

Random Threads



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Guild Business Meeting

**March 10th
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
Sundays
11:30am to
3:30pm

**Please bring
a snack
to share.**

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

President's Corner



Check out the many events happening in the Guild Room this month while we wait for the world to green-up as the snow disappears.

Our new website <http://pgfibrearts.ca> is up and running so check it out too.

Hope to see you all soon,
Serena

Weaving Study Group - 2020

Do you want to expand your weaving knowledge and skills? The Weaving Study Group will take a deep dive on some of the more technical and creative aspects of weaving - learning from each other along the way. The proposed time is below will be finalized during the first meeting. Meetings will occur the second to last Monday of the month (with option to reschedule as required), from 7:30 - 9:00p.m.

First Impressions ~ March 23rd

Once we have a theme, the first month is about getting orientated and think about what you'd like to do in the year. You might choose to share what you've learned, share your personal goals of what you're going to try throughout the year and maybe get some ideas or suggestions.



The Twelfth Annual FIBRES WEST

Friday, March 13th and Saturday, 14th, 2020.

FIELD HOUSE, Langley Events Centre, 7888 200th Street, Langley, BC.

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 to join us.

<https://www.fibreswest.com>



'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ March 31st at 7:00pm

Needle Felting Animals: Make a Rabbit

Create sculpted animals using needle felting techniques with Sharon Costello.

All you need is a bit of carded wool, a couple of felting needles, a foam pad, and your imagination, and you're ready to create your own menagerie of felted animals in this needle felting tutorial.

With this video workshop on how to needle felt animals, expert Sharon Costello will take you step-by-step through the process of making a simple, adorable bunny.

Sharon will explain how you can adapt these basic needle felting techniques shown in this video workshop to make any animal you can imagine. With inexpensive supplies, fiber, and your willingness to experiment with shapes and colors, you'll be equipped with all the needle felting techniques and tips you need to venture out on your own to make any felted sculpture you'd like.



Spring Fibre Shows and Festivals

The Fibre Shindig ~ Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ~ Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association, 1320 5 Ave NW, Calgary, AB <http://www.fibreshindig.com/>

Peace Fibre Festival ~ Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. ~ Dawson Creek, BC <http://www.peacefibrefest.com/>

North Island Fleece and Fibre Show ~ Saturday, May 2, 2020 10:00 am - 6:00 pm ~ Campbell River Community Center 401 11 Ave., Campbell River <http://nifleecefibreshow.mystrikingly.com>

Calgary Spring Fibre Festival 2020 ~ Sat., May 9, 11:00 a.m. – Sun., May 10, 3:00 p.m. ~ Crossroads Market, 1235-26 Avenue S.E. Calgary, AB <https://www.facebook.com/events/435929344001408/>

100 Mile Fleece And Fibre 2020 ~ Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 9:30 am – 3:30 pm ~ The Bradley Center, Shearman Road, Coombs, BC <https://100milefleeceandfibrefair.ca/>



Happy Saint Patrick's Day



May your troubles be less and your blessing be more.

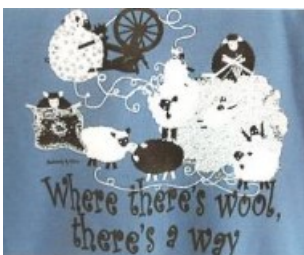
And nothing but happiness come through your door.



Carding and Combing Fleece

1:00pm Sunday, March 8th in the Guild Room

Bring the fleeces you have washed to the Drop-In. We will have hand cards, drum carders and combs available for you to prepare your fleece for spinning. If you do not have any washed fleece, there will be some available for you to try.



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

Sundays 11:30 am to 3:30 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.

The Prince George Fibre Arts Guild is pleased to present Sue Perron

Sue Perron is a long-time Guild member. She was born and raised in the Parkland area of Saskatchewan. She moved to Prince George, BC in 2002. She, like her mother, was always interested in plants and their uses, and the respect that is afforded nature when gathering plants for her own use. A science background helped to explain the varieties of plants and their similarities and differences. An association with other Indigenous Elders in the Prince George area expanded these learnings. Sue volunteers with various agencies, often taking students or other interested parties on nature walks in the surrounding area. She collects plants, in season, to use for demonstrations during the year. A curious mind is a great gift.



Fibres on the Wild Side ~ March 17th 7:00pm in the Guild Room .

