 20
May 21 -22 Workshop Session 1 Karen Gelbard" Cut and sew your own handwoven jacket/vest/top – 2 day - **WeGO Scholarship supported this class.**
Workshop – Session 2 – Karen Gelbard" Cut and sew your own handwoven Jacke/vest/top May 23-24
Jun 17 – Annual guild picnic with studio tours and weftover sale
July 15 – Guild program: New guild member, Blake, talked about his use of recycled materials, creating baskets.
County and State Fairs: Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook, plus our State Fair.
August 19 – Guild – Tapestry Interest group presentation
September 14-15 – Workshop by Cynthia Newman. "Color in Composition"
September 16 – Guild Program Cynthia Newman "Becoming a Master Weaver"
October 21 – Guild Interest Group Presentations: Spinning, Rigid Heddle and Band Weaving
November 18 – 2026 Challenge results, volunteer recognition and holiday party
2026 Guild Challenge - Enter in our County Fairs and the State Fair

What's planned for 2027?
June 14-19, 2027 ANWG conference in PDX. The Education team is still working on programs for next year. Tentative: January will be overview of activities, guild challenge and plans for 2027. February – Heken Heivert about paper weaving (Zoom), March – Hands On stations for people to try paper weaving collage cards, rock weaving and/or needle felting. I asked her about rock weaving which is decorative wrapping of river cobble. Check out Japanese Rock Weaving.

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