

Hello, PHG 2024 Spring Retreaters –

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Annual Portland Handweavers Guild Spring Retreat 2024!

Wow! What a great response we've had for our PHG Spring Retreat 2024! Registrations appeared regularly since the first announcement. We kick off on Thursday afternoon, February 22, 2024! Don't worry, though. There is still plenty of room so if you are still considering attending, there is still time. **February 1, 2024** is the deadline for receipt of your registration. So, get yours in today!

Covid

At this time, we're not requiring masks, but, of course, everyone is encouraged to do as they feel most comfortable. For now, we ask that everyone be understanding as we continue to monitor the seemingly endless and ongoing developments. Ultimately, we will follow whatever is recommended by the powers that be.

What Do We Do?

What Should I Bring

Some folks asked about what we do and what to bring. Here are some informative bits of info along with suggestions:

We do anything that involves **fiber**. This includes everything from fiber processing to drop spindle spinning to greeting card design & creation to sewing projects to full-on multi-shaft weaving. Hmmmm... a particular gorgeous and complexly woven set of linen napkins comes to mind...

Everything is self-driven. There are no formal classes or schedule, except for the meals and our pre-dinner **Happy Hour**, of course. There is an incredible amount of knowledge floating around that is shared, observed, and discussed. Conversations are plentiful, laughter is prolific, and lots of really neat stuff gets done.

Just remember, you must bring EVERYthing you will need to work on your project(s). That said, you can reach out to the group ahead of time about sharing resources such as an iron and ironing board, warping frame, carding machine, etc. eMail addresses of everyone registered will be shared as we get the final Registrant list.

What Do We Do at the Retreat?

- The short answer is, "Anything fibery that you'd like to do." We also have a great time socializing with other interesting Guild members and friends, eating lovely food with NO preparation before or clean up afterwards ☺, and having dedicated time and space to work, learn, and share with other like-minded, wonderful people.
- It is an ideal place to bring any **UnFinished Object (UFO)** from the back of the closet to finish up. Or, maybe you'd like some dedicated time to work on items for the Gathering of the Guilds Sale in April?

- There are no scheduled things like classes or activities except for meals. 😊 On the other hand, there is a LOT of sharing of knowledge, techniques, ideas, conversation, inspiration, and good times.
- And, the **Sharing Table** is a great place to swap out some items you no longer need for something new-to-you for your stash.

We are at Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center

The Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center just a bit northwest of downtown Vernonia is our destination. It borders on the Nehalem River and is very scenic.

Retreat Dates and Prices:

2:00 PM Thursday, February 22, 2024, through Noon, Sunday, February 25, 2024

Please see the Registration Form below for exact costs depending on the option(s) you choose.

Note:

*We will **NOT** be able to have last minute meals added. All meal choices by ALL attendees must be submitted by the **Registration Deadline of Thursday, February 1, 2024.** This is so the Retreat facility can have an accurate headcount for meals and food orders.*

Day Tripper

If you have never attended you might be hesitant to sign up for the whole (WONDERFUL!) event. If you can't or don't want to stay overnight but want to get a taste of the fun we have, this option is for you. We are very excited to offer this attendee category and hope it meets the needs of more of our members. And, if you 'Day Trip' for multiple days, you can leave projects in place.

Please Note: We must have Day Tripper meal selections (if any) by the Registration Deadline of Thursday, February 1, 2024. NO MEALS can be added after that date.

Food, Lodging, and General Venue Information

Here's some basic information:

Food: They are very accommodating for special dietary needs. Vegetarian and Vegan menus are available. Our group is not huge so little changes have a big impact on their ability to provide them in a cost and time sensitive way. When or if in doubt, please contact me and I'll check for you. The current menu is below for you to study.

Lodging: Rooms are carpeted, individually heated, and have easy access to shared bathrooms with toilets, sinks, and showers. **S**heets, towels, and blankets are included. They vary in size and sleep 2 to 6 people.

