



Salem Millstream Knitting Guild

NEWSLETTER

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Sheep to Shawl

Here's a summary of Sheep to Shawl from Su Fennern:

Members from our Guild put on their raincoats, pulled on their waterproof shoes, and welcomed visitors to the 38th Annual Sheep to Shawl event at the Willamette Heritage Center on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The annual event drew hundreds of people that watched the live sheep shearing, duck races down Mill Stream, tasted Dutch oven cooking, watched blacksmithing, saw many different fiber artistic demonstrations, plus the making of an item from getting the fleece from the sheep prepared and cleaned, spinning the fiber into yarn, and weaving the resulting item—thus the name Sheep to Shawl.

There was a display about this year's Guild Service Project—hats for 3rd graders for the Operation School Bell through the Salem-Keizer Assistance League.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the following Guild members:

Joyce Arthur, Cindy Barrick, Judith Bither, Janet Bubl, Kathy Goebel, Marsha Graciosa, Debbie Juul, Cheryl Kleckner, Debbie Paxon, and Diane Williams.

These ladies shared items that they had made, shared information about the Guild, and answered all kind of questions.



May Program

Heather Sly-Haley presented a fun and interesting program introducing knitted emotional support animals. She showed us two she had knit; a chicken and a seagull.

Before the pandemic chickens were not allowed to be emotional support animals as they were considered to be livestock. As backyard flocks have increased, so has the attachment to chickens. They have now been approved as an official emotional support animal. These fiber versions are a lot easier and less messy to care for!

These were knit flat and then stuffed and sewn together. Some put weights in them, others add fragrance. Using rice as the stuffing allows them to be warmed in a microwave. There are even kits available for knitting your very own pet!

Patterns are available on Ravelry and come in a variety of styles.



Show & Tell



June 8 Meeting

We are taking a field trip to Goat Knoll Farm in Dallas, OR.

If you would like to carpool, meet at the Mill. We'll leave there at 10:00.

Bring a lunch to picnic. We'll feed the animals (goats, sheep and alpacas), and yarn will be available to purchase. [Click here to check out their website](#) to learn more about this lovely place.



Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays:

Nancy Campion, Carol Jones, Sue Tyvoll

About Us:

We are a knitting guild in Salem, OR. We are open to all levels of knitters and genders and would love to have you come visit.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month at the [Willamette Heritage Center](#) (aka Mission Mill); time: 10am-noon.

We have programs or speakers or fun things to learn at each of our meetings!

We also have show and tell time to let everyone see what you have been working on.

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