

ANWG "Northwest News" Newsletter, 2020  
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## NORTHWEST NEWS

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#### News not included in recent newsletter

#### Note from the editor

Mia culpa. I missed including some items in the recent newsletter. I apologize and promise to do better. Here are the additional articles and photographs. Please continue to submit your articles and photos for inclusion in the next newsletter.

- Nancy Skakel  
newsletter editor

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## President's Message

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**ANWG News**

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## Conference News

The 2025 ANWG Conference Committee continues planning our next meeting (at the Yakima Convention Center, June 16 through the 21, 2025 in Yakima WA). Instructor contracts are nearly complete. Hotel negotiations are complete. And show planners are hard at work.

If you haven't yet, sign up for the conference blog, which will provide regular conference updates by email:

<https://anwgconference.org/blog/>

Our biggest news is that we are hoping to provide a free weaving class for beginning weavers at conference. We have a teacher interested in leading the program, and have had many ANWG members volunteer to help. You'll read all about the idea on the blog under, "I have a dream." And, if you have suggestions, or would like to help, we'd really love to hear from you. Let us know by responding on the comments form at the bottom of that page.

Of course, non-weavers will never attend a weaving conference unless you invite them. It won't take much. If you have a knitter or spinning friend (fiber lovers are all around us), you might say something like "Hey, why don't you join me for a weekend in Yakima. You can learn to weave and see if you like it! It's free!"

Stay tuned to the blog, because soon we'll be writing about the possibility of charter buses to Yakima from Seattle and Portland. This too depends on your feedback. You can see why it's so important for us to keep communicating!

The next conference is only 11 months away. That might seem like a long time to you. But for us, it feels a little like the lights of an oncoming train. We need to move! We still have a couple of spots left on our committee. We need a publicity person and a person to supervise signing at conference. If you are willing to help, we can give you everything you need to succeed.

Contact me at: [bettenordberg@msn.com](mailto:bettenordberg@msn.com)

Let the countdown begin!

Bette Nordberg  
2025 Conference Co-Chair

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## News From Member Guilds

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## Langley Spinners and Weavers

The guild kept busy this spring with meetings, spinning days and the restart of knit gatherings. Over winter a weaving study group focused on block weaves and the spinning/knitting group worked on mittens.

A wonderful Fibre Retreat Day was held in May, the day long even included lunch, demonstrations, exercises for weavers and spinners, and a class in beginner bobbin lace. Participants had opportunities to win door prizes, raffle prizes and a last minute chance to buy tickets for the Overshot coverlets made by the members.

Guild members took part in Canada celebrations at the National Historic site of Fort Langley with spinning and yarn preparation demonstrations.

Preparations are underway for the Annual Artisan sale on Saturday November 2 and Sunday November 3, 10-4 pm at the West Langley Hall, we would love to see you there!

- Pat Wrigley



# Whonnock Weavers Guild

The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners Guild (WWSG) has had a colourful start to the year. Our monthly programs have focussed on a variety of aspects of working with colour. We've explored different ways to work with colour as a primer for our Guild "Crayon Challenge" reveal at the end of June.

We've learned about spindle spinning from a local spindle spinning expert; we played with colour theory with a local fibre artist; we explored different ways to spin batts; and even did some needle felting!

Another highlight of this spring was a visit to Guild president Sherry's fibre "barn" for a Fleece Day where she lead us through a study of fleece from sheep to spinning. We had two Romeldale fleeces to look at and share, and learned what makes a good fleece and how best to work with it. A wonderful thing about our Guild is our diverse areas of interest and levels of expertise, and how we share it all with each other.

We were also delighted to have had the opportunity to showcase some of our Guild members' work at our local library this May!

We're now getting ready for our first big community engagement event of 2024, which is our local fair "Country Fest" at the end of July. Here we will share our love of fibre arts with our local community through a demonstration involving a LOT of colourful wool for our guests to see, feel, and play with. Visitors will be invited to choose some wool and will then get to card it on a drum carder and then spin it. They may even have a chance to weave a small project with their own hand-spun yarn! The bright coloured fibre and the boundless enthusiasm of our member helpers is sure to entice those who visit us, and we're sure that some will want

to learn more. Who knows, we may ignite a life-long passion for fibre arts in someone!

You're welcome to follow us on Instagram at [@whonnockweaversandspinnners](https://www.instagram.com/whonnockweaversandspinnners) to see how it all goes!

~Tracey Lewindon

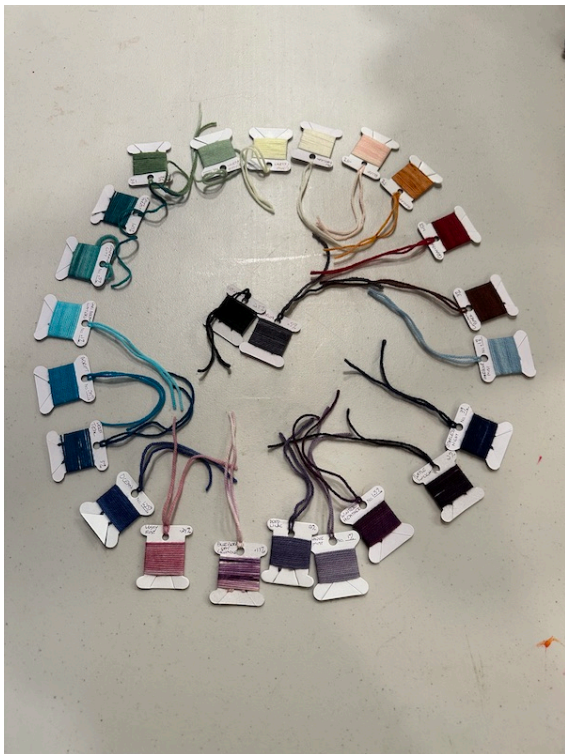
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1. needle felting fun
2. fleece day
3. examining fleeces
4. color wheel
5. spindles









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**Fiber Events**  
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The deadline for news articles for the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" is the 10th of the month of issuance: January, April, July, and October. Articles may be sent at any time to [newsletter@northwestweavers.org](mailto:newsletter@northwestweavers.org).

Articles should be no longer than two pages typewritten and contain a maximum of three photos. Newsy, short articles with photos about guild happenings are of greatest interest. All photos sent may be used in the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" and/or on the ANWG website. Before sending photos obtain permission of those people pictured to have their photo in the ANWG newsletter and/or website. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Skakel, Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor, at [newsletter@northwestweavers.org](mailto:newsletter@northwestweavers.org).

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