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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

Happy New Year!

I am writing this on the last day of 2023, looking forward to a bright shiny new year, one filled with hope and promise.

The past few years have been challenging and as an organization we have had to adapt and change to meet those challenges.

On a personal level, I have had to also adapt and change to changing circumstances but am happy to report that the Guild, as a whole, is in good hands.

Over the past year some of the administrative tasks were tackled, we have a slate of officers working on streamlining things, hopefully clarifying policies and charting a path forward.

We have a line up of classes and some workshops in the planning stages (see page 3). As these are finalized they will be posted to the website, where members (and in some cases non-members) can register.

Drop-ins have proven popular and will continue beginning January 9th after a holiday hiatus.

There will be changes happening as we sort through priorities and of course we will need willing volunteers to help with events like on and off site sales, the Fall Fair and so on.

We look forward to seeing you in 2024. Best wishes to all.

May your wheels and looms hum and sing; may your fibres be bright and beautiful; may your mistakes be few and easily fixed; may you have great joy and satisfaction from the labour of love as you work with fibres, thread, cloth.

Laura Fry

NEWS FLASH

When it comes to 'news' we have some of our own.

We are always looking for ideas for workshops/classes/learning opportunities. If you would like a class offered, let us know. If you know of an instructor (or want to be one), let us know. If you have suggestions for the library, or equipment, let us know.

The Executive is made up of volunteers who want to provide the services our members want, but we need to know what those things may be. So please contact one of the executive with your ideas for how we can improve and we'll do the best we can to deliver.

Personally, it is time for me to step back from the workings of the guild and leave it in the hands of others. I feel confident that we have a highly motivated group who will do their best to keep things humming. That doesn't mean I am going away! Instead I have offered to take over the newsletter (if I can ever figure out how to make the new-to-me software work!!!) Old dogs can learn new tricks.

If you have news you want to share, please let me know. If you use the contact email on the website Birthe will forward to me, or email me directly laura@laurafry.com

From time to time I see articles on line that might be of interest to the members so I'll post them here. Lately there have been a number of developments in terms of textiles or archeology/history of textiles. It's great to see more interest being paid to textiles and the making of them.

The Guild has the advantage of a room of our own where we can keep our rather extensive library. We are looking at which books appear to be used the most, and perhaps we could run a book review 'column'? Anyone want to provide book reviews?

We also have books for sale—duplicates or on topics beyond our 'usual'. We are running out of room on the shelves—again—and will be taking a long, hard look at what is being used, and what isn't.

We have an in room sales area. If you have friends who want to purchase items made by our members, let them know they can get them in the guild room year round.

The Guild does take a commission from sales, but it's quite low. The commission from such sales helps us pay the rent on the room. We thank the guild members who choose to sell through the shop or during sales events like Studio Fair. With everything going up these days, it helps to have income from sources other than membership to the guild.

There are things that we could be doing, such as running study groups. If you would like to see a study group form, let us know. If you are willing to host a study group? Even better!

And if you have 'news' you would like to share—an article, website, whatever—let me know and I can add that to my 'News Flashes'.

Weaving Workshop with Cheryl Peebles

Re-using, or re-cycling (or 'upcycling') materials is great for the environment and 'rags' can be turned into something new and useful. Cheryl Peebles will share some of her hints, tips and 'tricks' for working with materials that have lived a different life. Recycled materials can be used for rugs, yes, but also garments, bags, and so many other uses. Cheryl brings a wealth of experience to working with upcycling materials. And the guild even has a rag cutter if anyone decides they want to pursue this further. :)

Cheryl will also have a pop-up store during the workshop—but we need enough people to make the class 'go'! So register sooner rather than later. There are hotels/motels within easy drive of the Studio 2880 complex. We have booked the large room on the ground floor, so no carrying looms up the stairs to the guild room. Yes, there are a few table looms for rent from the guild for the workshop.

Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Check [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information, some classes require pre-registration.

