

Random Threads



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Monthly Gathering

Second Tuesday
at 7:00 pm.

Show & Tell

Join us for

Drop-Ins on

Tuesdays

6:00 to 9:00pm

Thursdays

1:00 to 4:00pm

6:00 to 9:00pm

Sundays

Noon to 3:00pm

*Our Fibre Arts
Guild hosted
the 2019
Association of
Northwest
Weavers' Guilds
Conference*

President's Corner

The Light is returning.

February has disappeared and I have yet to do anything on my list of things to do in the Weed Free Season. Time marches by and I worry I am not keeping pace.

But I have been busy - a hat has been completed, a shawl is half done, a vest is well on its way and I am half way through a 450 gram spin. Maybe these things should have been on the list. The problem is the list contains the other things I want to get done, dye fibre, wash fleece, process fleece, it may be time to investigate cloning myself. For all the new fangled things that are available to us today that would be the one that would be useful to me.

The Weed Free Season is coming to an end and gardening will take up some of my time so fibre things will be competing with yet another interest. I will need to make a new list, read-just my priorities, reduce my knitting time by a little, take longer to do the next spin and use some of the time to do other things on the list.

One thing I truly know is that people that craft and work with their hands are seldom idle. They are curious, interested in things and are interesting to be around. And like me I am sure feel there are never enough hours in a day, and so much potential in the future.

I hope you are working on something that is bringing you joy, if not rip it out or start something new.

Grace Morrice

Reminder:

Inkle Weaving Next Steps is coming up fast on March 5th.

*Spring is
on the way*



Coming Soon

March 5: Inkle Weaving: Next Steps. Details on the next page. Pre-registration is required.

March 25: Back to Basics Movie Night: Topic TBA, at 7pm in the Guild Room.

Dryer Ball Thursday happens the second Thursday of the month during the evening drop-in session. The next one in 2025 is Thursday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cores will be made, so we will decorate the outer layer by needle felting it. There is lots of dyed fibre for your inner artist to make these little works of art, or to simply "dress" the outside.

April 5: Wet Felting. The goal is to make flowers to wear as a brooch. Costs to be determined; all materials will be supplied

April Dyeing Class: This is an external opportunity, and is listed because there was a lot of interest in a dyeing class. There is a class happening in Sorrento in April. Amanda and Kayla have registered. For anyone interested, this is the website: [Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Two-eyed seeing – Sorrento Centre](#)



A Weekend to Dye For 2025: June 27-29 (West of Quesnel)

We enjoyed the 2024 "Weekend to Dye For" (#Wkend2Dye4) and we had such GREAT feedback, we have decided to host one again in 2025.

We anticipate an event similar to 2024 with workshops on anything fibre related spanning the time from Friday to Sunday. Participants will be able to camp on-site and enjoy the ambiance of our farm and the atmosphere of the event.

This year we have a Needle Felting Soap workshop confirmed and are planning to offer Acid Dying and perhaps some dying with Natural products. Anything goes - crocheting, knitting, felting (wet or needle), rug hooking, dying, weaving, spinning, etc.

Link: [A Weekend to Dye For :: Moose Meadows Farm](https://www.moosemeadowsfarm.ca/events-and-activities/weekend-dye)
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June 9-13: 1, 2, and 5-day Workshops, various topics

Brought to you by:

Vancouver Island Surface Design Association
(VISDA)
and
BC Regional Surface Design Association

Location: Cowichan Community Centre, Duncan BC

Registration opens March 15 2025

Dyeing Subscription Results

Guild Members (including Shelley, who supplied the explanation and the pictures) enjoyed a four part dye subscription (and found that their dye colours were not all the same). The pictures here illustrate that simple differences can alter the results of dyes, and in this case the suspected source of the variations is the water used.

“This natural dye subscription was through Longway Homestead. Three of us ordered it. A subscription is an order that extends across a time period. Plants, flowers, berries can be used to colour fibres. Once a month for 4 months we received one dye package containing a different flower packet, the same white yarn and the same mordant packet (fixative to allow fibres to take up and secure the colour in the fibre). We received flower information and instructions to make the dye and dye the yarn at home. We discovered that the source of the water and the minerals it contains affects the end colour of the finished yarn or fibre. Otherwise, we used the mordant, prepared the dye bath with the flowers and dyed the yarn as the instructions indicated.

I extended my experience and used my left over dye bath for a second dye bath. I used roving for one (Coreopsis) - the reddish brown. I added vinegar to the dye bath to modify the green to make a sage green (Black Knight Scabiosa).”



Library Corner

Watch the library for an expanded set of subjects and colour coding to help us peruse the library more effectively. From a previous 5 subjects/colours, we are slowly moving (at the pace of a librarian colouring dots!) to 17.



Here are the 17 subject areas:

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| * Weaving | * Felting |
| * Bandweaving & Small Looms | * Historical |
| * Foreign Language | * Cultural |
| * Weaving | * Knitting |
| * Basketry | * Crochet |
| * Spinning | * Sewing: Small Accessories |
| * Dye | * Sewing: Large / Clothing |
| * Colour | * Needlework |
| * Fibre | |
| * Fibre Prep | |

FYI: Farm & Fiber Knits

Reminder for any who missed it: There is a digital subscription that may interest our members. From their website: “*Farm & Fiber Knits* is a new project supported through Long Thread Media from a team wholly focused on fiber arts. The aim of Farm & Fiber Knits is to support knitters who are choosing yarns thoughtfully. Who are curious about fibers and farms and people. Who are passionate about natural fiber. And from the field to the sweater, they are on the journey with you.” Subscriptions start at \$5.99/month (likely USD) Details at: <https://farmfiberknits.com/>

BOOKS for SALE

Some recently acquired books (left over from a previous donation) are for sale in the guild room (located in a cardboard box on the table)

📖 Price list accompanies the books 📖

Buy & Sell

Looking for fibre equipment, check out [Buy & Sell](#). If you have items you would like to list online please contact Birthe at info@pgfibreats.ca with description, price, contact information and photo if possible.

'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events in 2025

The main focus of 'Back to the Basics' this year will be starting at the beginning. Check our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

Upcoming Events

March 5, 7-9pm: Inkle Weaving Next Steps in the Guild Room.

March 12 7pm: Business Meeting followed by Show and Tell.

April 5: Wet Felting. Details TBA.

Upcoming 2025 Guild Meetings

Show & Tell the 2nd Tuesday of each month. No meetings held in July and August.

Guild Business Meetings are held quarterly on the 2nd Wednesday of March, June, September and December. (Note change to Dec 18, 2024)

'Back to Basics' Movie Nights

The last Tuesday Drop-In of each month. Learn from the Masters. Workshop videos will be shown on carding, spinning, plying, design, natural dyeing, felting, wheel mechanics and much more so join us for an informative evening. Upcoming videos will be listed in the newsletter.

Support the Canadian fibre industry!

[Fibre Arts Sources](#)

Please visit and support our friends for your fibre, yarn, patterns, kits, dyes, equipment and so much more.

Check out the many BC vendors, something special for everyone.

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Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and

Finish your Project Drop-In

Free to members and a \$5.00 drop-in fee for non-members.

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The Fourteenth Annual FIBRES WEST

Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd Cloverdale Agriplex, 17763 62 Ave,

Interested in spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, rug hooking, lace making, dyeing, tapestry, basket weaving and other related fibre crafts? Come and check us out. We promote local, Canadian fibre producers, fibre shops, independent artists, equipment producers, non-profit groups and weaving and spinning guilds. We hire Canadian teachers and we invite vendors from BC, Alberta, Washington and beyond us.

For more information see www.fibreswest.com