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## Prince George Fibre Arts Guild

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Weavers' Guilds

Conference

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## **President's Corner**

It is great to see more flowers blooming – spring is well on its way, and soon it will be summer. With the change of seasons, there are more events to look forward to.

The annual Chili Fest and Arts Bazaar is coming up on Saturday, June  $1^{st}$  – and this is a mustnot miss. The Guild will be hosting an open house that day, and it's a lovely opportunity to come taste some of the city's best chili, support the PG Arts Council, and visit with Guild members. Don't miss out on this great event!

Can you believe that the Conference is just two weeks away? All the details are coming together, thanks to the tireless work of the Conference Committee and guild members. There are a few seats left in some of our pre-Conference workshops, and some great seminar slots open during the conference. Remember that your Conference registration also gets you into the Fashion Show and Key Note from Abby Franquemont!

We are also starting to collect items for the Guild Display for the conference, which will be set up in the PG Public Library. If you would like to have your items considered for display, please drop them at the Guild!

Volunteers are still needed for the Conference! Come help for a few hours, or help out a bit each day – whichever fits your schedule best! Fill out the <u>Volunteer Form</u> to let us know when you're available.

Can't wait to see you all at these coming events, or at the Guild during our weekly drop-ins!

Best, Serena







# Art Notes from the Community Arts Council ~ Spring Arts Bazaar and Great Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, June 1<sup>nd</sup> 10am - 3pm.

Join us outside at the Guild Booth with fibre arts demonstrations and promote our upcoming ANWG Conference.

## Know Your Fibres (0:29 minutes)

On this episode of Knitting Daily TV, we're diving into a range of natural fibers--from exotic fibers like mohair to common animal fibers, how to both treat them before spinning, and how to take care of them once you've made your project. 2

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Join Eunny as she talks mohair, the hair of the angora goat, which is a unique yarn that is finer the younger the animal. Although beautiful, mohair can be difficult to knit with, so Eunny shares her tips for dealing with common mistakes: using a blunt knitting needle so the yarn is less likely to spilt, unknitting a project in mohair to fix mistakes as opposed to ripping stitches out, and a quick tip for brushing your projects to get the mohair to showcase itself for a designer look.

#### **Designer Spotlight:**

Shay joins Jennifer Edgar of Eucalan for a discussion on the 7 basic eco products that everyone should have in their laundry room: delicate wash, dish detergent, hydorgen peroxide, vinegar, laundry detergent, a toothbrush, and a spray bottle. Jennifer demonstrates a quick way to color test your knitwear, and an emergency clean up solution with a towelette.

#### **Crochet Corner:**

On this segment of Crochet Corner, Kristin Omdahl talks about yarn choices. She shows 5 different fibers using the same stitch pattern and hook size, demonstrating how they all have varying sizes and gauge. Plus, she demonstrates how increasing your crochet hook size will make these differences vary even more.

#### How-To:

Deb Robson joins Eunny to talk about the back story of yarn, the process it goes through before you even knit a stitch. To begin, Deb talks about cleaning the fiber to get rid of the waste and dirt by using a wool wash that will preserve the fiber and its true color. She demonstrates how to wash raw fiber with a scouring fluid from Unicorn Fibre Wash, which is

one method that preserves the fiber while being strong enough to clean it.

#### Quick Tips:

Sometimes when working with natural fibers such as mohair, the variations in the yarn make it hard to knit indentical pieces such as sleeves. Eunny demonstrates how using two balls or skeins of yarn on one long needle helps to keep the variations from being too obvious and making your pieces as identical as possible.







Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds

Fibre Arts Conference June 12-15 2019

> Prince George **British Columbia**

#### Open to the Public FREE Exhibitions and Vendors' Market

#### Market Hall

PG Civic	Centre	808 Canada Games V	Na
Thursday	June 13	noon-9pm	
Friday	June 14	10am-6pm	
Saturday	June 15	10am-6pm	

#### **Guild Displays**

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#### Exhibition Hall

**Coast Prince George Hotel by APA** 770 Brunswick Street

Thursday	June 13	4–9pm	
Friday	June 14	9am-6pm	
Saturday	June 15	9am–5pm	

#### Instructors' Exhibition

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725 Cana	da Games	Way
Thursday	June 13	7:30–9pm Opening Reception
Friday	June 14	10am-5pm
Saturday	June 15	10am-3pm

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What has been Happening in the Guild Room?













