

Portland Handweavers Guild

WeGO Report for the period April - September 2018

Memberships

PHG memberships as of June 2018 was 219.

2018-19 Officers

Officers elected in June: Dan Steves, President; Megan Rothstein, Secretary; Pat Zimmerman, continues for another year as Treasurer.

Sales

The annual spring sale, in conjunction with Gathering of the Guilds, was April 27-29 at the Oregon Convention Center and included weaving demonstrations over the entire weekend. Planning is underway for the 2019 Gathering of the Guilds, again scheduled for April at the Oregon Convention Center in April. The annual Fall Sale is scheduled for November 9-11 at the Multnomah Art Center (MAC).

ANWG Grant

PHG was one of several recipients of a \$600 grant from the Association of Northwest Weaving Guilds (ANWG). PHG's Banner Project is a public weaving project led by PHG member Debbie Ellis. Debbie and other PHG members brought their pre-warped rigid heddle looms to public events such as Gathering of the Guilds, the Wilsonville Art Fair, the Oregon State Fair, Art in the Pearl, and the OMSI Makers Faire. They helped event attendees aged 2-98 weave their choice of yarns from a stash of donated fibers using Japanese free-form (Saori-style) weaving technique. The resulting art banners will be donated to local organizations as a gift from the community. People who have woven on the banners can leave their email addresses to get an update on what happened to what they wove, and can also get info on any future opportunities to weave or learn more. Debbie is also planning an article for Handwoven Magazine. To date, the project has introduced weaving to hundreds of people, and has been so successful that PHG is planning future rigid heddle events. A rigid heddle program and workshop will be led in April 2019 by RH instructor Deborah Jarchow. Habitat for Humanity has indicated interest in receiving banners as housewarming "wall art" in 2-3 homes to be finished this fall. Discussions detailing how PHG will proceed will begin at the Board Meetings in September and October.

Outreach and Demonstrations

Members demonstrated weaving and spinning at the Oregon State Fair in August-September. PHG participated in OFFF in late September, displaying articles.

2018-19 Programs (September through June)

PHG holds day and evening programs on the second Thursday of the month at 10AM and 7PM. This year, programs are:

- September: Leah Hershey, presentation of her 2017 PHG Grant on Japanese textiles
- October: Linda Davis, Bateman Weaves
- November: Rosalie Neilson, "hands on" kumihimo
- December: Mini-workshops by and for the membership

January: OPEN, MAC Auditorium unavailable
February: Damascus Tapestry Weavers (tentative)
March: Linny Adamson, Timberline Lodge Weavings (tentative)
April: Deborah Jarchow, Rigid Heddle
May: OPEN, MAC Auditorium unavailable
June: Annual strawberry shortcake banquet and election of 2018-19 officers

2018-19 Workshops

Four workshops are scheduled:

Linda Davis, Bateman Weaves (October)
Rosalie Neilson, Exaltation of Blocks in Huck Lace (November)
Barbara Walker, Signature Blocks – Name Draft in Overshot (March)
Deborah Jarchow, Rigid Heddle Boot Camp (April)