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 (none in December)

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

President's Corner

We are on our way to Sweater Weather……

I was pleased to see so many of our members make it to the Annual General Meeting this year. The importance of coming together and discussing who and what we want from our Guild was evident that night.

Kayla's survey sparked a lively discussion around the intent of the Drop-ins and the role of the Drop-in hosts. As the Thursday nights host, I thought this would be a great opportunity for me to give you my take on things.

First and foremost, I see my role as being someone who shows up on time, opens the door, turns on the lights and attempts to be warm and friendly to all that show up. That is not always easy as Thursday is a bit of an intense day for me so some days my getup and go has already got up and gone. But I will do my best.

My abilities in the fibre arts fall into the spinning, knitting end of the craft. I have been at it for a few years, so I have learned a thing or too. But I am not a teacher so I will assist where I can, but my advice is just that - advice. If someone is looking for help with weaving, I am happy to talk through a problem with you, but I will not have any knowledgeable advice on the matter.

I think it is important to recognize that the role of the host is fairly basic, in that way anyone can host a drop in. I feel these times are important for us to build community, have the opportunity to meet our fellow members, share ideas and on occasion learn a very valuable tip from the knitter sitting in the next chair.

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Reminder:

- **Holiday hours** over the Christmas holidays:
  - No Sunday Drop-In's in December
  - Last December Drop-In Thurs. Dec 17th , Next Drop-In Tues Jan 5th.

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There will be times that hosts will structure a drop-in to have a specific focus ie Dryer Ball making every 2nd Thursday of the month, or Kayla's idea to focus on Spinning the last Sunday of the month. These events do not exclude members who do not wish to participate in that activity, but they do allow the host to focus on an area of interest that they have and invite others to participate.

After the AGM I had a look at the handout we use to inform the public about the Guild. We have made some changes to it so that there is a better understanding of the difference between our drop-ins and the classes and learning sessions the Guilds put on. It is important to remember that the Drop-in hosts are volunteers, while the teachers for the classes and leaders for the learning sessions are compensated for their time.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed being a host. There are times when I have been able to help a member, but what I enjoy the most is seeing members share knowledge with each other.

Grace Morrice
President

Coming Soon

October 27th : Needle Felted Poppy Pins
Felting materials will be supplied, but for health reasons, you will need to supply your own felting needles (can be purchased for $7.50 + taxes). A donation o $5.00 to cover materials is appreciated.

November 24th: Needle Felted Christmas decorations using cookie cutters.
Felting materials will be supplied; bring your own needles and a donation of $5.00. There will be cookie cutters for use. If you wish to bring your own, they need to be the style that is completely open with just the outer edge so that you can use the felting needles.

January 7: Darn It! Sock mending
Do you have some hand-knitted socks that have holes, that have been set aside waiting for some dedicated time to deal with them? Well, on January 7 during Thursday evening drop-in bring them for a ***Darn It!*** evening. Remember to bring your darning needle and yarn.

January 30: Yarn Lover's Garage Sale... see pg 3

Movie Nights:

Movie Nights are held the **last Tuesday of most months**, starting at 6:30 p.m. We call them Movie Night, but actually we watch a tutorial video and usually create whatever the video is showing. Non-members are welcome; there is a drop-in fee of $5.00.

Ongoing Call for Movie Night Ideas: email info@pgfibrearts.ca!

Yarn Lover's Garage Sale

Do you have yarn in your stash that you can't remember why you bought? Or yarn that has been sitting in your stash waiting for a project that will never come. Or for whatever reason, you no longer want it, but you don't want it to go to a thrift store either. Well, here is an opportunity for you to perhaps sell it. The Guild is hosting another Yarn Lover's Garage sale, Saturday, January 30th. As you encounter this yarn, set it aside. Contact Karin D at kldouce@outlook.com for more details.

Wet Felting Machine For Sale

This felting machine was originally used in the guild. It was then sold to Gail who only used it a few times. It can make large pieces for felt. The machine does a lot of the work but depending on the desired finish you may still need to apply it by rolling, throwing etc.

Gail is asking for $500.00. It is a large heavy piece of equipment.

If you are interested, please contact Gail Stevenson at gail_stevenson@telus.net

Reminder: Upcoming Sales Opportunities

Dates:

- **Oct 30-Nov 1** Studio Fair
- **Nov 21st & 22nd** Duchess Park Craft Fair
- **Dec 5th & 12th** In Room Christmas Sales

How to:

- All items will need to be tagged, and an inventory sheet must accompany them.
- Tags and Inventory sheets can be found in the 2-drawer cabinet next to the Permanent Sales Area in the Guild.
- Item #s for your articles will be your initials and then a number ie GM1 for Grace Morrice, item 1.
- Your Inventory sheet will need to be checked with the Guild member hosting when you drop off your items.

Note:

The Guild withholds a 20% commission on all sales to enable us to pay the rent and keep the lights on.

