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Volume 439

Monthly Gathering

Second Tuesday
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 9:00pm

Sundays

Noon to 3:00pm

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

President's Corner

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, for me 2025 sounds good to the ear.

After the busy year we have had I see this as a time to recharge my creative energy. Fleece washing is top of mind as my shelf in the garden potting room is full and I know the sheep are growing more. Then I can use my carder to create blends that may or may not make great yarns. Whether I have time to knit them I do not know.

It has taken me years to decide what it is that I can do to contribute to the Guild Sales, but this past year I have enjoyed creating batts for sale not only for spinners but also for felters. I may expand a bit and add some of my skeins of yarn to the sale as I seem to be able to create it faster than I can knit it.

There are so many opportunities to explore in the form of Fibre Arts that I find it hard to keep on track. The embroidery Stitch Along has caught my eye as I learned a bit many years ago and would like to improve my skills. Not sure where I will use them in the future, but I will be pleased to have them in my toolbox.

I hope you all find time in the next while to explore, create and just have fun. Grace

Grace Morrice

President, PG Fibre Arts Guild

Reminders

1. Welcome back (after the holidays) to the Drop-Ins in the Guild Room. **Note the slight change in time for Sunday drop-ins, now 3 hours from noon to 3pm!**
2. The KAL (Knit-A-Long) is happening on Thursdays in January, 6pm-9pm. All are welcome to join at any time. (The themes this month are shawls and cables.)

Coming Soon

Jan 22: ANWG Movie Bites in January: BBC Master Craftsman series based on Master Weaver Margo Selby in a small studio with three budding apprentices. More details on Page 4.

Time: Jan 22, 2025 6:00 PM-7:30PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95593752480?pwd=NtZJp3GoX79XTl7HliwTBa8tXMbQ92.1>

Meeting ID: 955 9375 2480

Passcode: 726994

January 28: Back to Basics Movie Night: Kitchen Dyeing, at 7pm in the Guild Room.

February (all 4 Sundays): Stitch-A-Long Embroidery! Sign up online. See details on next page.

Dryer Ball Thursday happens the second Thursday of the month during the evening drop-in session. The next one in 2025 is Thursday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cores will be made, so we will decorate the outer layer by needle felting it. There is lots of dyed fibre for your inner artist to make these little works of art, or to simply "dress" the outside.

February 19: Next ANWG Movie Bites, details TBA through ANWG.

March: More Inkle Weaving, dates and details TBA.

April Dyeing Class: This is an external opportunity, and is listed because there was a lot of interest in a dyeing class. There is a class happening in Sorrento in April. Amanda and Kayla have registered. For anyone interested, this is the website: [Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Two-eyed seeing – Sorrento Centre](#)



ONLINE FREE SEMINAR:

THE HISTORY OF SHETLAND LACE – JANUARY 29TH

“Elizabeth, a born and bred Shetlander, is continuing the traditional methods of knitting Shetland lace. She comes from generations of Shetland Lace knitters.

In this talk we will be looking at and discussing the history of Shetland Lace. There will be time to ask questions at the end of the talk.”

There are two time slots to sign up for, accommodating night owls or early risers:

In Pacific Standard time (PG): either 1am or 7am (Note that these times correspond to the sign-up times of 9am and 3pm UK time (GMT)

<https://>

[www.elizabethwilliamsonknitting.co.uk/
product/all-about-shetland-lace/](https://www.elizabethwilliamsonknitting.co.uk/product/all-about-shetland-lace/)



ANWG 2025

Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds

Registration starts January 21st, with details on the ANWG website: [ANWG 2025 Conference – News and information about the 2025 ANWG Conference](#)

From their website: “Here, you’ll find everything you need to enjoy all the perks of the 2025 ANWG conference which will be held at the **Yakima Convention Center, Yakima Washington, June 16 through 21, 2025**. The conference site is lovely, all the classrooms are on one level, with hotels just across a parking lot. Yakima boasts hotel accommodations at very reasonable prices and many, many restaurants are located just blocks from the convention center. “



Stitch-Along Embroidery

Dates: Four Sundays in February, February 2, 9, 16, and 23

Time: During Sunday Drop-in, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