January 10th ~ A Brioché Knit Cowl – led by Elizabeth S. ~ limit 6 participants

TBA ~ Needle felting with a Valentine's theme with Ulyana ~ details to be confirmed

January 30th ~ Needle Felted Gnomes ~ during movie night

February 7th ~ Knitting an Intarsia Baby Facecloth led by Elizabeth S. ~ limit 6 participants

February 28th ~ Steeking led by Elizabeth S. ~ limit 6 participants

March 6th ~ Knitting a Fair Isle Headband led by Elizabeth S. ~ limit 6 participants

March 20th ~ Learning how to use a Drop Spindle led by Belinda ~ details to be confirmed

TBA ~ Double Knitting Tutorial led by Elizabeth S. ~ limit 6 participants

TBA ~ Inkle weaving led by Margaret. Class size will be limited to the number of looms, 10.

Dowry Flax Study Group during the regular drop-in time on Sundays starting January 14, 2024. Members can purchase 100 grams of this fibre from Margaret for \$10.00. Contact Margaret at margaret.tayti@gmail.com for more information.

Weaving with Upcycled Materials

with Master Weaver Cheryl Peebles

Dates: May 10, 11 and 12, 2024

Time: (Friday 7-9 pm, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm)

Place: Jack Bryan Room at Studio 2880, 2880 – 15th Avenue.

Fee: \$300 members or \$350 non-members plus GST

Material Fee: \$20 paid to the instructor. Maximum number of students will be 12, so register early to ensure a spot.

Weavers are great recyclers, and this workshop will look at various ways to create new textiles from 'old' materials.

Experience level - Beginner Plus. Weavers should know how to dress their loom. (If you need help, guild members will be able to assist.) The guild has a number of table looms available to rent for this workshop.

Cheryl Peebles is an artist, working creatively for 40 years. She is curious, always wanting to know more, taking every opportunity to learn. Eventually she took the Olds Master Weaver Certificate, achieving the level of Master Weaver in 2022 with an in-depth study in Rag Weaving for Garments.



Whether you are experienced or a novice, Cheryl will guide you through using materials in new ways.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (on-line at <https://pgfibrearts.ca/workshops>). Deposit of \$50 required by the March 27th, 2024, balance at the workshop. For more information, please contact Laura at laurafry@telus.net.

Cheryl also owns a shop for weavers and spinners and will have a pop-up shop - hours to be announced.

Out of town weavers, there are a number of motels/restaurants within 5 minutes drive of the Studio 2880 buildings.



The Thirteenth Annual FIBRES WEST

Friday, March 29th and Saturday, 30th, 2024.

Cloverdale Agriplex, 17763 62 Ave, Surrey, 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. For more information see <https://www.fibreswest.com>

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.

'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2023/24

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 Workshops and Classes

A Brioche Knit Cowl ~ Wednesday, January 10th

Needle Felted Gnomes ~ Tuesday, January 31st

Knitting an Intarsia Baby Facecloth ~ Wednesday, February 7th

Weaving with Upcycled Materials ~ Friday, May 10th ~ Sunday, May 12th

Upcoming Events

BC Northern Exhibition ~ TBA, August

Great Northwest Fibre Fest ~ Sunday, September 8th

Studio Fair ~ TBA, November

Guild Sale ~ Saturdays and Sundays in December

Upcoming 2023/24 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.

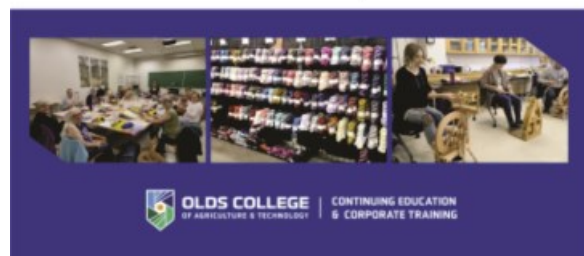
Support the Canadian fibre industry!

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.

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'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ January 31st

7:00pm in Guild Room

Needle Felted Gnomes (1 hour 23 minutes)



Back by popular demand. In this video, you will learn how to make your own needle-felted gnome ornaments. As you work through the process of making these cute little gnomes, from set-up to finishing, and soon you'll be making a whole group of your own. Bring any needle felting supplies you have. Different colors of wool to use to make the gnome (the coarser, the better), some curly fiber that can be use for a beard/hair, an image of a gnome to use for inspiration, needles, foam block, scissors, sewing needle and thread, embroidery floss to use for details. Some supplies available at the Guild. Needles and felting kits can be purchased through the Guild. Material Fee: \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST. Pre-registration is not required.



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.

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