

Portland Handweavers Guild WeGO Report for April 2018

Memberships

PHG memberships as of April 6, 2018 is 209.

2018 WeGO Traveling Show:

Picked up the show from Bend and installed it at the Streff Gallery in the Marylhurst University Library for a showing from March 5-April 27. A reception with light refreshments was held for about 50 on March 10; Rosalie Neilson was the speaker. PHG artists in the show were sent handwoven invitations to the reception. Library staff said that public feedback on the show has been extremely positive and possibly the best show they have had.

Sales:

Fall sale was November 11-12. The annual spring sale, in conjunction with Gathering of the Guilds, is April 27-29 and will include weaving demonstrations over the entire weekend.

Retreat:

PHG's 10th annual retreat was held March 29-April 1 at Cedar Ridge near Vernonia. About 25 attended to weave, spin, knit, blend batts, drink wine, whatever. A great time was had by all.

Theme of the Year:

PHG adopted *Color Madness* as our theme of the year to mirror WeGO's Traveling Show "Color Gone Wild." We're encouraging members to weave with color, established a study group for the year to focus on color, and held a dye play day for all guild members at the Oregon College of Art & Craft in January (about 30 attended). We will show off our colors at the June meeting.

Programs:

PHG holds both day and evening programs on the second Thursday of the month, September through June. This year, programs were:

- September: Sylvia Emard, presentation of her grant
- October: Linda Hendrickson, My Sazigyo (Burmese Lettered Tablet Weaving)
- November: Joanne Hall, Swedish Weaving
- December: 7 different mini-workshops by and for the membership
- January: Betty Davenport, Rigid Heddle Weaving
- February: day: Weaving with Handspun; eve: members-only weft-over and swapmeet
- March: Laura Thode, Southwest Prehistoric Textiles
- April: Marilyn Anderson, Guatemalan Textiles
- May: Robyn Spady (three different 1-hour programs, morning, afternoon, evening)
- June: Annual strawberry shortcake banquet and election of 2018-19 officers

Workshops:

Three workshops sponsored by PHG were scheduled for the 2017-18 year:

- Linda Hendrikson, Sazygyo Card Weaving Technique, October 2017
- Joanne Hall, Swedish Art Weaves, November 2017
- Robyn Spady, Extreme Warp Makeover, May 2018

Also, Laverne Waddington will visit the Portland area again for another Backstrap Weaving workshop, April 27-29.