Individual rooms cannot be guaranteed. Roommate requests will be honored as closely as possible.

There is one designated Accessible room but all ground rooms are easy access, with flat floors to the facilities' entrances and exits and bathrooms.

Venue: This is a wonderful venue. There is space aplenty in the Main Hall for all of us with room for multiple projects. The setting is open and inviting. It's full of natural light and there is a large fireplace to gather around. Food is fresh, plentiful, and delicious. The Staff is excellent.

Location:

Cedar Ridge Retreat & Conference Center
18062 Keasey Road
Vernonia, OR 97064

What to Do Right Now:

Please let me know your interest right away. We have the minimum of 15 registrations so the event is a go. For those in doubt, it's simply a great weekend that is much anticipated and enjoyed. Friends are also invited and pricing is the same for them. You do not need to be a PHG Member to attend.

Call to Action!

We need decisions right now.

Your non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 payable to PHG is due immediately.

Day Tripper fees (day usage fee plus meals, if any) are due in full.

Registration Deadline is Thursday, February 1, 2024 but we need to have commitments now.

Make checks payable to PHG.

Please send your Deposit –or- Day Tripper full payment check **made out to PHG (please NOT to me personally)** to:

Diane McKinnon
45245 NW Wildberry Lane
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Please contact me with any questions. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Diane McKinnon 971.219.1564

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Mail to: Diane McKinnon
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Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Room and Roommate Requests: _____

Dates and Prices:

Circle Selection	Retreat Option	Lodging	Meals	Totals
#1	Full Retreat: Thursday Dinner – Sunday Brunch 3 nights and 8 meals	3 nights = \$165.00	8 meals = \$146.00 Thu: D Fri: B, L, D Sat: B, L, D, Sun: Brunch	Total Due: \$311.00 Less Deposit: <u>-\$50.00</u> Due @ Check In \$261.00
#2	Partial Retreat Friday Lunch – Sunday Brunch 2 nights and 6 meals	2 nights = 110.00	6 meals = \$112.00 Fri: L, D Sat: B, L, D, Sun: Brunch	Total Due: \$222.00 Less Deposit: <u>-\$50.00</u> Due @ Check In \$172.00
#3	Friday Day Tripper (No Breakfast)	Day Use Fee*= \$15.00 * Required	Meals (Optional): Select and add: L 19.00 D <u>21.00</u> Total:	Day Fee: \$15.00 Total meals +\$____.00 Full Payment req'd: \$____.00
#4	Saturday Day Tripper (No Breakfast)	Day Use Fee*= \$15.00 * Required	Meals: (Optional) Select and add L 19.00 D <u>21.00</u> Total:	Day Fee: \$15.00 Total meals:+\$____.00 Full Payment req'd: \$____.00

Menu for PHG Annual Spring Retreat 2024

This is the current menu without special dietary considerations, which will be made by the retreat center. Vegetarian and Vegan menus will be added and shared as needed.

2/22/2024	Thursday	Portland Handweavers' Spring Retreat 2024
	Dinner	Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus, salad bar, strawberry shortcake
2/23/2024	Friday	
	Breakfast	Eggs, turkey bacon, hashbrowns, yogurt bar, fresh fruit, toast bar
	Lunch	Seasonal soup, MYO sandwiches w/ asst. breads, meat & cheeses, salad bar, ice cream
	Dinner	Fettuccini alfredo, broccoli, chicken and apple sausage, salad bar, tiramisu
2/24/2024	Saturday	
	Breakfast	Pancakes, sausage, eggs, yogurt bar, toast bar, fresh fruit
	Lunch	Veggie stir-fry, thai chicken, jasmine rice, salad bar, cookies
	Dinner	Roast beef, rosemary/garlic new potatoes, honey roasted carrots, salad bar, rolls, apple crisp
2/25/2024	Sunday	
	Brunch	Frittata, sausage, yogurt bar, fresh fruit, toast bar, oatmeal