

Donation Policy

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Donation committee will handle inquiries, review items and organize potential sales.

WGGB is not obliged to accept a donation or part of a donation. WGGB needs detailed information about a potential donation before committing to accept the donation in part or in its entirety. At a minimum, this would be achieved through photos and a discussion with the donor. Ideally, a site visit would be conducted. This is especially the case for yarn.

Deciding factors on whether to accept a donation:

- Quality and condition of items.
- Equipment must be in working order and fully assembled. It is not recommended that the guild accept looms in pieces as there is no assurance all the pieces are present and it will not be possible to put it back together without instructions.
- Yarn needs to have been stored properly so it is not dirty, smelly, or buggy. Old, brittle yarn is undesirable. We also do not want lots of little cones or bits of yarn.
- Ability to resell items.
 - Larger or off-brand looms do not sell as well.
 - Magazines don't sell and generally aren't even taken for free.
 - Books: need to be selective and focus on classic weaving and spinning. Generally, we shouldn't accept a large number of other books for other fiber arts (e.g., knitting, crochet, sewing) or coffee table books.

Sales

- An online auction should be considered for small equipment and specialty items. It will generate more money for items that are easily described online.
 - Consider including other guilds when the volume of material is high and additional people will not significantly take away from what our members can purchase.
- An in-person sale should be considered for yarn and textiles. Yarn should be sold by the pound. This sale generates goodwill by having items available at low cost.
- For large sales, ideally, the sale would happen at the person's house. If the items need to be moved, the donor should pay the cost of moving the materials to the sale site.
- The guild should have a table at the member sale.

- It is not recommended to buy for resale. Prices will need to be higher and there is concern about recovering our initial outlay.

Particularly with estate sales, recognize the weavers who donate a large number of items. This can be done by using some of the proceeds to fund future guild programs on topics of interest to the donor weaver. A guild challenge is also an option.