

Random Threads



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Monthly Gathering

**October 8th
at 7:00 pm.**

Show & Tell

**Join us for
Zoom Meetings
& Drop-In on
Tuesdays
6:00 to 9:00pm**

**Zoom Meetings
Thursdays
1:00 to 4:00pm
and
Sundays
11:30am to
3:30pm**

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

President's Corner

After a wet cool 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. As a Guild we try to keep connected with our members through Zoom, Tuesday Drop-Ins, [Facebook](#), website and newsletters. At this time we can not offer workshops and classes. Laura has created the **Sunday Seminar Series** which features fibre artists from around the world talking about their passions for history, culture, fibre, spinning, weaving, etc. Looking forward to our **Guild Sale** and seeing what everyone has created. The Guild Sale and Studio Fair sales help pay for our rent. If you can volunteer please contact [Laura](#). Speaking of rent, the City of Prince George City Council unanimously voted in favour of the new creative hub. City Council approved the application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure funding program, in the amount of \$4.12 million for construction. The City committed a further \$1.5 million cash towards the cost of construction. This means the total budget for the construction will be \$5.62 million. So what happens next? We wait to find out if the funding application was successful. If it is then we could expect to start design and construction planning in 2021, with construction occurring in 2022. Then it is time for the Guild to pack up and move to the new creative hub. After a long wait and cancellation of many of our events due to COVID, it is great to have our newsletter back. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay fibre happy.

GUILD SALE

SATURDAYS NOVEMBER 7TH TO DECEMBER 12TH.

**11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT**



'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

No upcoming workshops due to COVID19

Upcoming Events

November 1st to December 31st ~ Studio Fair Online

Saturdays, November 7th to December 12th ~ Guild Sale

Upcoming 2019/20 Guild Meetings

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

'Back to Basics' Movie Nights **Postponed**

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.



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

(In-Person Guild Drop-Ins Temporarily Cancelled for Thursdays and Sundays).

Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm

Zoom Meeting and Drop-In for Guild Members
Only have moved to the Jack Bryan Room
to allow for social distancing.

Masks and hand sanitizer supplied.

Thursdays 1:00 ~ 4:00pm

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.

Sundays 11:30am ~ 3:30pm

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.



Sunday Seminar Series

Now what you have been waiting for! Some of our global list of Sunday Seminar Series speakers for 2021.

Abby Franquemont ~ January 17th ~ Preserving Textiles Traditions in the Andes

Carol James ~ February 7th ~ Sprang

Deborah Chandler ~ March 7th ~ Weavers of Guatemala and Weave A Real Peace (WARP)

Deborah Robson ~ April 11th ~ Shetland Textiles

Winnie Nelon ~ May 16th ~ Iban Textiles from Borneo

Stefan Moberg ~ June 13th ~ Swedish Wool and Hattersley Looms

Janet Dawson ~ July ~ Textile Travels in Turkey

Robyn Spady ~ August ~ Passementerie - Textiles That Trim

Diana Twiss ~ September ~ The Urban Farmer, Growing and Processing Linen

Christina Petty ~ October ~ TBA



For more information on topics and instructors see our website <http://pgfibrearts.ca/seminars>

Sunday Seminar Series

The planning for the Sunday morning seminars is going well with the first six booked. Laura is working on the second half of 2021 and already has instructors signed up until October, waiting to hear from on topics. If there is someone you really want to take a seminar from, let Laura know and who knows, maybe she can get them, too. (laura@laurafry.com)

Some of these names listed above you may recognize, some you may not. But all of them have interesting things to say about fibre, spinning, weaving, etc. The seminars will be via Zoom.

PG Fibre Arts Guild members can start to purchase seminars online Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00pm for \$10.50 (\$10 plus GST) while non-members will pay \$15.75 (\$15 plus GST). Cost for a Guild to view as a group (with only one participant signing in) is \$52.50 (\$50 plus GST). We can have up to six people who have purchased their seminar to view the Zoom seminar in our Guild Room (to provide social distancing) for those who have an unreliable or no internet connection.

With a 10:00 am start time, we can access presenters who live in different time zones.

Laura's overall theme is how textiles intersect and inform culture. The seminars are general overviews, not technique oriented. Depending on how many teachers get teaching seminars or workshops ready, we could also run teaching seminars in the future. Now that the CAC has arranged for more robust internet in the building, we can take advantage of being able to learn remotely, even if we cannot run the 'usual' workshops.

If we are still dealing with the pandemic well into next year, Laura is willing to continue contacting presenters and booking them on into 2022.

But for now, we have a great line up and will share more info as it comes available.



Handmade

hand'spun · handknit · handwoven
hand felted items · & more!

Annual Sale

Saturdays: Nov 7–Dec 12

11^{am}–3^{pm} or by appointment at
www.pgfibrearts.ca under contact

Fibre Arts Guild Room at Studio 2880

2880–15th Avenue · 2nd floor

Masks are required and will be available



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For Sale ~ carders and other fibre arts related equipment. Check them out in the Guild Room during the Guild Sale.

GUILD SALES INVENTORY

Members please bring your sales inventory to the Guild Room on Sunday, November 1st between 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Tagged items and sheets can also be dropped off at the Guild Room now until November 3rd. Inventory tags and sheets are available at the Guild Room or Tuesday Drop-In 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 active membership please contact Karin 250-964-4510 or Birthe treasurer@pgfibrearts.ca before November 3rd. Membership applications available [online](#), at Tuesday Drop-Ins and in Guild Room.

Volunteers needed for 4 hour shifts at Guild Sale. We expect a couple of people could pair up and do a Saturday. We will require masks to be worn to protect our vulnerable guild members and the public. Laura is taking names of volunteer sales people (laura@laurafry.com) and is ready and willing to book times. Elizabeth has created posters and we anticipate guild members will take posters to distribute around town to let people know the sale is happening. There will be a digital version which can be shared on social media and we hope members will do so. We are planning for sandwich boards or posters outside the building so people know how to find us.

We rely on the income from both Studio Fair and the guild sale to help with operating expenses, so everyone needs to chip in and make this effort to sell guild member work a success!

STUDIO FAIR



Studio Fair 2020 — Note from Prince George & District Community Arts Council

As you know, we made the difficult decision a few months ago to cancel the 2020 Prince George Studio Fair. Since that time we have been exploring ways to help maintain the Studio Fair brand and provide our beloved vendors with an opportunity to stay connected with Prince George and Northern BC shoppers.

As such we are pleased to announce that we will be launching a website at www.studiofair.ca, on time for the holiday shopping season (our target launch date is November 1st). The site will be live until the end of the year. We are pleased to announce that there will be no cost to you to participate in this project. There will be neither participation fees nor sales commissions charged. We really believe it is our privilege to work with our Studio Fair artisans and we hope that we can play even a small role in helping to support your business during these trying times.