

Portland Handweavers Guild
Spring 2017 Guild Report

Portland Handweavers Guild meets the second Thursday of the month, there is a day and an evening meeting, generally with the same program. Currently 200 members. 25-40 attend either the day or evening meeting.

November 2016 Inge Dam brought her gorgeous clothing for a trunk show. Members were enthralled with the beauty and complexity of the garments. Inge incorporates tablet weaving into fabric, all woven on a floor loom. She dyes the warps and embellishes as well. Several members delighted in modeling the exquisite garments. The workshop followed that weekend. We warped the tablets then put them on looms that had been warped with a gap in the center of the fabric for where the tablets and warp were placed. Very challenging on certain looms, lots learned.

Winter weather caused cancellation of both December and January meetings.

February Cathy McMurray, a new member, shared ideas and strategies for marketing yourself and your work online. Social media is a big part of her strategy. Cathy has a successful website and sells on Etsy.

March Jannie Taylor came to Portland to teach a workshop on using software for designing the popular "Echo and Iris" style work at Ruthie's Weaving Studio. She gave a program to PHG on the same topic.

A group of new members, also new weavers, have started a study group to give structure to their learning process and have connection with other weavers for the process. Ladella and I are mentoring the group when needed.

The Fall sale was a success.