

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild: Report to WeGO April 7, 2018

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. Membership continues to grow and now stands at 43. New members include both novice and experienced weavers.

Here are the activities undertaken since our last report in October 2017.

October:

- The RVHG Facebook page up and running. This is a closed group for privacy and protection.
- Kamie Liston and Leanne Krieger, who were awarded Member Education Fund grants to attend, reported on the ANWG conference. They took Robyn Spady's class "*Pictures, Potpourri and Perplexing Curiosities*" and summarized for the guild what they learned and shared samples of many different weaves.
- Beginning this month RVHG meetings are announced in the Medford Mail Tribune "Tempo."

November:

- Fifteen contributors from both guilds donated items for the silent auction for Friends of the Animal Shelter. \$473 was realized from items donated by RVHG members.
- Nadine Purcell presented a very informative program on *Stripes in Warp and Weft*, analyzing examples of plaids and stripes contributed by members.

December:

- Guild rental and teaching equipment was successfully moved to a new storage facility provided by a guild member and will continue to be available for use by both members and non-members.
- Member Education Fund recipient Jacqueline Mitchell reported on spinning classes she attended and also critiqued weaving DVDs.
- The program was followed by our holiday potluck and gift exchange.

January:

- Guild members selected "Extreme Warp Makeover" as the topic for the workshop to be presented by Robyn Spady in October. Planning is being coordinated with Saturday Guild which will sponsor a different workshop the same week.
- Member Education Fund recipient Marty Lemke presented a program on *Exploration of Colour and Design Theory* This was a class presented by Jane Stafford at the ANWG Conference 2017.

February:

- RVHG is re-examining the Certificate of Accomplishment program to increase participation. Discussion will continue at the April meeting.

- Elizabeth Acos and Dianna Shultz presented a program on *Embellishments*, especially demonstrating many ways to use beads and create twisted fringe with fringe twisters.

March:

- The Beginning Weavers class, which will be held April 7, 8 and 14, is filled, with six, or possibly even seven students. There are enough volunteer instructors so that every student is expected to find a personal mentor.
- Most of the meeting was devoted to an extended program by Linda Hendrickson on ply split braiding, with each member producing a ply split wave pattern bookmark. Materials costs for all guild members were underwritten by the Member Education Fund.