



HGB Community Engagement

JANUARY 8, 2024

Agenda

Recap last meeting

Plan for 2024:

February 22 - Our Lands to Your Hands

March 14 – Elementary School STEAM night

May-October – Farmers Market

Late July or early August FiberFest

Commitments/working groups

Next meeting

Note taker- Karen Lord Paris

In attendance: Cathy Regan, Karen Lord Paris (scribe), Sue Hintz-Siegrist, Kathryn (Katy) Ginger, BA Johnston, Denise Perreault, Deane Bowers, Margaret Tullis, Margaret Charlton, Alice Ierly, Pam Nystrom, Allison (?)

Projects/events for 2024

1. FiberFest
2. Our Lands to Your Hands
3. School STEAM Night in April
4. Farmers Market/BMOCA Art Stop on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays
5. Demos at Show and Sale

Our Land to Your Hands. Feb 21 and 22, 11:45-1:30

At Boulder County Fairgrounds

Short time with lots of kids (4th graders) so need simple activity

Jane M, BA, Cathy R committed to facilitate

Does a poster/board with fiber samples still exist? Cathy will ask Jane P if it's at Schacht

Discussion Our Lands to Your Hands

2) Commit to 2 days, 11:45 - 1:30 and lunch. Cathy will follow-up with the volunteers:

2/21 Jane McAtee, Ba Johnston, and Cathy Regan
2/22 Alice Lerly, Margaret Tullis, and Sue Hintz-Siegrist

3) Brainstorming ideas:

- Show fibers and allow kids to handle the fibers
- Provide small samples for kids to take home: fibers, roving, handwoven samples (ask Joann Gorge for samples)
- BA can bring raw fleece
- Digital scope to look at how clothing is woven (*add this to the outreach kit)
- Members felt it was important to have a spinning wheel and loom there to help make the connection between fleece and fabric, even if there isn't time for them to actively engage with them.
- and if a live sheep should happen by...

School STEAM Night : March 14

Family audience, elementary-age children

Connect art and science

One of many activity stations

Develop activity that can be used for other school STEAM nights

Something tangible to take home; activity could be completed later

Jane M exploring ideas

Discussion on school STEAM nights

1) Connect art & science AND have parents interact with their kids. Jane McAtee and Denise Perreault will commit to attending.

2) Brainstorming ideas:

Teaching activities for classroom settings aren't appropriate for this setting

- Theme: A weave structure can be done with anything and still holds.
- Suggestion for a group activity project is to weave an image together (Denise's successfully ran an activity to weave a robot as an Art Parts project) on our large tapestry loom. Use different types of roving, plastics, rope. We have a large
- Provide cardboard looms for families to take home.

Friendly tapestry loom 48" wide by 44-64" tall



Boulder Farmers Market Table

How often?

Saturdays and/or Wednesdays. Different audiences

Boulder and/or Longmont

With BMOCA or freestanding. Logistical needs

Registration for community groups opens sometime this month; small fee

Discussion on Farmers Market

- 1) Cathy will reach out to BMOCA about using their ArtStop set up at least part of the time.
- 2) Participate at both Boulder and Longmont markets. Dates to be determined. Do at least one Saturday at each market and one Wednesday in Boulder
- 3) Volunteers: Deane Bowers, Karen Lord Paris, Cathy Regan, Denise Perrault, BA Johnston.
- 4) Brainstorming ideas: Pick 4-6 activities and rotate activities.
 - Needle felting
 - Market Bags (knit and crochet)
 - Natural Dyes
 - Deane (spinning and dyeing), Karen (dyeing/idea of making pompom and then solar dye with marigolds), Denise (weaving)
- 5) We may need a tent

FiberFest

Jane P and Cathy R exploring location and partners

Schacht and Lula Faye (yarn store in Boulder) committed collaborators

Boulder Social Street program. 13th St in Farmers Market/BMOCA block for a dedicated event

Discussion: Out of time and Jane Patrick not present, so will wait for an update

Behind the Scenes

- 1) BA will chair next year. An enhanced page will be added to the HGB website for Community Engagement.
- 2) Publicity - QR code and/or business cards may be needed at the events. HGB brochures are available now.
- 3) Set a date to visit storage locker
- 4) Future meeting - Cathy will contact committee through Google group list / email

Alice, Sue, Karen, Denise – how to move forward on commitments.

Future meetings

Monthly zoom meetings, with twice annual in-person meetings.

Best day of the week? Time of day?

Working groups?

Meet at storage locker

Follow-up

Send email to me letting me know what you'd like to do or know more about or add to the ideas we discussed today

CommunityEngagement@handweaversofboulder.org

Are people comfortable with Google Drive? Other thoughts on platforms for sharing info.

What's the preferred way to let people know about opportunities?