

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

Spring!

The Ides of March are behind us and Easter is coming up. Surely spring cannot be far away? It's been great seeing guild members take advantage of the classes, seminars and workshops. Personally I'm signed up for Dianna Twiss in hopes of getting my spinning going again! We have four people signed up for the weaving class and a request for one to carry the new weavers forward. Other workshops are in the planning stages.

The guild has a busy schedule of events, some opportunities to sell things for those who do, and outreach to the community. Please volunteer when you can.

Gardeners will be busy outside soon, but many fibre crafts are portable as well. Hopefully there will be time to enjoy being outside and our crafts, too.

Happy spring!
Laura

Knitting



cheaper than therapy

"When we engage in fiber arts, we are creating something, but we're also participating in historic traditions tens of thousands of years old. You are not only making art for your soul and for future generations, but you are also embodying the work of our ancestors." ~ *The Woven Road*

"A half finished shawl left on the coffee table isn't a mess; it's an object of art." ~ *Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

"I love the way knitting brings people together." ~ *Debbie Macomber*

"Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either." ~ *Elizabeth Zimmermann*

"There's great value to knitting or digging up your garden or chopping up vegetables for soup, because you're taking some time away from turning the pages, answering your emails, talking to people on the phone, and you're letting your brain process whatever is stuck up in there." ~ *Chellie Pingree*

"You've heard about the knitter's handshake? Two hands go in for the grab-and-shake, but at the last minute, they veer to the closest sleeve or brand and grab it instead while we ask, Did you knit this?" ~ *Clara Parkers*

Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Cable Knitting ~ Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Elizabeth Schoenthal will be teaching us cable knitting. Cable knitting is achieved by moving a stitch or multiple stitches to a new position in the stitch count to produce a twisted or braided structure in the fabric. This class will teach the fundamentals of cable knitting, how to read cable charts, and some tips for designing your own cables. You should have basic knowledge of knitting to attend; such as casting on, casting off, knitting, and purling.

Please bring with you a pair of knitting needles (e.g. circular, straight, or double pointed), solid coloured yarn in a light to medium tone, and a cable needle. Size your yarn and needles appropriately (i.e. 4-5 mm needles for a worsted weight yarn). The finished project will be a headband.. This is a masked event.

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

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

Material Fee: \$20 members or \$30 non-members plus GST. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (on-line).** Class size is limited to 6.

Spinning Workshops with Diana Twiss ~ Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 23rd

These workshops are sponsored in the memory of Master Weaver ~ Eileen Shannon ~ by a donation from Master Weaver ~ Noreen Rustad.

Into the Zone: the drafting zone with Diana Twiss

Saturday, April 22nd

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Place: Jack Bryant Room at 2880 – 15th Avenue

We start the day spinning our default yarn. Then we move into learning five drafting techniques starting with short forward draw, short backward draw, and so forth, ending with the supported long draw. We work with prepared fibre: combed top for the first three and carded rovings for the last two drafting techniques. Students put a sample of the yarn on their card stock sample card and also make a mini-skein of each. We then wash the mini-skeins and we compare these to the unwashed samples. Each participant will identify their preferred drafting technique and will work the rest of the day (usually ½ - 1 hour) practicing it.

Fee: \$150 members or \$175 non-members plus GST

Material fee: \$20 payable to instructor

Supplies and equipment that spinners need to bring to class: Spinning wheel in excellent operating order, lazy kate, extra bobbins, hand carders, tapestry needle, small scissors. *Spinning wheels with bobbins, lazy kates and hand carders available to rent from Guild.*

Level of experience required: Must be able to spin a continuous thread and be comfortable with plying.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BEFORE APRIL 8th. Limited spaces available. Register on-line at [Workshops and Classes](#). For more information please contact Birthe at 250-964-6454 or info@pgfibreats.ca.



Be the Boss of Your Yarn with Diana Twiss

Sunday, April 23rd

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Place: Jack Bryant Room at 2880 – 15th Avenue

We start the day spinning our default yarn. Then we make a series of two-ply two coloured samples using low-twist singles and low-twist plying; low-twist singles and high-twist plying; high-twist singles and low-twist plying; high-twist singles and high twist plying. These samples are put onto a card stock template. This allows us to examine them, compare their angle of twist and feel their softness. We discuss under what conditions we would want each kind of yarn and finally, try to locate our default yarn. The afternoon is spent building on this knowledge of manipulating the twist in singles and plying, by making soft singles, 2-ply; 3-ply; cabled yarn, and chain plied yarn. At the end of the day, YOU will be the boss of your yarn.

