

Random Threads



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Monthly Gathering

January 14th
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
Saturdays
10:00am to
1:00pm

Please bring
a snack
to share.

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

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



President's Corner

A New Year is often a time of reflection, setting goals and thinking about change - and this year there seems to be the extra excitement of starting a new decade! Our Guild accomplished a lot in 2019, and our successes mean that we have the capacity to take advantage of the new decade and continue to grow as a community.

I look forward to all the activities we have planned already, and to discuss new ideas with our members. I want to make sure that our Guild reflects the community you're looking for. Whether you love our weekend workshops (there will be four before spring!), enjoy the informal Drop-In's, or want to take part in the group activities (there's a new KAL being organized as well as a Weaving Study Group), it's bound to be a great year.

Stay warm and safe this as the cold weather sets in, and enjoy what your fiber crafting can bring to a chilly evening.

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.

<https://www.fibreswest.com/>

'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ January 28th at 7:00pm

Felting Baby Owls

A photograph of two small, fluffy felted owl babies. They are light brown with large, dark, round eyes and small black beaks. They are sitting on a dark, textured rock surface with some green moss or lichen.

Sisters Jennifer and Melissa Vansant as they teach you how to create two adorably felted owl babies in less than an hour.
Learn the difference between batting and wool roving.
How to create bodily definition in your structural, felted owl forms.
Techniques for creating fine, straight lines to add dimension.
How to attach and secure separate felted pieces together without having a seam.
The importance of felting hard and tight to give forms longevity and playability.

Materials needed: Bring what you have, some supplies available from Guild

- Different colors of wool to use to make the owls (the coarser, the better)
- Needle felting supplies (needles, foam block, etc.)

The Guild has felting kits for sale at the Drop-Ins.

A red film strip graphic, showing a reel of film with several frames visible, winding around a central point.

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A group of white sheep standing in a field, with a small white building and trees in the background.

Their fleece is pure white, low lustre, lofty, strong with a staple length of 8 - 10 cm and a micron count of 27 - 33. A good quality fibre has a unique three-dimensional crimp that gives resilience and is also felt resistant. It is used for yarn, roving and quilting batts.



crimped and is wonderful in worsted spinning with a micron count of 27 - 30, grows to a length of 15 - 20 cm in six months. It is lustrous, strong, water- and wear-resistant, and sheds off the rain and weather. Thel is the soft downy undercoat with an irregular crimp and can be used for baby garments, and for the fine shawls, with a micron count of 19 - 22, growing to a length of 5 - 10 cm. The thel provides the loft for the outer coat and insulation for the sheep. Tog grows from the primary hair follicles and the thel from the secondary follicles. Tog is a true wool, and is not a kemp or guard hair. The combination of the two fibers on the sheep gives superb protection from the cold and wet. Icelandics are usually sheared twice a year due, in part, to the fact that they have a natural wool break in late spring. The sheep are sheared again in the fall to harvest fleeces that are very soft and clean and can bring a premium price per pound. The traditional lopi is a lightly spun blend of tog and thel.

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 7-8:30p.m.

February 17th	Logistics and Introductions 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?).
March 23rd	First Impressions 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
May	Sample Show and Tell 1 Sample, sample, sample! It's important to sample before putting together a larger project. We'll share samples and general progress updates with each other.
June	Sample Show and Tell 2 Maybe you need an extra month to get those samples ready, or maybe your first set of samples led you down a different road and needed more sampling. (Maybe you've finished a project already!) We will share progress, ideas, lessons learned, and support each other along the way.
July/August	OFF - Take some time to work independently, or relax during these summer months.
September	Resource Review What would a study group be without a bit of reading and studying? Over the year, we'll be looking at what resources there are about the theme, and this meeting will be an opportunity to share these resources. This will allow us to explore the Guild Library.
October	Project Planning The piece de resistance of the Study Group is the Final Project that matches our theme. This is your opportunity to bring your ideas of what you'll put together over the summer. Perhaps you have it all sorted out (and started), or you're still undecided - this is the last piece of encouragement to get you going.
November	OFF - No formal meetings, but if members want to gather and provide additional updates and feedback, it will be organized.
December	Christmas Showcase Bring your Final Project to the Christmas Meeting and show off all your hard work!

November 26th ~ Free Felting Mini Gnome Workshop ~

Guild members felting gnomes. Join us January 28th at 7:00pm for felting baby owls. More information on the previous page.



'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

January 25th & 26th ~ Natural Dyeing Workshop
February 15th & 16th ~ Beginner's Weaving Workshop
February 22nd & 23rd ~ Beginner's Weaving Workshop
Spring ~ Beginner's Spinning Workshop
Spring ~ Felting Workshop

Upcoming Events

January 28th ~ Free Felting Baby Owls Workshop
February 17th ~ Weave Study Group
March 7th ~ Carding and Combing Fleece

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.



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

Saturdays 10:00am ~ 1:00pm

Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm

Thursdays 1:00 ~ 4:00pm and 6:00 ~ 8:00pm

in our Guild Room, bring a snack.

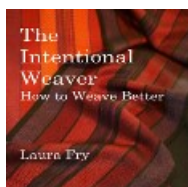
Free to members and a \$5.00 drop-in fee for non-members.



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.



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>

Samples of Grace's beautiful hand-spun and hand-dyed yarn. Some are from local fleeces she has washed, combed or carded and blended first. Wow!



10 things I want in my life:

1. Yarn
2. More Yarn
3. Friends with yarn
4. A big house for all my yarn
5. Money for yarn
6. Yarn
7. A husband who is ok with yarn
8. A big car to fit my yarn
9. A room for my yarn
10. Yarn

KNIT
LIKE
Granny

