

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild: Report to WeGO October 15, 2018

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. Current membership stands at 31. Here are the activities undertaken since our last report in April 2018.

April: One lead instructor assisted by five helpers conducted a three-day beginning weaving class for six students. The class went exceptionally well; having a mentor for each student proved very valuable. For next year the guild will need to replace several of the teaching looms if possible. A guild program on Boundweave techniques was presented by Cindie Kitchen.

May: Linda Davis presented her highly engaging and successful tartan workshop on May 4, 5 & 6. Participants especially appreciated all the information she provided beforehand. A scholarship for a guild member will be established in Carolyn Wedberg's name. Members shared Favorite Tips and Tricks at the meeting.

June: This was our last meeting of the membership year and included sharing our challenge weavings, woven using yarns from the guild stash provided by a grant from Louet several years ago. ANWG has awarded RVHG a grant for next year to be applied to Robyn Spady's workshop in October and accompanying public displays. Several members provided weaving demonstrations at the McKee Covered Bridge Centennial on June and the Beekman House Annual Craft Day June 16th. Board elections for 2018-19 resulted in the following:

President: Nadine Purcell

Co – Vice Presidents: Lisa Krebs and Diana Shultz

Treasurer: Leanne Krieger

Secretary: Jacqueline Mitchell

July: Once again RVHG members demonstrated spinning, weaving and lace making at the Hanley Farm Living History Days, July 7th and 8th. This year demonstrators were asked to wear period costume.

August: The Guild held its annual planning meeting on August 10th, attended by the Board, committee heads, and interested guild members. We discussed the budget for the coming year, plans for programs and workshops, and the continuing development of an "Advancing Weaving Program," the revised RVHG Certificate of Accomplishment, so that it will better serve members and encourage learning. Several suggestions will be adopted so that monthly meetings can be shortened. A number of items were submitted to the State Fair. Our thanks to WeGO for arranging transportation.

September: At this first meeting new members and visitors were introduced. Plans were announced for programs and workshops throughout the year.

October: RVHG members will be offering outreach demonstrations and activities at the Talent Harvest Festival Oct. 6th. Our monthly meeting is October 11th. Robyn Spady will present her workshop "Extreme Warp Makeover" for RVHG on Oct. 24th and 25th. This is planned to coordinate with another program by Robyn, "Parallel Threading is the Weavers Playground," offered by Saturday Handweavers Guild on October 27th and 28th.