**Fluff and Stuff** there will be fibre available to spin and to knit with the end product being a 15 cm or 6 inch knitted square. The squares will be donated to our local <u>Cancer Agency Center of the North</u> to be sewn together as lap blankets for patients to use while receiving treatment. So bring your patterns and knitting needles, some needles will be available. If you wish to donate a knitted square or two you have already completed they can be dropped off

while registering. Thank you for supporting our local Cancer Agency.

**Giving Back at the Conference!** 





Check out the <u>CKPG interview</u> in the Guild Room on March 4<sup>th</sup>.



Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and Finish your



#### The Prince George Fibre Arts Guild invites you to join us for the 2019 Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds Conference June 11th to 16th, 2019

Keep up to date with the latest Conference news. Website: <u>http://anwgconference2019.com</u> Get onto our email list for Conference updates. Blog: <u>https://confluences2019.blogspot.ca</u> Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Confluences-ANWG-conference-2019-</u> 155362341777217

#### 'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2018/9

The main focus of **'Back to the Basics'** this year will be building on what we know.

#### **Upcoming Workshops**

TBA ~ Spinning Fat Yarns

Upcoming Events June 1 Drop off items for Guild Display June 1 Arts Bazaar, Chili Fest and Guild Open House June 12 - 13 Pre-Conference Workshops June 14 - 15 Conference

#### Upcoming 2018/9 Guild Meetings

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

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#### '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.



For Sale ~ The Intentional Weaver; How to Weave Better by Laura Fry. <u>http://www.blurb.ca/my/store</u> or search for the title on the <u>blurb.ca</u> website.

For Sale ~ Magic in the Water: wet finishing handwovens by Laura Fry. http://www.blurb.ca/b/8516297-magic-in-the-water



10 Shaft, 60" Fireside Loom – handcrafted of beautiful cherry wood, lovingly exercised since 1990, a joy to weave on, lovely to look at and feel. \$3900 Contact Karen Selk at karenselk@yahoo.com. Location: Salt Spring Island, BC 12 treadles ~ worm drive tensioning (for precision tension) ~ friction break ~ 2 inch sectional warping option ~ spring trelevators on peddles (makes lifting shaft easy) ~texsolv heddles ~ loom on castors for easy moving ~ shuttle mobile ~ lamp holder and lamp ~ 12 and 8 dpi reed ~ leash sticks ~ folds for moving and when not in use ~ remove front and back beams for easy threading ~ 65" wide, 40" high, 42" deep.

Guild Members are invited Friday, June 14th 7:30 am to 8:30 am to the ANWG Annual Members Meeting at the Courtyard Marriott. Light breakfast served.

Come and shop for all your fibre needs and much more at the Vendor Hall at the Civic Centre. Check out the Guild booth displays too.

Check out the Exhibit Hall at the Coast Hotel and the Instructors Exhibit at the Two Rivers Gallery.

The Guild will have a Consignment Booth in the Conference Market Hall for used fibre arts equipment only. There will also be a bulletin board to post your used fibre arts equipment at no cost.





### Sheep Jokes

Q: Why did the sheep cross the ocean? A: To get to the udder tide.

Q: What do business sheep read every day? A: The Wool Street Journal.

Q: What do sheep do to relax?

A: Spend some time in a hot wool pool.

Q: What do sheep sing for birthdays? A: Happy birthday to Ewe!



Wanted ~ a floor loom. Contact Beatrice at 250-251-5051 Burns Lake.

Wanted ~ Floor tapestry loom. Contact Jo Anne at <u>e164@telus.net</u>

#### **In Sheep's Clothing**

Stay cool Wear wool

