

# Random Threads



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## Monthly Gathering

**October 8<sup>th</sup>  
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 8:00pm**

**Saturdays**

**10:00am to  
1:00pm**

**Please bring  
a snack  
to share.**

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

## President's Corner

After a cold summer, we're into what has started as cold fall. While maybe not what us gardeners were hoping for, it is a great reason to dream up of future fibre projects. There is no better time than to design a warp for a lovely shawl, cast on to knit some thumbbed mitts, or to dive into some fleeces to spin up a funky new yarn.

It is also the season of craft fairs and great opportunities to support local artisans. We are participating in the Studio Fair again this year, and our annual Christmas fair is coming up – a great opportunity to see what our members have been busy creating over the last year, find that extra-special item for a holiday gift, and support the Guild in paying our rent! (Win-win-win!) These events truly are full of joy and creativity, so grab a friend and head on out to explore.

With a new season ahead of us, keep an eye out for upcoming Workshops and Seminars. Our directors have been busy putting together a great program this season, and we have lined up fantastic instructors to head to PG to share their knowledge.

Don't forget to join us during one of our weekly drop-in times. Let's remember to move with the seasons, slow down and enjoy each-others company.

Happy crafting!  
Serena

## STUDIO FAIR



**NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3/ 2019**

**Friday 10-8 | Saturday 10-6 | Sunday 10-4**

*Studio Fair is Prince George's signature artisan event and is held each year at the Prince George Civic Centre at 808 Canada Games Way.*



## 'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### *Know Your Fibres! (0:28 minutes)*

On this episode of Knitting Daily TV, we're diving into a range of natural fibers--from exotic fibers like mohair to common animal fibers, how to both treat them before spinning, and how to take care of them once you've made your project.

#### **Getting Started:**

Join Eunny as she talks mohair, the hair of the angora goat, which is a unique yarn that is finer the younger the animal. Although beautiful, mohair can be difficult to knit with, so Eunny shares her tips for dealing with common mistakes: using a blunt knitting needle so the yarn is less likely to spilt, unknitting a project in mohair to fix mistakes as opposed to ripping stitches out, and a quick tip for brushing your projects to get the mohair to showcase itself for a designer look. For more great tips, download your free copy of 22 Techniques for Knitters of All Levels freemium.

#### **Designer Spotlight:**

Shay joins Jennifer Edgar of Eucalan for a discussion on the 7 basic eco products that everyone should have in their laundry room: delicate wash, dish detergent, hydrogen peroxide, vinegar, laundry detergent, a toothbrush, and a spray bottle. Jennifer demonstrates a quick way to color test your knitwear, and an emergency clean up solution with a towelette.

#### **Crochet Corner:**

On this segment of Crochet Corner, Kristin Omdahl talks about yarn choices. She shows 5 different fibers using the same stitch pattern and hook size, demonstrating how they all have varying sizes and gauge. Plus, she demonstrates how increasing your crochet hook size will make these differences vary even more.

#### **How-To:**

Deb Robson joins Eunny to talk about the back story of yarn, the process it goes through before you even knit a stitch. To begin, Deb talks about cleaning the fiber to get rid of the waste and dirt by using a wool wash that will preserve the fiber and its true color. She demonstrates how to wash raw fiber with a scouring fluid from Unicorn Fibre Wash, which is one method that preserves the fiber while being strong enough to clean it.

#### **Quick Tips:**

Sometimes when working with natural fibers such as mohair, the variations in the yarn make it hard to knit identical pieces such as sleeves. Eunny demonstrates how using two balls or skeins of yarn on one long needle helps to keep the variations from being too obvious and making your pieces as identical as possible.



### **Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and Finish your Project Drop-In**

**Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and  
Thursdays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00pm in our Guild Room.  
Bring a snack. Free to members and a \$5.00 drop-in fee for non-members.**





## Natural Dye Class with Mary Lessman ~ January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

For most of time colors in textiles came from the everyday plants and animals that surrounded people. the colors that have mellowed over the years give the wall hangings of the Middle Ages their warm, earthy look. Today we can make bright yarns in the colors of the rainbow. Each dye pot will give 25 samples using different mordants and combinations. You can mix and match the dyestuffs to produce a more extensive palette. Learn how to make reproducible colors that play well together. Students will go home with sample cards of all the colors we produce.

All dye materials and yarns will be provided. Supply fee \$45 CAD included in price.

