

# Random Threads



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## Prince George Fibre Arts Guild

2880 - 15th Ave., Prince George, B.C. V2M 1T1

March 2023

### Monthly Gathering

**Second Tuesday  
at 7:00 pm.**

**Show & Tell**

**Join us for**

**Zoom Meetings**

**Tuesdays**

**6:00 to 9:00pm**

**Thursdays**

**1:00 to 4:00pm**

**Sundays**

**11:30am to**

**3:30pm**

**Our Fibre  
Arts Guild**

**hosted**

**the 2019**

**Association of  
Northwest  
Weavers' Guilds  
Conference**

## President's Corner



It's the March 'Hare'!

Whoever made February the shortest month of the year really knew what they were doing. As I write this we are in the midst of another dump of snow (possibly up to 30 cm last I heard) and I really hope this is the last one.

The classes/workshops are going well and we are beginning to look at September and through the winter. If you have suggestions please let someone on the Executive know.

Our next business meeting Wednesday March 8th at 7:00pm.

There are a number of opportunities for community outreach coming up so we will be asking for volunteers to assist. The guild was well received at the Gourmet Fair last year and has plans to return, as well as the fall fair and other events.

The Guild Room 'shop' is now available, during drop ins or by appointment. We will be doing some maintenance on the equipment both spinning wheels and looms. If you rent Guild equipment and have problems, let someone know so that they can be addressed.

Hopefully we will see spring soon. I'm ready!

Cheers,  
Laura



## Happy Saint Patrick's Day



*May your troubles be less and your blessing be more.  
And nothing but happiness come through your door.*

## 'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2022/23

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

### Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Card Weaving or Tablet Weaving ~ Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Needle Felt Easter Eggs ~ Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Needle Felt Bunny ~ Movie Night ~ Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Into the Zone Spinning Workshop ~ Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Be the Boss of Your Yarn Spinning Workshop ~ Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beginners Weaving Workshop ~ Saturdays, September 9<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Events

Medieval Market ~ Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00am to 4:00pm

Gourmet Festival ~ Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Summer Night Market ~ Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 8:00pm

Summer Night Market ~ Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 9:00pm

BC Northern Exhibition ~ Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Great Northwest Fibre Fest ~ Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Studio Fair ~ Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Guild Sale ~ Saturdays and Sundays first 2 weekends in December

### Upcoming 2022/23 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.

### '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.

Check out our Facebook page [PGFibreArts](https://www.facebook.com/pgfibrearts) and website [pgfibrearts.ca](https://pgfibrearts.ca) for more details.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day

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.

[fibre-arts-source](https://fibre-arts-source.com)



Sponsored by the Weaving Guilds of Oregon

For more information check out

[anwgconference2023.com](https://anwgconference2023.com)



[oldscollege.ca/fibreweek](https://oldscollege.ca/fibreweek)

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

**Drop-Ins have resumed for Guild Members and the public.**

Social distancing, masks are required at this time.

**Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm**

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.

**Thursdays 1:00 ~ 4:00pm**

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.

**Thursdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm**

Guild Members and the public.

**Sundays 11:30am ~ 3:30pm**

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.



## The Twelfth Annual FIBRES WEST will be held March 24/25, 2023

[fibreswest.com](https://fibreswest.com)

Cloverdale Agriplex, 17763 62 Ave,  
Surrey, BC. On the Cloverdale Exhi-

Interested in spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, rug hooking, lace making, dyeing, tapestry, basket weaving and other related fibre crafts? 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 and beyond to join us.



## 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@pgfibrearts.ca](mailto:info@pgfibrearts.ca) with description, price, contact information and photo if possible.



**Just Having  
FUN!**

## Upcoming Workshops and Classes



### Needle Felted Easter Eggs ~ Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Karin will lead us in making felted Easter eggs.

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

**Place:** Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue.

**Material Fee:** \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST. Pre-registration is not required.

### 'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

#### *Needlefelt a Bunny (0:54 minutes)*



With just a little wool, a felting needle, and a few simple supplies, you can create soft sculpted animals that will warm your heart and, before you know it, fill your home!

Host Sharon Costello shares some of the needle-felting techniques used for create sculpted animals and demonstrates how to needlefelt a bunny. Join us in working along with the video.

**Material Fee:** \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST. Pre-registration is not required.



## Upcoming Workshops and Classes

### Card Weaving or Tablet Weaving ~ Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Margaret will be teaching us card weaving or tablet weaving. Materials will be supplied. If you can bring a belt or something to tie around you that would be helpful as this method uses the body to keep the warp under tension. Also a small ruler or stick to use as a beater would be helpful. Some ties and sticks will be available. This is a masked event during your regular Drop-In.

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

**Place:** Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue.

**Material Fee:** \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST. Pre-registration is not required.

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### Spinning Workshops with Diana Twiss ~ Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

*These workshops are sponsored in the memory of Master Weaver ~ Eileen Shannon ~ by a donation from Master Weaver ~ Noreen Rustad.*

#### Into the Zone: the drafting zone with Diana Twiss

**Saturday, April 22nd**

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Place:** Jack Bryant Room at 2880 – 15th Avenue

We start the day spinning our default yarn. Then we move into learning five drafting techniques starting with short forward draw, short backward draw, and so forth, ending with the supported long draw. We work with prepared fibre: combed top for the first three and carded rovings for the last two drafting techniques. Students put a sample of the yarn on their card stock sample card and also make a mini-skein of each. We then wash the mini-skeins and we compare these to the unwashed samples. Each participant will identify their preferred drafting technique and will work the rest of the day (usually ½ - 1 hour) practicing it.

**Fee:** \$150 members or \$175 non-members plus GST

**Material fee:** \$20 payable to instructor

**Supplies and equipment that spinners need to bring to class:** Spinning wheel in excellent operating order, lazy kate, extra bobbins, hand carders, tapestry needle, small scissors. *Spinning wheels with bobbins, lazy kates and hand carders available to rent from Guild.*

**Level of experience required:** Must be able to spin a continuous thread and be comfortable with plying.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BEFORE APRIL 8th.** Limited spaces available. Register on-line at [Workshops and Classes](#). For more information please contact Birthe at 250-964-6454 or [info@pgfibreats.ca](mailto:info@pgfibreats.ca).



#### Be the Boss of Your Yarn with Diana Twiss

**Sunday, April 23rd**

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Place:** Jack Bryant Room at 2880 – 15th Avenue

We start the day spinning our default yarn. Then we make a series of two-ply two coloured samples using low-twist singles and low-twist plying; low-twist singles and high-twist plying; high-twist singles and low-twist plying; high-twist singles and high twist plying. These samples are put onto a card stock template. This allows us to examine them, compare their angle of twist and feel their softness. We discuss under what conditions we would want each kind of yarn and finally, try to locate our default yarn. The afternoon is spent building on this knowledge of manipulating the twist in singles and plying, by making soft singles, 2-ply; 3-ply; cabled yarn, and chain plied yarn. At the end of the day, YOU will be the boss of your yarn.

**Fee:** \$150 members or \$175 non-members plus GST

**Material fee:** \$20 payable to instructor

**Supplies and equipment that spinners need to bring to class:** Spinning wheel in excellent operating order, lazy kate, extra bobbins, hand carders, tapestry needle, small scissors. *Spinning wheels with bobbins, lazy kates and hand carders available to rent from Guild.*

For the Navajo (chain) plying exercise, please bring a bobbin with approximately 10g spun wool singles – created at least a week in advance of the workshop.

**Level of experience required:** Must be able to spin a continuous thread and be comfortable with plying.

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