

## Threadbenders Guild

The Threadbenders consist of weavers, spinners and dyers from Baker and Union Counties in Northeast Oregon. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month beginning at 10 am, at a member's home, or community space such as the library or Art Center if a larger facility is needed for the program. We currently have 22 members. Our guild year begins in September and ends in June. There are not regularly scheduled programs in July and August.



**April 2017** – 5 members and 1 guest attended the meeting at Elizabeth's home in La Grande. Elizabeth presented a hands-on program on hand spinning, including drop spindle and drafting and spinning woolen yarn on a wheel.



**May 2017** – 11 members and 1 guest attended the meeting at the Baker County Library in Baker City. Kata presented a hand-on program of weaving braid-in rugs. Kata brought a large selection of trapillo to share. Each person selected 4 colors to work with and around and around we went. Almost everyone was able to make a small round – the beginning of a small chair mat – by the end of the day.



**June 2017** – 8 members and 1 guest attended the meeting at Carol E.'s house in Summerville. Margaret presented a program on felting a small pouch, or purse. She used a foam resist between layers of roving to create the pocket in the pouch. Everyone had a unique color scheme and look to their finished felted pouch.

**July 2017** – 6 members attended the informal July potluck and camp planning get-together at Vicki's house in Medical Springs.



**August 2017** – Weaving in the Woods – our annual weaving, spinning, swimming...and generally relaxing campout in Richland, Oregon. 7 members and 1 guest made their appearance in camp some time during the 5 days.



**September 2017** – 7 members attended the meeting at Denine's home outside of Baker City. Margaret presented a program on natural dyeing. There were a lot of dye pots brewing and a lot of good color achieved.