



# HGB Community Engagement

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MARCH 7, 2024

# Agenda

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## Updates

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February 22 - Our Lands to Your Hands—YAY, this went great

March 14 – Elementary School STEAM night

May-October – Farmers Market

Late July or early August FiberFest

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## New requests/issues:

Waldorf School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade fiber prep and spinning demo. Changed to May. 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.

Scouting Jamboree at CalWood on July 26

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Next meeting- April 4, 9:30 am. We will meet on the Thursday before the guild meetings.

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Note taker-Cathy

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In attendance: Sue H-S, Jane P, Joanne G, Margaret T, Denise P, Alice I, Cathy R

# Projects/events for 2024

1. FiberFest—Saturday, July 27, 10am-2pm
2. Our Lands to Your Hands—Completed
3. School STEAM Night on March 14, 5:30-7:00pm
4. Farmers Market/BMOCA Art Stop on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays. Dates TBD
5. Demos at Show and Sale

# FiberFest Update by Jane P

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Application to the city was submitted last month by Jane Patrick—thank you for gathering all the necessary documentation. They promise to review it in the next week or so. Once we've received approval we can develop a budget and engage community partners.

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

Jane P is point person and will form a working committee

Total cost for FiberFest 2019 was about \$3,000, including a \$1,000 donation to the library and time for Schacht employees to prep looms. We hope to engage HGB members in preparation. There is a \$300 grant available from Fiber Art Now. Linda Olssen is a guild member who can assist in writing grants. Deadline is April 15.

Our Land to  
Your Hands.  
Feb 22, 8:00-  
1:30

Dear Jane, Sienna, Cathy, BA + Team,  
Thank you for your attendance at the  
2024 From Our Lands to Your Hands Workshop.  
Your presentation on hand-woven textiles was  
captivating and surely provided the students  
with a new perspective on our clothes! Over  
250 students passed through your booth  
on Thursday. Thank you for entrusting so  
many hands with your tools + equipment.  
We owe the success of our event to  
you all. Thank you for creating a warm  
and welcoming learning environment for  
the students.

Sincerely, Jessica +  
BVLCD

# Our Land to Your Hands. Program Plan

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At Boulder County Fairgrounds

Short time with lots of kids (4<sup>th</sup> graders). There were 250 kids. We saw 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

# Our Land to Your Hands (cont)

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We had 4 tables near a wall where we propped the fiber info panels up. We used the easel for the intro panel.

We did not do a handout, but need to think about what would be helpful for future events. 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.

Several people took brochures and guild business cards.

I will put photos in Google Files; do others have photos?

# Discussion Our Lands to Your Hands

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Volunteers: Jane McAtee, Ba Johnston, Cathy Regan, Margaret Tullis, and Sienna Bosch

## 3) Feedback?

- Kids spent time carding fleece. We need to take more to future events
- wanted to know how the drop spindles worked. Who can demo that?
- intrigued by spinning wheel and floor loom
- Words: Text and textile have same root



# Louisville Elementary School Innovation Fair. Thursday, March 14, 5:30-7:00

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Our first (hopefully annual) Innovation Fair is less than 2 weeks away. It will take place on Thursday, March 14 from 6-7pm at Louisville Elementary School at 400 Hutchinson Street, Louisville. We will open the school doors at 5:30 for set-up for community partners (like you!).

The event will have two parts. Many of our students are working on innovation projects that fall under the umbrella category of one or more of the concepts of STEAM. Student projects will be displayed in our gymnasium. We will have a community partners area in our cafeteria. Your group, along with several other organizations, will set up tables or booths to demonstrate their projects and areas of focus. If possible, we would like community partner spaces to be interactive, meaning either demonstrations of a skill, or some sort of interactive or hands-on element.

The students will receive a passport document to help them engage with projects and community partners at the fair. I am thrilled that your group will be attending our fair. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or if I can help in any way.

# We need to:

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## Identify volunteers:

Jane McAtee, Alice Lerley, Cathy Regan, Joanne George, Sue Hintz-Siegrist (Jane Patrick if needed)

## Solidify activities:

- Community weaving on Friendly Loom; do we need a design or freeform? Include different materials for weft
- Demo of spinning, weaving
- Digital microscope to look at fiber up close
- ~~-cardboard looms to take home~~ Examples of cardboard looms and printed instructions to make one at home (thanks, Alice!)

# Tasks (cont)

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Prep required and who will do it

- rewarp Friendly loom—Alice

- equipment/supply list

- who will go to storage and transport to event? Sue will get the Wolf Pup

- Don't forget the pink-lidded supply box



# Future meetings

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

We will meet on the Thursday before the guild meetings at 9:30 am. We know this is a challenge for some people, but will be diligent in getting notes out to the membership. At the next meeting we'll discuss meeting over the summer.

# Follow-up

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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](mailto: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?