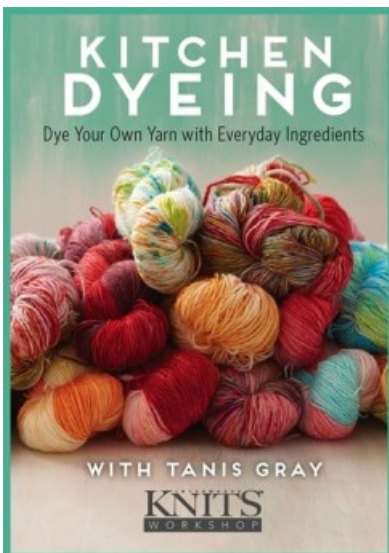
Place: Prince George Fibre Arts Guild Room, upstairs at 2880 – 15th Avenue.

Fee: \$20.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members. This is a one-time fee for the full four weeks

Supplies: Fabric, needles, embroidery floss, embroidery hoops all supplied. You are welcome to bring your own supplies if you wish.

‘Back to the Basics’ Movie Night ~ January 28th 7:00pm in Guild Room

Kitchen Dyeing with Tanis Gray (70 minutes)



Kitchen Dyeing: Dye Your Own Yarn with Everyday Ingredients

Using familiar, easy to find materials such as coffee, tea, vegetables, and flavored drink packets, you’ll create stunning tonal and variegated colorways. Even if you’ve never dyed yarn before, knitting instructor and yarn expert Tanis Gray will guide you through the materials, set-up, basic safety precautions, and steps you need to produce one-of-a-kind colorways in your own home. Dyeing yarn is a fun weekend activity to do with friends or kids. You’ll stay safe, have fun, and create yarn you’ll be proud to use for knitting and crochet. Create your own unique one-of-a-kind yarns.

You will learn:

- ◆ How to prepare your fiber for dyeing with a mordant
- ◆ How to mix dyes for a great result
- ◆ And the best methods for setting the dye so the color stays true





ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS

ANWG is hosting a series of Movie Nights, called "Movie Bites", offered over Zoom.

They hope to have good attendance and send this invitation out to all members of all member guilds (that's us!). Their goal is to develop this program into something more robust for the fall and winter in 2025, which they will be able to do with good attendance.

The ANWG January MOVIE BITES first edition will be zoomed **on Wednesday January 22, 6:00-7:30 Pacific**. See below for details. This initiative is being presented by your ANWG Education Program in hopes of keeping us in active communication with our large ANWG family as we approach the June Conference.

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A new Zoom link will be sent out prior to each of the planned monthly MOVIE BITES, and will be circulated either through our newsletter, by email, or on the ANWG website. We hope to receive more information from ANWG on how they will advertise these events. The Movie Bite dates leading up to the conference in June will be:

Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21

FYI: There is a digital subscription that may interest our members.

From their website: "*Farm & Fiber Knits* is a new project supported through Long Thread Media from a team wholly focused on fiber arts.

The aim of Farm & Fiber Knits is to support knitters who are choosing yarns thoughtfully. Who are curious about fibers and farms and people. Who are passionate about natural fiber. And from the field to the sweater, they are on the journey with you." Subscriptions start at \$5.99/month (likely USD) Details at: <https://farmfiberknits.com/>

Farm & Fiber Knits

Library Corner



The library is still in the process of re-organizing! The library remains fully accessible during this time. Watch this space in the next newsletter for a guide to the new categories. The re-org is a work in progress!

BOOKS for SALE

Some recently acquired books (left over from a previous donation) are for sale in the guild room (located in a cardboard box on the table)



Price list accompanies the books



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 in 2025

The main focus of 'Back to the Basics' this year will be starting at the beginning. Check our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

Upcoming Events

Happening Now: Shawl Knit-A-Long (during Thursday drop-ins)

February: Stich-A-Long (All 4 Sundays noon-3pm)

March: Inkle Weaving (Dates TBA)

Upcoming 2025 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. (Note change to Dec 18, 2024)

'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.

fibre-arts-source

Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and

Finish your Project Drop-In

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

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The Fourteenth Annual FIBRES WEST

Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd Cloverdale Agriplex, 17763 62 Ave,

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 us.

For more information see www.fibreswest.com