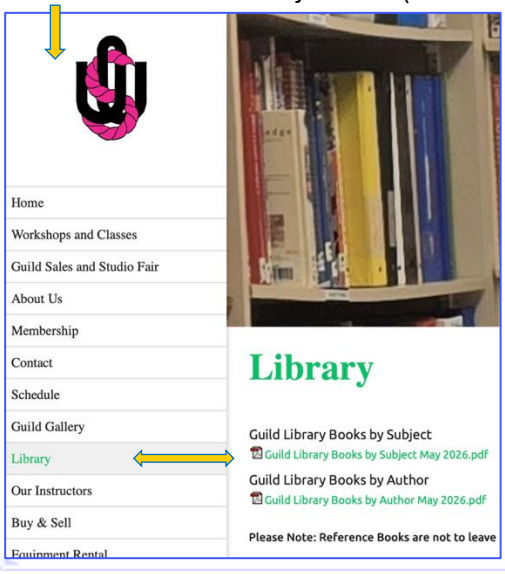
This is an opportunity for members to sell items they have made (this opportunity does not apply to Associate Members). While we do not formally jury items that are entered into the sales, the Executive has written a statement to help guide us all in this matter:

> ***"With respect to items sold through the Guild, Guild members are encouraged to exercise their creativity by using the best practices and the best materials, suited to the product, that they can. Products must be hand made by the Guild member offering it for sale."***

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Grace Morrice, President

Library Corner

Library Catalog locations:
In-Room: Hanging on shelves (you may unhook to read!)
Website: Under "Library" menu (left side)



Also: Still bringing our lost books home… progress made, and please keep looking!

A few of the books that have been out for a long time have made it back to the library. If you think you may have guild books at home that may have been out for *ahem* more time than you intended, please return them. In the coming months, emails will be sent out to repatriate our missing library resources.

Member Sharing Zone

Here is a reminder that if you come across something fibre-related that interests you, chances are that fellow members will also find it interesting! Please share what you've found by sending it to the newsletter editor (contact info on page 1), and you'll see it shared in the next newsletter.

(The following comes thanks to Elizabeth G!)

Check out the following link:
All About Handspun Yarn and Why Its Best For You and the Planet
By Sarah Yule

Link:
https://morningchores.com/why-handspun-yarn/

Recent Workshop:

The Acid Dye Class – Low Immersion Method with Kayla (back by popular demand) was lots of fun and very educational – the perfect introduction to acid dyeing.
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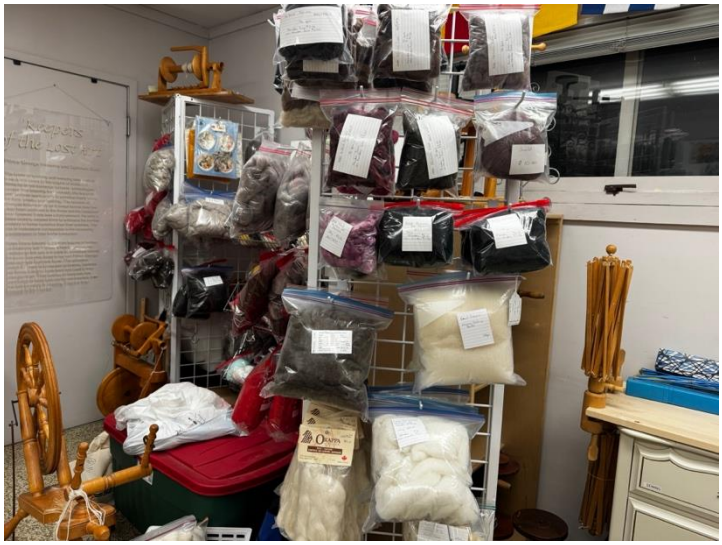
Fibre for Sale

Don't forget that we have plenty of fibre for sale in the guild room:



... Acid Dye Workshop Pictures continued...
Some of us may have been pursuing a lot of colour!

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 with description, price, contact information and photo if possible.

Guild Meetings and Events in 2026

We are very pleased to be in our new space in 2026. Don't forget to check our website, Facebook and Instagram for all updates, new workshops, and events.

Upcoming Events

Oct 27: Needle Felting a Poppy Pin
Oct 30 – Nov 1: Studio Fair (see hours on p. 3)
Nov 21 & 22: Duchess Park School Craft Fair
Nov 24: Needle Felting Christmas Decorations
Dec 5: On-Site (guild room) Christmas Sale
Dec 12: On-Site (guild room) Christmas Sale
Jan 7: Darn It! Sock mending
Jan 30: Yarn Lover's Garage Sale

Upcoming 2026 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.

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

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

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

Check pg. 1 for Holiday Hours

Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm

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Sundays Noon ~ 3:00pm

Starting Jan 21: Thursday Evening Work-a-long

Focus on your WIP's (Works in Progress)!

Knitting or crochet (or anything else!), here is some dedicated time to get back to that WIP along with others doing the same. This will likely continue through February.