**Time:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm - bring a lunch, beverages (coffee/tea) supplied.

**Place:** Prince George Fibre Arts Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue

**Fee:** \$225 members or \$250 non-members plus GST - materials supplied

To register or for more information please contact Birthe at 250-964-6454 or [birthe\\_miller@telus.net](mailto:birthe_miller@telus.net). Deposit of \$50 by the **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, balance at the workshop.

Billeting may be available for out of town students.

## Introduction to Floor Loom Weaving Workshop with Laura Fry ~ February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

In this two day workshop, students will be introduced to weaving on a floor loom by instructor Laura Fry. Looms will be prepared ahead of time with a sampler warp and students will learn the vocabulary of weaving, how a loom works, and given instruction on to hold and throw a shuttle, read a draft, and hints and tips on how to weave their sampler. The guild has looms and materials will be provided.

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**Fibre Arts** Annual Sale

Fibre Arts Guild Room  
at Studio 2880  
2880-15th Avenue, 2nd floor

**Nov 30 & Dec 1**  
**10 'til 4**

Join us for a cup of tea and  
a relaxed shopping experience!

Handmade  
spinning, knitting, weaving,  
felting and more!

Prince George  
Fibre Arts Guild

Handmade Christmas stockings, knit by: Lynn, Debra Larkin, Elizabeth Giblin, Margaret Taylor, Cecile Marica, Marie Claire Cavan

<p>Wool improves indoor air quality</p>	<p>Wool is naturally fire resistant &amp; fire retardant</p>	<p>Wool is naturally odour resistant</p>
<p>Wool is biodegradable</p>	<p>Wool is made for recycling</p>	<p>Wool lasts longer</p>
<p>Wool forms part of a natural carbon cycle</p>	<p>Wool is a renewable resource</p>	<p>Wool is 100% natural</p>

## 'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2019/20

The main focus of 'Back to the Basics' this year will be starting at the beginning.

### Upcoming Workshops

Sept. to Nov. ~ 4H Fleece Washing, Carding, Spinning & more

January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Natural Dyeing Workshop

February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Beginner's Weaving Workshop

Early Spring ~ Beginner's Spinning Workshop

### Upcoming Events

November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Studio Fair

November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Guild Sale

### Upcoming 2019/20 Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. No meetings held in July and August.

October 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Studio Fair

November

### '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.



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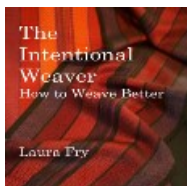
Free to members and a \$5.00 drop-in fee for non-members.



## Buy & Sell

If you have items you would like to list please contact Birthe at [birthe\\_miller@telus.net](mailto:birthe_miller@telus.net)

**For Sale ~ Spinning wheels, carders and other fibre arts related equipment. Check them out in the Guild Room.**



**For Sale ~ The Intentional Weaver; How to Weave Better by Laura Fry.**  
<http://www.blurb.ca/my/store> or search for the title on the [blurb.ca](http://www.blurb.ca) website.

**For Sale ~ Magic in the Water: wet finishing handwovens by Laura Fry.**  
<http://www.blurb.ca/b/8516297-magic-in-the-water>

**For Sale ~** Barely used, fab felter by "Sewing with Nancy". Holds 5 needles, has tool compartment, and comes with wheeled storage/ travelling suitcase. \$75.00 Contact: Gail by texting 250-617-3397 or email [gail\\_stevenson@telus.net](mailto:gail_stevenson@telus.net)

## STUDIO FAIR SALES INVENTORY

Members please bring your sales inventory to the Fibre Arts booth at the Civic Centre on Thursday, **October 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:00 and 3:00pm.** Tagged items and sheets can also be dropped off at the Guild Room before October 30<sup>th</sup>. Inventory tags and sheets are available at the Guild Room or at our booth for **active members only.** (unless you are just donating items). All items must have been made by the member and will be informally screened for quality and price during inventory sign-in. If you have not renewed your membership please contact Karin 250-964-4510 or Birthe [birthe\\_miller@telus.net](mailto:birthe_miller@telus.net) before Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership forms also available at our booth and in Guild Room.



*I'd like to thank Margaret for the beautiful handwoven lanyard I received as an instructor at ANWG this summer. I use it for my car key and never misplace it. I'm getting good at slipping it on my wrist when I'm out and I can always find it in my purse now. I am so lucky to know that using "fine as frog hair" threads is a trademark of hers and think of her every time I'm out and about. Great work Margaret.*

*Thank you,  
Mary Lessman*