

## Yarn and Yardage – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Yarn and Yardage Fall 2021 was a huge success!!! The Threads Guild yard looked beautiful, filled with tents and tables piled high with all sorts of goodies. We had areas for Fabric, Plants, Yarn, Fleece, Notions, Books, Food, Reception and By Donation.



As we were setting up Sunday morning, a line up began to form at the gate. Dedicated crafters waited patiently for the sale to begin, and when those gates opened, there was a mad rush to the tables! I was tending the fleece area and that was a shopping frenzy of wool enthusiasts. It was very civilized but those tables were almost empty in moments!



The baking tables were full of delicious treats, and the coffee and tea were a great way to stay warm.



The reception was so welcoming, they sold a whopping 19 new memberships, and 4 existing guild members had the opportunity to renew.



The plant areas were divided into indoor and outdoor plants, and were a hit as always, with plant lovers. The “by donation” area was well organized and easy to shop along the building ramp, we even had a few sewing machines available. I loved the book tent, it was like a tiny library.



The notions tables were full of surprises as always and lots of fun was had there. The yarn tables were so tempting, someone did a wonderful job of organizing the yarn, and the bags were filled with the prettiest colour combinations.



The fabric tables were piled high with lovely fabric and the usual elbowing fellow shoppers for space didn't happen! There was so much room to shop, people really enjoyed themselves and they were so excited to gather their supplies for the winter crafting season.



The day was so hopeful, old friends were able to reconnect, new friends were made, and there were smiles and laughter everywhere. Folks told us how happy they were to finally socialize, and thanked us for hosting the event. I really enjoyed myself, it was great to be in the fresh air, with so much room to visit and relax, with so many people I hadn't seen in so long. We even had a photographer capturing the fun of the day.

It was a whirlwind of a day and in the end we raised \$2500! Amazing! We sold so much, packing up went way faster than setting up and we are now ready to start collecting for next year.

So many people made Y&Y a huge success: sorting, pricing, boxing, selling, baking, set up, tear down, accounting, cleaning, garbage removal, donations, lending tents and more, forgive me if I left you out, we appreciate every volunteer who made this day so fabulous! We also are so thankful for the community who attended and support our Guild. I can't wait for the next Y&Y!