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President's Corner

Here Comes Christmas.....

Studio Fair is done and dusted for another year, and I must say we had a very successful event. I want to thank all our members that created items for the sale, those that assisted customers and kept stock looking its best. Our members that covered the cash desk over the weekend and the ticket sales on Friday truly proved their worth as it was busy and at times just a bit tricky. I will do my best to ensure my feedback has a positive impact on next year.

The October Nightmare Market went over well, sales were decent at the event and the demonstration room was a real hit. Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted Kayla in this project. Rumor has it we will do this again.

The dryer ball makers have been keeping a record of all the dryer balls made from Studio Fair 2023 to the end of Studio Fair 2024. They are pleased to report that we have sold just over 400 balls in that period. That translates to 3 months' rent for the guild - we do wonder when we will saturate the market. Well done everyone!

If you are like me, I am beginning to look forward to Christmas, just a few more sales and we will be able to put up our feet and enjoy some uninterrupted crafting time. Or maybe learn some new skills, I'm sure there are interesting things ahead.

Grace Morrice

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President, PG Fibre Arts Guild

Reminders: Next sales events and Deadlines

- Duchess Park Craft Fair: If you have any additional items to add for the sale, please drop these tagged items off in the Guild room by **Thursday November** 21st along with an updated inventory sheet.
 - In-Room Guild Sale: Drop off tagged/inventoried items by **Thursday Dec 5**th

Coming Soon

Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 - Duchess Park Craft Fair. The Guild will have a large space at this craft fair. This is a new venue for the Guild. Unsold items from Studio Fair will be showcased in the Guild's booth. If you have additional items that missed the cutoff for Studio Fair that you would like included, drop them off in the Guild room by Thursday, November 21. They need to be tagged and listed on an inventory sheet. If you would like to help out in the booth that weekend, please contact Grace at morricegen@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 26 - Movie Night: Christmas Stars! See info on the next page.

November 27 to December 1 - Festival of Trees. Go and check out the *"Guilded Tree"*. This is the new project this year where the four Guilds, Potters, Quilters, Wood Turners, and Fibre Arts, have joined together to enter a tree. Members of the four Guilds have donated items to decorate the tree as well as gifts for under the tree. Wouldn't it be nice if our joint effort received "best in show"?

December 7 and December 14 - In-Room Sales Event: The final two sales events for 2024 will be held these two consecutive Saturdays. We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate what we do for interested visitors. To demonstrate, bring a current project and be prepared to answer some questions if people ask. We are looking for 2 volunteers per shift (10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm) on each day. Email kay-la_stormy@yahoo.ca with questions or to volunteer. Any sales items should be dropped off by Thurs-day December 5th, and must be tagged with the Guild tag and listed on your inventory sheet. Any items left from the Duchess Park Craft Fair will be showcased at these two events.

Thursday December 12 - Dryer Ball Thursday (2nd Thursday evening drop-in of the month): Join Grace to dress dryer balls for the Guild.

Wednesday December 18 - Business Meeting (for current members only): The Business meeting for December is being rescheduled by one week to December 18. The reason for this change is to allow the Executive to do an inventory of everyone's remaining items, and bag them up so that they can be taken home at the end of the evening.

After the Business meeting there will be a dessert social -- feel free to bring something to share - and a *"Show and Tell*". This is your opportunity to wow the rest of us with your creativity! The Agenda will come out in advance of the meeting.



PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY: Embroidery project (Stitch-Along) during Sunday afternoon drop-ins COMING IN JANUARY:

Shawl KAL (Knit-Along)

Knit a shawl with cables during Thursday drop-ins

...AND IN MARCH:

Next steps in Inkle Weaving





'Back to the Basics' Movie Night ~ Tuesday, November 25th

7:00pm in Guild Room

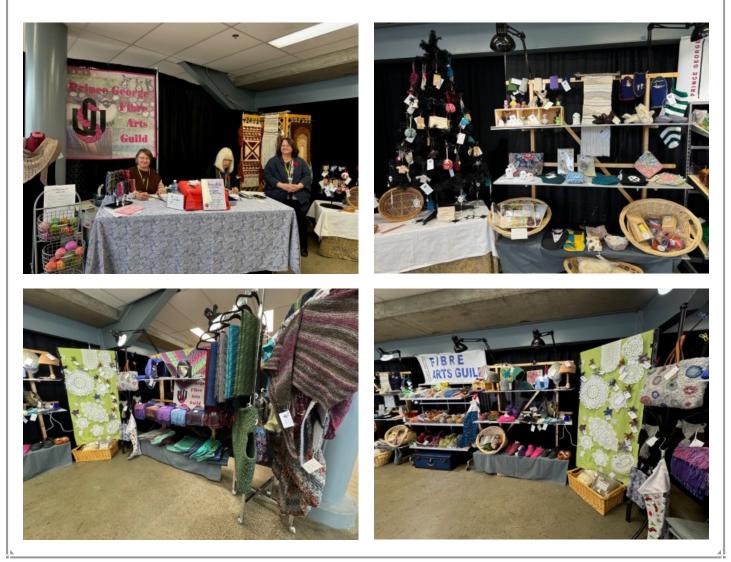
Christmas Stars



This movie night we will be doing something quite different. We will be working with "fibre" but from wood, not sheep. With Christmas in mind, we will be making folded stars. Materials will be supplied. Drop-in fee applies to non-members.

Studio Fair 2024: The Guild Booth

Thank You to all volunteers who helped in the Guild Booth and with Ticket Sales at Studio Fair.



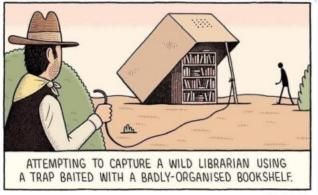
Library Corner



For all our new members (and those of us who don't mind reminders): Our Guild library holds a treasure trove of knowledge that spans the many subjects that make up the fibre arts. We have books (somewhat unsurprisingly) that can be signed out, reference material that remains in the library, sample books and binders, periodicals, and pattern leaflets in EVERY subject. All members can sign books out of the library (rules are posted beside the door). Come and explore what we have!

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN THE LIBRARY

The library is in the process of re-organizing! The library remains fully accessible during this time and the holdings remain the same (with the addition of significant donations over the last 6 months). Watch for new categories to help everyone find what they are looking for, and to help guide random perusing. The re-org is a work in progress!



Buy & Sell

Looking for fibre equipment, check out <u>Buy & Sell</u>. If you have items you would like to list online please contact Birthe at <u>info@pgfibrearts.ca</u> with description, price, contact information and photo if possible.

'Back to Basics' Guild Meetings and Events 2024/25

The main focus of **'Back to the Basics'** this year will be starting at the beginning. Check our <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for updates.

Upcoming Events

Duchess Park Craft Fair November 23rd and 24th Festival of Trees November 27th - December 1st Christmas Guild Sale ~ Saturdays, December 7th & 14th Business Meeting December 18th

Upcoming 2024/25 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 <u>PGFibreArts</u> and website <u>pgfibrearts.ca</u> 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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Learn to Spin, Knit, Crochet and Finish your Project Drop-In Free to members and a \$5.00 dropin fee for non-members.

> Tuesdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm Thursdays 1:00 ~ 4:00pm Thursdays 6:00 ~ 9:00pm Sundays 11:30am ~ 3:30pm



The Foureenth Annual FIBRES WEST will be held March 21/22, 2025

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.

fibreswest.com