

Guild Activity Report
Guild: Aurora Colony Handspinner's Guild
Representative: Carrie Rohn
From: April 2017 to September 2017

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

April - No meeting was held because our facility was unavailable.

May – Susan Stambaugh from Abstract Fibers gave a talk about how she became attracted to color and ended up developing her own company.

June- Natural dying with lichens was the subject and given by Sally Williams in preparation for dye day.

July – No meeting was held.

August – Anna Zell from Estacada, talked about Jacob sheep which are spotted and can sometimes have four horns. It is time consuming to separate all of the colors so Anna dyes the whole fleece and sells it to spinners as a tweed.

September – Sarah Anderson spoke about spinning and how to recognize correct plying. Then she turned to explaining how she has challenged herself with different spinning projects and what the results were, such as spinning without any twist..

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Fiber Fair - We had a large room at Clackamas Community College full of vendors, spinners and lots of visiting. There was a class for beginning spinners and members gave talks about drop spindling and how to process fiber.

Spin-In, Tea, and Potluck - Our annual tea was held in April at the Butteville Store with birds as the theme. Hats were encouraged and the store was packed with people, wheels and fun.

Picnic and Dye Day – A full day of spinning and dyeing in July was held at the Aurora Colony Museum with several talks about dying techniques. People, vats and drying racks filled the courtyard with the occasional call of a color in a pot that needed to be exhausted and someone would dash over with a hand full of pale fiber.