

Heritage Textile Arts Guild WeGo Report-October, 2018

Our Guild has had a busy spring and summer. April was a planning meeting for the next 6 months activities, and a wonderful show and share to catch up with all winter weavings, spinnings, dyeings, and new learnings by our members.

May meeting included a discussion on various shibori dyeing techniques by members. Some examples were silk scarves dyed during Fiber in the Forrest class, some were woven shibori. All were dyed in indigo. It was a spectacular show of blues!

June found us meeting in Coquille at a member's house to practice and learn warp painting. We all brought prewound warps in cotton, rayon, linen or tencel and used fiber reactive dyes to paint and dip our warps. We also dyed weft yarns that matched one of the colors in the warp.

July found us at another member's house for eco printing and iron blanket printing. We also used an indigo pot to dye more yarns and scarves. We planned our booth for the Blackberry Arts Festival and were pleased with all the new items we had generated to sell and demonstrate during the two day event.

August-Blackberry Arts Festival was another great success! We had dozens of folks interested in our guild and 3 new members joined. Lots of kids of all ages played with spinning and weaving on our equipment. Sales exceeded previous years'. And the weather was wonderful!

September we were back doing eco printing and iron blanket dyed scarves and cloth. We also planned new meetings at a new member's barn-equipped with sinks and tables where we could dye, demonstrate and learn how to sew garments from handwoven cloth. We also planned our December sale at the Coos History Museum. Show and Share included several items woven from the warp dyed fibers from the June workshop. Wonderful use of color and variety of weave structures.

October meeting to be held on Oct. 13 in our new location in the 'barn'. It will include lots of time for show and share, preparation for the three members attending the Eugene workshop in November, and further planning for the December sale.

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