Fair was an even bigger success this year. Thank you to all of those who entered the 170 items!!! We were thankful that the 300 item goal was not met. We (displayers and judge) would have been there until midnight both Sunday and Monday in order to be ready for fair to open on Tuesday. As it was, we were there 2 long days but were home at least by 8 each night. A great variety of items were entered – everything from basketry, weaving (rigid heddle, 4/8 shaft, draw loom, inkle loom), tatting, felting, knitting (including 8 knit-along shawls), crochet, kumihimo, bobbin lace, hand spun yarn, clothing made from woven and dyed fabric, etc. About every area of DFA was covered this year.

We had a lot of help with take-in (Cheryl Kierulff, Mary Thomas), a few that helped with setup (Hope Harkins, Kathryn Nye, Carla Alme, Susan Smith), and Susan Smith clerked for Betty Krause our awesome NWRS judge. Two long days were spent judging and displaying all the beautiful items entered. We had a smaller allotted space this year, so it was quite a puzzle to fit everything in. [hopefully I didn’t miss anyone]

There were so many beautiful items that the judge took a long time to decide on the special awards. Awards went to the following people:

- Best of show – to Mary Thomas for her woven and dyed vest – gorgeous
- Best of Challenge – to Neil Kierulff for his inkle hat band – true perfection
- Best Handspun – to Neil Kierulff for his 2 ply skein – truly exceptional
- Best item made from Handspun – Connie Schlosser – for her beautiful KAL Shawl
- Best original design (Zina Mae Chesley award) – to Sheila Doyle – for her tatted piece in the Challenge class – those bees are so amazing
- Best woven item – to Dorothy Mucha – judge was very impressed with your scarf
- Best use of Color (Edith Marsh award) – to Kathy Meyer for her colorful scarf – so beautiful
A huge thank you to our meticulous judge, Betty Krause from Walla Walla. She spent so many hours judging and writing comments on everyone’s score sheets. I am sure that she was exhausted, but she was professional to the end.

Thank you to all of those who came to demonstrate and babysit the area. (Jodi and Charlie Ross, Neil & Cheryl Kierulff, Carol Hall, Susan Smith, Carla Alme, Kathryn Nye, Becky Strode, Elizabeth, Leslie & John Wiberg, Sheila Doyle, Mary Thomas, Hope Harkins, Judy Rice, Mary Fraser and myself) We had a lot of kids stop by on Wednesday to participate in the various crafts that we had for them and I think that they all went home with a little more knowledge and some little treasures. We had some interest in the next knit along and some interest in joining DFA.

Thank you to Neil and Cheryl for picking up and returning props to DFA for us and for those who helped made cleanup so quick and easy.

Rebecca Harkins

Photos below:
Jody and Charlie spinning  Neil weaving on his inkle loom

Karyn & Robby (from Master Gardeners 😊 ) stomping  a young stomper  making kumihimo bracelets
I didn’t get any photos of Judy Rice’s cute little turtles that she was making with the children. If someone else got one I would love to have one to put with these pictures. I also didn’t get pictures of anyone else demonstrating. 😞