Fee: \$150 members or \$175 non-members plus GST

Material fee: \$20 payable to instructor

Supplies and equipment that spinners need to bring to class: Spinning wheel in excellent operating order, lazy kate, extra bobbins, hand carders, tapestry needle, small scissors. *Spinning wheels with bobbins, lazy kates and hand carders available to rent from Guild.*

For the Navajo (chain) plying exercise, please bring a bobbin with approximately 10g spun wool singles – created at least a week in advance of the workshop.

Level of experience required: Must be able to spin a continuous thread and be comfortable with plying.

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Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Needle Felted Flowers

Ulyana will be showing us some more tips and tricks in needle felting. The Guild has a medium gray felt that can be used for the background, or you can bring your own, but remember it has to be a wool felt. The Guild also has dyed fibre that can be used. You can bring your own – shades of green for the leaves and stems, whatever colours you want to use for flowers. You will need a fine and medium felting needle. If you don't have any, they can be purchased from the Guild for \$5.00 for a pack of three (fine, medium, coarse). You will need a large (8" x 4") sponge – like those for washing cars. One of our local dollar stores will likely be the best place to find one, price-wise. The silicone protectors for your fingertips might also be a good idea.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

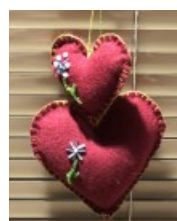
Place: Prince George Fibre Arts Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue

Fee: \$10 members or \$15 non-members plus GST - materials supplied.

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**Felt in
the
Guild
Room**



April showers bring May flowers, but Fibre Artist know...

Wool provides warmth even when it's wet. The key is kink: wool fibers have regular crimps. When they're spun into yarn, the kinks don't quite match up, trapping pockets of insulating air. The fibers themselves have an outer layer of tiny scales coated with lanolin, a waxy substance that repels moisture and preserves the air pockets. The scales overlap like shingles, locking and tangling together, making the surface even more water-repellent. And wool has another advantage for it doesn't need much cleaning. Airing and a bit of rinsing might be all the cleaning it needs, even after weeks of wearing.

'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ April 25th at 7:00pm

Knitter's Companion **Joining and Other Techniques (0:54 minutes)**



Host Vicki Square shares some of the techniques featured in the best-selling book *Knitter's Companion* Deluxe Edition. Vicki will demonstrate various ways of joining yarn, cables, colour knitting fair isle and intarsia, knitting in the round, correcting mistakes, unknitting, and caring for handknits.

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 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 and Classes

Cable Knitting ~ Wednesday, April 12th

Into the Zone Spinning Workshop ~ Saturday, April 22nd

Be the Boss of Your Yarn Spinning Workshop ~ Sunday, April 23rd

Needle Felted Flowers ~ Sunday, April 30th

Beginners Weaving Workshop ~ Saturdays, September 9th to 30th

Upcoming Events

Medieval Market ~ Saturday, May 27th 11:00am to 4:00pm

Gourmet Festival ~ Friday, June 9th to Sunday, June 11th

Summer Night Market ~ Thursday, July 6th 5:00 to 8:00pm

Summer Night Market ~ Thursday, August 7th 6:00 to 9:00pm

BC Northern Exhibition ~ Thursday, August 17th to Sunday, August 20th

Great Northwest Fibre Fest ~ Sunday, August 27th

Studio Fair ~ Friday, November 3rd to Sunday, November 5th

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 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.

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Sponsored by the Weaving Guilds of Oregon

For more information check out

anwgconference2023.com



oldscollege.ca/fibreweek

SOUTH CARIBOO WEAVERS, SPINNERS & FIBRE ARTISTS GUILD

INVITE YOU TO OUR 43RD ANNIVERSARY FIBRE PARTY

DATE: June 3rd, 2023, DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 am

LOCATION: 108 Mile Ranch Community Hall

4924 Telqua Drive, 108 Mile Ranch, BC

GUDIE HUPFAUER TEACHING COLOUR, TEXTURE AND BLING SPINNING CLASS

VENDORS

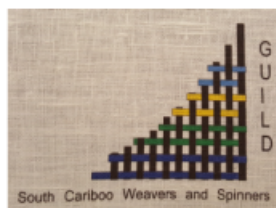
COFFEE, SNACKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED.

DOOR PRIZES!!!!

COST: \$43.00

CONTACT: Linda Peterson at linpet@shaw.ca

or 250-791-5286 for Registration.



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.

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Zoom Meetings for Guild Members Only.

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