When walking in a natural area, we breathe in the freshness of the land. Fibres surround us. We may not yet be familiar with the sources, but Indigenous Peoples have used them for many years. Many lessons were learned from the Elders in their communities, including: understanding protocols for collecting, understanding the collection times, recognizing the plants, collecting the plant materials, extracting the rough fibre, preparing the fibre for use, and using the fibres for many traditional uses. Fibre sources and uses were varied from location to location. Interesting as well, the fibre sources were often used for other purposes such as food, medicine, dyes, adornment, and technical purposes. This presentation will mention some of the history, uses and interesting stories about various local fibre plants. There will be a selection of local plant samples available to examine and handle.

Ceinture Fleche: a Brief Walk Through History ~ April 28th 7:00pm in the Guild Room .

Sashes, belts and tumplines have been in use for many years by Indigenous Peoples and Europeans. The story of the Ceinture Fleché, also known as the Assumption Sash, speaks of tradition, colonialization, of cottage industry, of the fur trade, the buffalo hunts, of political unrest, of rebellion and diaspora. It also speaks of weaving expertise, of hard work, dedication, commerce, resilience, re-emergence and pride. This presentation will mention the story of the Ceinture Fleché, Coventry sash, and the ceremonial sashes seen today. Some of the weaving processes related to the sash will be discussed. There will be materials displayed and opportunity to try some basic finger weaving techniques.



cheaper than therapy

I love the way knitting brings people together. ~ Debbie Macomber

*"A half finished shawl left on the coffee table isn't a mess; it's an object of art."
~ Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either. ~ Elizabeth Zimmermann

"Knitting is repetitive, rewarding, and calms me down like a warm bath. But it takes up juuuust enough brain-space that I can't come up with ideas. Which is too bad, because I love multitasking." ~ Vera Brosgol

"There's great value to knitting or digging up your garden or chopping up vegetables for soup, because you're taking some time away from turning the pages, answering your emails, talking to people on the phone, and you're letting your brain process whatever is stuck up in there." ~ Chellie Pingree

BURN TEST

Wondering what the fibre is in your yarn? Do the burn test. Take a piece of the yarn and burn it. If it is animal hair, it will smell like burning hair, produce gray-blue smoke, have black ash that crumbles to a powder, and go out quickly when the flame is removed. If it smells like burning grass and ignites and burns completely, it is cellulose. If it creates hard black beaded balls, it is acrylic. Although this test identifies or rules out other fibers, it is not conclusive.



'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

September 19th & 20th ~ Beginner's Spinning Workshop

TBA ~ Felting Workshop

Upcoming Events

March 8th ~ Carding and Combing Fleece

March 10th ~ Guild Business Meeting

March 17th ~ Fibres on the Wild Side

March 23rd ~ Weave Study Group

March 31st ~ Felt a Bunny for Easter

April 28th ~ Ceinture Fleche: a Brief Walk Through History



Upcoming 2019/20 Guild Meetings

Guild Business Meetings are held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of March, June, September and December. March 10th (Spring ~ Everything Green), June 9th (Yearend Potluck Dinner), September 8th (AGM) and December 8th (Christmas Social).

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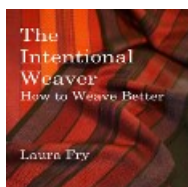
Free to members and a \$5.00 drop-in fee for non-members.



Buy & Sell

If you have items you would like to list please contact birthe_miller@telus.net

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



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

Wanted ~ A small loom 22" to 36" weaving width range. Contact: Darlene knitterdar@gmail.com

For Sale ~ Loom looking for a good home: Cherryville loom (based on Scandinavian model) four shafts, counterbalanced loom. Overall dimensions are 62" x 43" x 45". No bench or reed. Contact: Caitlin cait_nicholson@hotmail.com

If you have items you would like to list on our website Buy & Sell <http://pgfibrearts.ca> please email info@pgfibrearts.ca



Save The Date

June 7-13, 2021

Willamette University, Salem Oregon

Sponsored by the Weaving Guilds of Oregon

<https://anwgconference2021.com>

FIBRE

WEEK at Olds College

Fibre Week 2020 will be held June 19 - 25, 2020! Registration open. All of the same great Fibre Week experiences and services will be available: **weekend classes, a Fibre Pop Up Shop and Fleece Shows.** Social events, food and accommodation services right on campus, our great stores and shops, and a Calgary airport shuttle. And if you want to get very serious, of course our Master Spinner and Master Weaver programs will be back.