

Oct. 2017 Report
Salem Fiberarts Guild
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May – We participated in the annual Sheep To Shawl event at the Willamette Heritage Center, sponsor and home of our weaving studio. We demonstrated rigid heddle and floor loom weaving, carding and spinning and hosted demonstrators of rug hooking, lace making and other crafts.

Our program for the May meeting was Karen Gilbard showing the creative way she incorporates color into her weavings.

June –The June meeting featured Dorald Stoltz talking about her travels and displaying fiber items collected from around the world.

The June field trip was to the LanSu Chinese Garden in Portland where members enjoyed their Silk Road program. Luncheon followed.

Also, in June several members traveled to Victoria for the ANWG conference.

July – Every summer the WHC invites teenagers to join their Teen Interpretive Program. Each participant researches a historical character, then takes on that personage to greet visitors to the center and explain the history. This year four TIP kids came to our studio to learn weaving and are now proudly showing off their scarves and wall hangings.

August – This was Oregon State Fair month. Three members entered items and won ribbons. A number of guild members also demonstrated during the fair and several took leadership roles.

September – Getting ready for our annual Handweavers' Sale at the WHC took up much of September. This is our main fundraiser for the year and is always a special time. At our September guild meeting, Barbara Walker showed us how to incorporate weavings into greeting cards and displayed some 200 cards from her collections.

October – The sale is the first weekend in October. In addition to selling woven and other handmade items, we provided demonstrations of weaving, spinning, felting, lace making, rug hooking and other fiber crafts.

Our October meeting the October meeting will feature our member, Pam Patrie, demonstrating non-flat tapestry techniques.

An additional project – In support of the Willamette Heritage Center and its Fall Fundraising Gala, the Guild is purchasing a sponsorship of the event. We also will donate woven items for the silent auction.