



HGB Community Engagement

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Agenda

Updates

February 22 - Our Lands to Your Hands

March 14 – Elementary School STEAM night

May-October – Farmers Market

Late July or early August FiberFest

New requests/issues:

Waldorf School 3rd grade fiber prep and spinning demo. Late March/early April. Point out to teacher that spinning is very hard to teach kids. Instead use a dowel with a hook in the end to convey drafting and twisting (per Jane P). Alice is interested in helping.

Donation of flax processing tools—do we want them? Who can teach us how to use them? (Beth Stuga?)

Next meeting- March 7, 9:30 am. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Note taker-Cathy

In attendance: Sue Hintz-Siegrist, Alice Ierley, Jane Patrick, Cathy Regan

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

FiberFest Update by Jane P

Discussed location and date with city event manager

Have been connected with Farmers Market Manager and Community Access Coordinator to get down to nitty gritty planning

Saturday, July 27 or August 3 in Central Park (south of the ditch)

Jane P is point person and will form a working committee

Our Land to Your Hands.

Feb 22, 8:00-1:30*** note different start time!

Info from organizers:

Thank you so much for volunteering your time for this fun and educational event for local 4th graders. We could not do this without you. **Please answer the questions in this [GOOGLE FORM](#) for lunch attendance, number of tables, and anything else your presentation requires.**

Place: Exhibit Building, Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Road Longmont, CO 80501. Presenter parking is on the west side of the Exhibit Building noted as the Exhibitor Parking Lot on the attached map.

Wednesday, February 21st: Arrive by 8:00 AM for set up, students arrive between 9:30-9:40 AM, we will begin at 9:45 AM sharp. Presenters who are staying for Thursday may leave your set up overnight. Thursday, February 22nd: New presenters needing to set up, arrive by 8:00 AM, students arrive between 9:30-9:40 AM, we will begin at 9:45 AM sharp. When you arrive, please sign in and pick up your event T-shirt. We will provide breakfast burritos on both mornings as well as lunch at 1:30 PM after the event on both days.

Each presentation space is approximately 25' X 25'. There will be pipe and drape separating some of the spaces. It will be loud during the event, so plan to speak loud and clear so all participants can hear. The building will split into two halves - north and south. Half of the students will see the presentation on the north side, the other half will see the presentations on the south side. They will not see everything - they will only see their respective half. Your tables/presentation area will be marked when you arrive. We will send you a map of the inside of the building in a week or so, so you will know where to set up when you arrive.

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Our Land to Your Hands.

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Info from organizers (cont):

Class sizes are between 18 and 32 students, with the vast majority being in the upper 20s to lower 30s in each class. You will present to six to seven classes in the morning session and then six to seven classes again in the afternoon session. You will have one 15-minute break during each session.

Wednesday presentations will be 15 minutes and Thursday presentations will need to be slightly shorter at 13 minutes. Bells will ring to notify change in rotation. Please conclude your presentation on time to ensure a timely rotation.

You are welcome to bring handouts for the teachers and students. If you do, please plan to give them to the teacher at the end of the session. Each teacher will have a bag to collect any handouts for their students. Please make sure your presentation is interactive and hands-on.

We will have FFA students leading the students around to each station. Buses can be late arriving. If this happens, we will keep the classes on schedule, so there could be some small changes to your schedule.

Our Land to Your Hands. Program Plan

At Boulder County Fairgrounds

Short time with lots of kids (4th graders). There will be a total of ~430 kids. We will see them for about 13 minutes per group.

4-5 minute intro, then 5 Stations that kids can visit based on their interest:

1. Raw fleece: BA is getting fleece
2. carding
3. Spinning: Drop and wheel
4. Looms: Wolf Pup (Sue H-S has warped it); Table loom. Shuttles will need to be prepped
5. Digital microscope to look at clothes

Our Land to Your Hands (cont)

We will request 4 tables and to be near a wall so that we can stand the fiber info panels up. We have one easel.

Hand out that describes sheep to fabric (Cathy R will find info). What format since there are so many kids? For future, develop a business card with QR code that links to Community Engagement page of website. We will have to keep website up to date with what is appropriate for the various events.

Discussion Our Lands to Your Hands

Volunteers: Jane McAtee, Ba Johnston, Cathy Regan, Alice Ierly, 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...

Lands to Hands Presenter Questionnaire

From Our Lands to Your Hands event 2/21 and 2/22

cathylregan@gmail.com [Switch account](#)



Not shared

* Indicates required question

Organization Name *

Your answer

How many people from your group plan to stay for lunch on **WEDNESDAY**? *

Your answer

How many people from your group plan to stay for lunch on **THURSDAY**? *

Your answer

How many tables will you need? *

Your answer

Is there anything else your presentation may require? (Access to electrical outlet, etc.)

Your answer

Future meetings

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

We will meet on the first Thursday of the month so that we can convey info at the guild meetings. If the first Thursday is the first of the month, we'll meet on the 8th.

Why so few people at the February Meeting?

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?