

# Random Threads



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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

Sending best wishes for the new year!

We have a line up of small and larger classes/workshops planned for the new year and the room is being re-arranged again to try and make it work for all the events we have planned.

There will be a 'permanent' sales area in the room, and we are planning the sales events we will participate in. The sales tags are being re-designed for easier cash out and inventory control. New signs are being designed to make our presence in the building more obvious.

We are always happy to hear the thoughts of the guild members and welcome suggestions for teachers and topics of interest to the members.

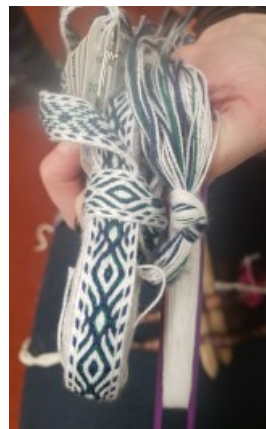
In the meantime, as we brace for the next wave of Covid we encourage members to use the room wisely, wear masks if there are more than a few people in the room, make sure the air filter is running and on warmer days, a window can be opened for more ventilation.

Stay safe everyone and do share your projects with the rest of the guild members.

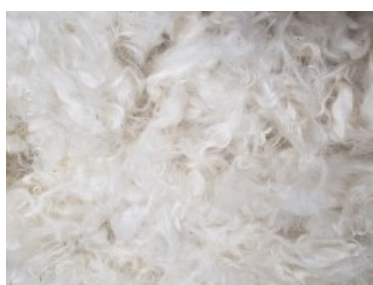
cheers,  
Laura

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**





**2022**



# 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](mailto:info@pgfibrearts.ca) with description, price, contact information and photo if possible.

## 'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2022/23

The main focus of 'Back to the Basics' this year will be starting at the beginning.

### Upcoming Workshops

Japanese Temari Balls Workshop ~ Sundays, January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Into the Zone Spinning Workshop ~ Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Be the Boss of Your Yarn Spinning Workshop ~ Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beginners Weaving Workshop ~ Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

Beginners Weaving Workshop ~ Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Events

Gourmet Festival ~ Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

BC Northern Exhibition ~ Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Great Northwest Fibre Fest ~ Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Studio Fair ~ Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Guild Sale ~ Saturdays and Sundays in December

### Upcoming 2022/23 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.

Check out our Facebook page [PGFibreArts](#) and website [pgfibrearts.ca](http://pgfibrearts.ca) for more details.

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.

[fibre-arts-source](http://fibre-arts-source)



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For more information check out

[anwgconference2023.com](http://anwgconference2023.com)



[oldscollege.ca/fibreweek](http://oldscollege.ca/fibreweek)

## 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.

**Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm**

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.

**Thursdays 1:00 ~ 4:00pm**

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Guild Members and the public.

**Sundays 11:30am ~ 3:30pm**

Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.



The Twelfth Annual  
**FIBRES WEST**  
will be held  
March 24/25, 2023

[fibreswest.com](http://fibreswest.com)

Cloverdale Agriplex, 17763 62 Ave, Surrey, BC.  
On the Cloverdale Exhibition Grounds.

Interested in spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, rug hooking, lace making, dyeing, tapestry, basket weaving and other related fibre crafts? 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 and beyond to join us.

## 'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

*Knitting Daily* **A Perfect Finish (0:28 minutes)**



Host Eunny Jang begins this episode with a primer on selvages and a tutorial on mattress stitch, a finishing technique every knitter should know. Next Vicki Square wraps up the Tesserae knitted tee knitalong with finishing techniques for this two-color, slip-stitch design. Eunny and Clara Parkes are back in the knitting lab for another Yarn Spotlight, this time all about yarn construction and it's impact on finish. Finally Eunny wraps up this episode with a quick tip for reversible pick-ups for stitches and pick-ups in patterning, two tips that knitters will want in their toolbox.



### Felted Mouse ~ Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Ulyana will lead us on how to felt a mouse.

**Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.**

**Place: Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue.**

Material Fee: \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST.



### Japanese Temari Balls Workshop ~ Sundays, January 22 and 29, 2023.

Elizabeth Gibbs will teach us how to make Japanese Temari balls.

**Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.**

**Place: Jack Bryant Room at 2880 – 15th Avenue.**

Fee: \$20 members or \$30 non-members plus GST. Register at [pgfibreats.ca/workshops](http://pgfibreats.ca/workshops)



### Beaded Felt Hearts ~ Thursday, February 9, 2023

Birthe will lead us on creating hearts from felt or recycled wool. Add some sparkle with beads and sequins.

**Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.**

**Place: Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue.**

Material Fee: \$5 members or \$10 non-members plus GST.

**Into the Zone Spinning Workshop with Diana Twiss ~ Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ more information coming soon.**

**Be the Boss of Your Yarn Spinning Workshop with Diana Twiss ~ Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ more information coming soon.**

### Beginners Weaving Workshop with Laura Fry ~ Saturdays, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm - bring a lunch, beverages (coffee/tea) supplied.**

**Place: Prince George Fibre Arts Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue**

Fee: \$300 members or \$350 non-members (includes membership) plus GST and material costs.

In this four day workshop, with only 4 students being introduced to weaving on a floor loom by instructor Laura Fry. The class is designed for people who have either never taken a class previously, or who need a 'tune up' because their skills have become rusty. During the 4 sessions, the first warp will be in the loom ready for the student and the focus will be on position and posture at the loom and developing the physical skills of the actual weaving motions. The 2nd class will be planning a project based on the same type of yarn used in the first warp (building on skills), winding a warp and getting the warp into the loom. While the class is officially on Saturdays, Laura will be available on the following Sundays during the Guild Drop-In for coaching and clarification of the previous day. The yarns for the 3 planned warps is included in the materials fee, plus if there is time for a fourth, students can purchase from the Guild donation corner.

Students will have the looms to use until the end of May as part of the class fee. Looms can be used during any Guild Drop-In or members can access the room by obtaining a Guild Room key. (Which is one reason why a guild membership is being included for current non-members.)

Membership also allows members to rent equipment at a very reasonable price once the class is finished and take books out of the guild library. Guild members may also sell their juried textile crafts at guild sales events on consignment.

This is a masked event - all participants must wear a mask in the Guild Room due to close contact during demonstrations.

For more information please contact Laura at [laurafry@telus.net](mailto:laurafry@telus.net). **Deposit of \$50 required by the February 15th, 2023** balance at the workshop. Register at [pgfibreats.ca/workshops](http://pgfibreats.ca/workshops)

**For more information of any of the above workshops please contact Birthe at 250-964-6454 or [info@pgfibreats.ca](mailto:info@pgfibreats.ca)**