

Greater Vancouver Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

Annual Report - September 2015 to June 2016

President's Report:

Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who spent countless hours to ensure the Greater Vancouver Weavers' and Spinners' Guild continues to be a vital organization which promotes weaving and spinning in the Greater Vancouver area.

A summary of the activities of the year September 2015 to June 2016 is as follows:

1. Beginning Weaving Classes - Ashford table looms and other equipment was purchased to support the "Beginner Weaving" classes hosted by Langara College and taught by Mary Lou Trinkwon. Classes were started in January and April and ran for 8 weeks.

A donation of 6 rigid heddle looms was accepted and were used to support rigid heddle classes at Langara which started in April.

An "Education Committee" was formally established in June.

2. Library purchases continue to be made to update the collection. The library inventory was put on the website

3. 2 workshops were held, in the fall, Silk Spinning by Kim McKenna and Rug Weaving by Jason Collingwood in March. Jason was also the speaker at the Memorial Lecture

4. Demonstrations were held at Knit City in October. 134 entries were submitted for free weaving lessons.

5. The guild provided sponsorship of the conference "Textile Intersections" which was put on in honour of Year of Craft.

6. To support the ANWG conference in Victoria in June 2017 - "Treadle Lightly," the GVWS guild offered to weave a banner. Further, members are planning a booth that represents the GVWSG

7. Tea towel exchange was held and completed in June

8. Members wove "Medicine Bags" that were given to First Nations people working on issues related to trauma

9. Paypal was set up to allow members to pay for membership fees

10. In anticipation of the new "Societies Act" which will take effect in November 2016, a committee was set up in January to review the Bylaws
11. Members took part in the "Sheep to Shawl" competition at the Surrey Museum in May
12. An attempt to find a space to hold meetings and workshops continues
13. A new policy for equipment rental was instituted in April
14. Updating of the website was ongoing
15. A "de-stash sale" was held at the May meeting

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