



September 2025



Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter! Read on for Guild news, fiber arts events, member classifieds, and more!

Next Meeting: Sept. 25, 2025

@ La Favorites (Kelso)

Agenda:

- 4:00-4:30pm: Social & Snack
- 4:30-5:30pm: Program
- 5:30-6:00pm: Show & Share, Raffle
- 6:00-6:30pm: Business Meeting

September's Program

Elise Webb: "Village Mending" – Mend your fabrics and learn different techniques to fix your different fabrics!



Note from the President

What a summer it's been, lovely fiber folk! We have been hard at work at many a demo and booth all across Cowlitz County, and it's seemed like a back-to-back time. Well, it's time for a little slowness, I think.

I, for one, am really an Autumn person at heart. I live for the subtle shift between summer and fall - when the air is cool in the morning, the dew takes longer to burn off, the skies darken just a little earlier each evening. I of course miss the big gardening season (I haven't really mastered fall gardening yet), but every year around this time, I get the itch to work on my fiber projects more than ever. I dream about finally knitting that big, squishy sweater - who knows - now that I spin decently, maybe I'll spin all the yarn I need?! I start thinking about what I want to warp on my loom for Christmas presents and what seeds need saving out of my dye garden (and of course, what dye pots I'll need to get going soon.)

The other thing I think about quite a bit this time of year is mending. I have a whole wooden crate filled with things that need mending. The funny thing is, though, that I'm really not that proficient at much other than patching jeans - I've been doing that for many a pair for quite a long time. But my crate holds a beloved sweater (my first purchase after I moved to the west coast from North Carolina in 2013), socks with holes in the heels, my husband's worn dress shirts, and now a few precious baby clothes I want to keep. This is why I'm so excited about our presenter for the September guild meeting: I love the slowness of mending, and the time it adds to the life of whatever object we're fixing. I love the feeling of adding value to a beloved textile, and getting to use it longer. I can't wait to learn more mending techniques at our meeting this month, and I look forward to thinking about how I can translate the mending I do in my home on my textiles to the mending we all can do in our hearts, communities, and nation. Happy Autumn, lovely fiber folk. - *Kristen Buchanan*

Recent & Upcoming Guild Events

This past summer was busy! Guild members could be found demonstrating their arts at the Kalama Fair, Castle Rock Fair, Cowlitz County Fair, Longview Library, and Cowlitz County Farmer's Market in Longview.

Our upcoming events are a TBD Dye Garden Study Group dye day as well as our regular meetings.

2025-2026 Guild Challenge

The Board has proposed a fun and exciting Challenge this year:

Working together in groups to create small vignettes (theme-based) displays for the 2026 Cowlitz County Fair and other Guild demos. Groups will form at the September meeting. Ideas for vignettes have been created and are listed on cards drawn from a basket. Groups decide to use the "idea" or come up with a new vignette of their own choosing. Participation is optional.



Meeting Dates & Hosts for the Year

Sept 25: Kathie Leigh Marts and Brittany Bischoff

Oct 3: Robin Sparks and Carol Bern

Dec 4: Holiday Cookie Exchange

Jan 22: Suzi Murray and Olivia Chaney

Feb 26: Ardice Sauger and Ruth Laulainen

March 26: Karin Finch and Jean Watson

April 23: Mary Bergland and Kathy Norgren

Mar 28: Potluck!

Member Events & Classifieds

26" weaving width Schacht Baby Wolf

- 8 harness
- 10 treadle
- 5, 10 and 12-dent stainless steel reeds
- 800 heddles
- Raddle
- Wolf Trap
- Extra apron Bar
- Lease sticks
- Boat Shuttle
- Instruction Manuals

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If you have information you would like to share with our group in this newsletter such as:

items for sale · informational websites · upcoming events

Please feel free to email Ardice at theloneartist1@gmail.com

If you can get it to me by the 2nd week of the month, this will give me time to include it in that month's newsletter.

La Favorites Classes

You can see all of La Favorites classes [online here!](#)

Double Knitting (dates tbd)

Double knitting is a technique that results in a double thickness fabric with a knitted face on each side. It can also have a pattern of two colors on one side, with a mirror image of the pattern with the colors reversed on the opposite side. This class will make a small table pad/pot holder with your initial or other pattern.

Teacher: Jean Watson

Cost: \$ 30.00

Upcoming Fiber Events:



A Fun Filled Fiber Weekend! 4th Annual
PACIFIC NORTHWEST FIBER ARTS EXPO
EDUCATE PARTICIPATE INSPIRE
Sponsored by: Port Angeles Arts Council
MORE NEW! VENDORS
NEW! and returning CLASSES
LONGER WORKSHOPS
Oct. 3-5, 2025
Vern Burton Community Center
Port Angeles, Washington
pnwfiberx.com
FREE ADMISSION!
(excludes workshops)
Craft Marketplace, Demonstrations
Workshops and Hands-on Activities for All Ages!
MARKET HOURS
Friday: 1-5:30pm • Saturday: 9am-5pm • Sunday: 10am - 3pm
CLASSES
FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
1/2 day morning 9am-12pm • 1/2 day afternoon 1-4pm • all day 9am-4pm

Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival



The Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival, established in 1997, is a family-friendly fiber arts festival.

