

Random Threads



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Monthly Gathering

**February 11th
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

One of the unique draws of working in the fiber arts is that it may offer a creative space for people to work in peace and solitude, bringing a calming, pensive atmosphere; but it is also a craft that encourages you to gather together, share ideas and build your creative community. The Guild is providing some fantastic opportunities to gather, and I do hope everyone gets a chance to join in the fun.

After experiencing a month of shifting weather (boy was I happy to have my woolies in that -45°C weather), I look forward to February and the extra activities happening with the Guild.

Keep in mind that we have our first meeting for the Weaving Study Group coming up on Monday, Feb. 17th from 7:00 -8:30pm. The first meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more before committing for the pilot year of the group. There WILL be homework, but it will be of the experimental, creative, exploratory nature. As always, keep warm and sure-footed this winter season!

Cheers,
Serena



The Twelfth Annual FIBRES WEST

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

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

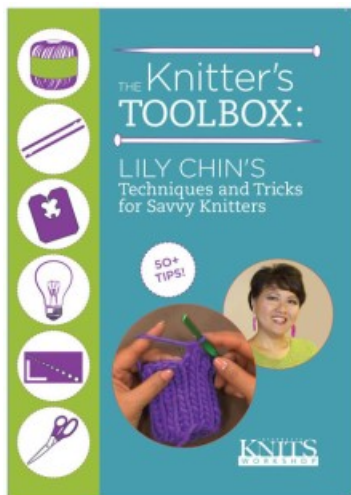
Interested in spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, rug hooking, lace making, dyeing, tapestry, basket weaving and other related fibre crafts? Come and check us out. We promote local, Canadian fibre producers, fibre shops, independent artists, equipment producers, non-profit groups and weaving and spinning guilds. We hire Canadian teachers and we invite vendors from BC, Alberta, Washington and beyond to join us.

Valentine's Evening of Desserts ~ February 11th at 6:00 pm ~



Please bring a dessert to share. Coffee and tea provided.

'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ February 25th at 7:00pm
The Knitter's Toolbox: Techniques and Tricks for Savvy Knitters



Join master knitter Lily Chin and discover 50+ techniques and tricks every knitter should have in her knitting toolbox. Learn how to make your knitting effortless and tackle every project with ease!

For beginning and seasoned knitters alike, Lily's expert advice includes:

- Casting on with just enough yarn for plenty of stretch and a perfect edge
- Putting your swatch to work for you
- Discovering the secrets of mystery yarn
- Using unexpected tools for knitting success
- Eliminating yarn ends, floats, and gaps
- Adding trims, buttons, and beads
- Whipping any needles into shape
- And much more!

This video is 176 minutes, watch as long as you want.

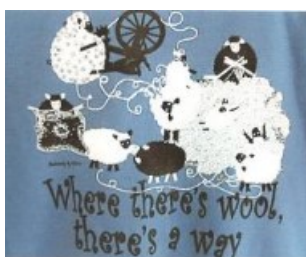


Weaving Study Group - 2020

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 7:00 - 8:30p.m.

Logistics and Introductions—February 17th

The first meeting will start with introductions and setting the framework for the group. Members will be asked to bring potential themes that could be used for the group (A specific weave structure? Play with colour theory? Focus on one type of fibre?).

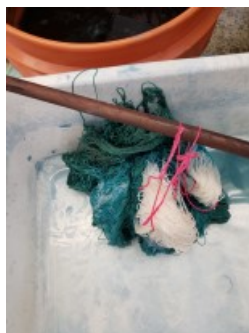


Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and Finish your Project Drop-In

**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.**



Colours from Nature with Mary Lessman



'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

February 15th & 16th ~ Beginner's Weaving Workshop

February 22nd & 23rd ~ Beginner's Weaving Workshop

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

TBA ~ Felting Workshop

Upcoming Events

February 11th ~ **Valentine's Evening of Desserts**

February 17th ~ Weave Study Group

March 8th ~ Carding and Combing Fleece

March 31st ~ Felt a Bunny for Easter



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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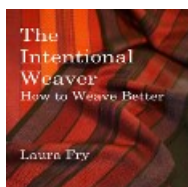
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Buy & Sell

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.

For Sale ~ ISO a small 8 shaft loom. Would like to trade a 45" 8 shaft Leclerc Colonial with sectional beam for something in the 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

Signs You Need to Spin Your Stash

Your stash has outgrown its space—perhaps multiple times. Your stash intake far exceeds your rate of output. First it's one bin, then another, and before you know it you're at the local hardware store buying multiple giant, clear locking totes.



19th International Fungi & Fibre Symposium

October 19 to October 25, 2020

Port Townsend, WA, USA

Registration for the 2020 International Fungi and Fibre Symposium opened January 2nd. <https://www.mycopigments.com/pages/iffs>

*Yarn is
Like Chocolate.
you can never
have too much!*



*If I win
the lottery,
I'm hiring
someone to
live with me
and weave
in all the
ends on my
projects.*

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