

Hello, PHG 2025 Spring Retreaters –

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Annual Portland Handweavers Guild Spring Retreat 2025!

Wow! What a great response we've had for our PHG Spring Retreat 2025! Registrations appeared regularly since the first announcement. We kick off on Thursday afternoon, February 27, 2025! Don't worry, though. There is still plenty of room so if you are still considering attending, there is still time. **February 11, 2025** is the deadline for receipt of your registration. So, get yours in today!

What Do We Do at the Retreat?

The short answer is, "Anything fibery that you'd like to do."

- 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. We had a record number of 6 floor looms, multiple tapestry looms, and several Rigid Heddle looms at the 2024 Retreat.
- We have a Spinning Circle in the middle of the Dining Hall.
- Everything is self-driven. There are no scheduled or formal classes or schedule, at all, for that matter, except for the meals and our nightly 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.
- We 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?
- In 2024, we had the Vernonia After School Activities kids come through on Friday afternoon. They were sooo interested in what we were doing! It was a nice opportunity to recruit future weavers!
- The **Sharing Table** is a great place to swap out some items you no longer need for something new-to-you for your stash.
- The Sales Table is a great opportunity to sell no longer needed fiber items and equipment.

What Should I Bring?

- A list of good stuff to consider is at the end of this article.
- 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.
- The Sharing Table is a designated table where you can put fiber-related items that you no longer treasure for someone else to now treasure.
- The Sale Area is a designated area where you may bring a few items that you'd like to offer for sale. Items must have Your Name and a Price on them. All sales are conducted between you and the potential Buyer. PHG is not involved in the sales in any way.
- *Please Note:* ALL un-taken Sharing Table and Sales Items **MUST BE TAKEN HOME** by the Bringer!

We are at Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center

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

There is a nice hiking trail around the area so you might want to bring boots and rain gear.

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

Retreat Dates and Prices:

2:00 PM Thursday, February 27, 2025, through Noon, Sunday, March 2, 2025

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 Tuesday, February 11, 2025. NO MEALS can be added or modified 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 final Menu is still being worked out but here is some general information:

- Breakfast is served with coffee, tea, juice, milk and a variety of non-dairy milks and a fruit and yogurt bar with homemade granola (vegan, gluten free).
- Lunch and Dinner are served with coffee, tea, iced tea, fruit punch, lemonade & herb / fruit infused water and a salad bar which includes a combination of spring mix, baby spinach,

cabbage, vegetables, nut toppings, cheeses and a tasty variety of plant-based proteins such as lentils, peas, chickpeas & other beans, and chia, hemp & pumpkin seeds.

Lodging: Rooms are carpeted, individually heated, and have easy access to shared bathrooms with toilets, sinks, and showers. The rooms vary in size and sleep 2 to 6 people. Sheets, towels, and blankets are included. You might want to bring an extra blankie just in case.

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

There is one designated Accessible room, but all ground floor 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 we bring extra LED lighting which worked really well in 2024. There is a large fireplace to gather around. Food is fresh, plentiful, and delicious. The Staff is excellent.

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 Tuesday, February 11, 2025 but we need to have commitments now. Once you Register, you will receive an Email Confirmation and be Invoiced by the PHG Treasurer for your amount due. Final Payment will be Invoiced on or shortly after Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Please send your Registration 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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PHG Spring Retreat 2025 Registration Form

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through Noon, Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Do NOT send money with your Registration.
You will be invoiced by our PHG Treasurer.**

Mail your completed Registration Form only to:
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45245 NW Wildberry Lane
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Room and Roommate Requests: _____

2025 PHG Spring Retreat Categories and Prices*:

Circle Selection	Retreat Option	Lodging	Meals	Totals
#1	Full Retreat: Thurs. Dinner – Sun. Brunch 3 nts & 8 meals	3 nts = \$195.00	8 meals = \$172.00 Thu: D Fri: B, L, D Sat: B, L, D, Sun: Brunch	Total Due: \$367.00 Less Deposit: <u>-\$50.00</u> Balance Due Feb. 11, 2025 \$317.00
#2	Partial Retreat Fri. Lunch –Sun. Brunch 2 nts & 6 meals	2 nts = 130.00	6 meals = \$130.00 Fri: L, D Sat: B, L, D, Sun: Brunch	Total Due: \$260.00 Less Deposit: <u>-\$50.00</u> Due @ Check In \$210.00
#3	Friday Day Tripper (No Breakfast)	Day Use Fee*= \$15.00 * Required	Meals (Optional): Select and add: L 21.00 D <u>25.00</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 21.00 D <u>25.00</u> Total:	Day Fee: \$15.00 Total meals:+\$____.00 Full Payment req'd: \$____.00

***All pricing includes a gratuity for the Camp Staff.**

Here are a 'few' suggestions of what folks have brought in past years that have made their stay homey:

Personal Stuff:

- Slippers or house-only shoes for in the dorms and general Kitchen area (Shoes are OK in the Project and Dining Room areas).
- A flashlight or headlamp for the walk between the dining hall and sleeping areas.
- A clamp on lamp for your room. Some folks like to read in bed and the wall switch might as well be a mile away when it comes time to turn off the overhead light.
- Chargers for your phone, iPad, Kindle, etc.
- An extension cord for said clamp on lamp and chargers.
- Alarm clock (or cell phone).
- Hair Dryer
- Personal pillow
- Medicines, prescription and OTC, vitamins, etc.
- An extra afghan or throw is nice.
- Light hiking and rain gear for the walk to the Dining Hall or around the hiking trail.
- Hat, mittens, extra socks, scarf, etc.
- House coat for those middle of the night trips down the hall...
- Pencils, pens, pad of paper, for notes, etc.
- A personal beverage glass. Wine glass for Happy Hour, covered mug for daily tea/coffee.
- An appetizer or snack to share during the 3 Happy Hours at 5:00 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
- A beverage -- adult or otherwise -- to share during Happy Hour.

Project Stuff

- All materials and equipment you'll need for your projects.**
 - *Ruler, tape measure, scissors, hooks, spinning wheel, spinning wheel oil, extra drive band stuff, extra fiber, cards, warp yarn, weft yarn, knitting yarn, iron, ironing board, shuttles, ball winder, niddy noddy, swift, and so on.*
- A task light with extension cord for the Work area. LED lights preferred due to reduced power consumption.
- A circuit breaker bar – there aren't many outlets in the Work area and we need to be prepared to share.
- A personal chair –or --
- A chair cushion. (The chairs and benches in the Work area can get really ... firm...)

And, finally

- We have greatly improved the lighting in the Work Area. We'll have bright LED lights stationed around the room and it's great!
- Bring something for the **Sharing Table**. This is a good way to swap out some items you no longer need for something new for your stash. *These items are free to all.*
- Sales Table!** Do you have excess equipment, special yarns, etc., you'd like to sell? We'll have a space in the Work Area set aside for fiber-related equipment and materials and products that you would like to offer for sale. **Items must be clearly marked with price and owner's name. All sales will be transacted privately between the interested parties and the seller.**