October 18 + 19, 2025

at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, OR.

ANWG Report (*Kathie Leigh Marts, ANWG Rep*)

ANWG Bits to Know

"Movie Bites" returns on September 24, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Visit the ANWG website northwestweavers.org for the Zoom link.

2025 SFAG ANWG Meeting Report

Photos from the June conference are on the ANWG website. Go to northwestweavers.org. In the header choose "Conferences" then "2025 ANWG Conference". In the header of that page choose "Conference Photos".

Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds held the annual members meeting on June 20, 2025 on zoom and at the conference in Yakima. New officers were introduced: President – Patty Huffer; Vice President – Joelle Dubois; 2nd Vice President – Malcolm Benson Dyke; Treasurer – Angelique Penaflor; Secetary – Jennifer Bogut. Discussion included: ANWG Grants – Annual or Biannual; review of changes to the By-laws and Standing Procedures; adding a board position of Technology Director for the web master; location of the next conference in 2027 [location remains undecided]. A Show & Share slideshow wrapped up the meeting. Visit the ANWG website to view the slideshow.

SFAG Went to Conference

Five of our members attended the ANWG Conference in June and all came away dazzled by the variety and inspired toward weaving and spinning. Here are some comments:

SUZI: ...highlights were being in a space with so many people who are interested in fiber arts. A lot of them are so much more experienced than me, and they were so open and friendly about sharing ideas and excitement about weaving / rug hooking / etc. At the seminars, I learned about things that I didn't even know existed in weaving, and was sitting between people who could answer questions during the break time. It was very inspiring to see such a bigger horizon of possibility in weaving. I have a lot of ideas to experiment with and continue to learn more about. It was also super fun to hang out with our guild people in a different setting.

RORY: It was a really awesome experience to have so many weavers from all over the country and all walks of life come together to teach, learn and share their experiences. I attended a really great class and learned a lot, and met some really cool people.

CAROL: The ANWG Conference was an immersive week into all things yarn. Imagine all day and half day classes learning new information about various aspects of something you love. In my case, part of the fun was talking to other weavers who were learning and exchanging ideas, even when sharing a table at breakfast in the hotel. I learned new techniques and different kinds of weaving. We could walk freely into other classrooms and see what other classes were studying. Such variety. Everyone was so positive and willing to share information that they know and ask about what they don't know. What an environment! Then there were the two crazy gals who shared a room next to Kathie Leigh and me who were always organizing social gatherings in our little courtyard - including us in their vast network of friends from their many years of weaving and organizing workshops.

KRISTEN: As a first-time ANWG attendee, I was so overwhelmed (in a great way) by the breadth of workshop topics, the amazing guild displays, and of course the well-stocked vendor hall. I learned so much in my workshops and seminars and cannot wait to attend the 2027 conference! I would highly recommend the conference for every weaver and spinner - from novice to advanced.

KATHIE LEIGH: It was an amazing week! Start planning now to attend the next conference in 2027. Location TBD.

Agenda for this Month's Business Meeting

Opening/Welcome (Kristen Buchanan)

Treasurer's Report (Don Imsland)

- General Account: \$2,973.81
- Scholarship Account: \$1,038.32

Old Business:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 year! Over this past summer, the board and committees have made some changes to our meetings and processes to continue to have an inclusive, fun guild experience for everyone! Here are those changes:

- As you can see, we have added new technology! We now have a projector, screen, microphone, and speaker! We are hopeful this will help everyone able to see and hear our presentations and speakers much better.
- We placed a \$1000 cap on the Study Grant fund so that extra money from the Raffle and other income can go into our general operating fund. As study grants are awarded, we will begin to refill the fund with the Raffle and Sale money.
- Show & Share was done differently today! If you have feedback, please

Website updates:

- Our website plan will renew for \$95 on Oct. 31, 2025
- Website tour (live)

Study Group Updates

- Dye Garden Study Group

New Business:

- ANWG Report (Kathie Leigh Marts)
 - To see the ANWG newsletter: northwestweavers.org
- Reminder: Annual Challenge (Kathie Leigh and Marla Imsland)
- Reminder: Apply for a Study Grant! (Kathy Scalesse)
- Spotlights: Library & Equipment this month (Olivia & Keeley)
- New Business brought by members:
 - December Saturday meeting idea

Announcements:

- New additions to the library or equipment rental space
- Upcoming events (Newsletter Chair)
- Things a member wants to share with the Guild

Thank Hosts: Kathie Leigh Marts and Brittany Bischoff