

Spinning a yarn

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF RIVER CITIES FIBER CLAN

Special Interest Articles:

- Next meeting is April 23, 2007
- Spinning Class – May 18 - 19
- Calendar of events.

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River City Fiber Clan www.goodnewsllamas.com/fiberguild/

Anniversary Retreat!

The 2007 Anniversary retreat was held at Asbury Woods Campground April 13th and 14th.

It was an exciting time getting together to celebrate the guild, fiber arts, and each other.

Three new spinners took their first skeins home. Janet Schaffer, Aimee Porter, and Linda Cole all did their first beautiful skeins! Congratulations gals! We hope you continue to spin and improve.

Special thanks go to Debbie Powell for coordinating our food. We had tons of wonderful goodies. Saturday we had some very interesting and wonderful dishes to enjoy.

Also thanks to Patricia Flora and Debbie Powell for spending hours and hours soliciting donations for the goody bags and door prizes.

As in years past our sponsors were very generous giving some wonderful fibery things.

Everyone took home some great fiber, tools, bags, and etc.

We had some wonderful raffle items this year as well. We raised over 300.00 from the raffle to help with guild expenses and teaching costs for future events.

When you are considering or purchasing fiber or fiber tools please remember and consider our sponsors. Many of them donate because we have developed a relationship with them over the years.

If you won something please take a few moments to send an email or drop a quick card to thank them. If you see them at a wool or craft show thank them in person and buy a little something.

As always there was a flurry of trading for favorite colors, special looking fiber, drop spindles, and other items. Everyone was seeking that special fiber or item and willing to sacrifice wonderful things.

We hope to have a fall fiber frolic this year. The location is being worked on presently.

We look to have many more retreats and special events in the future.

We can only do this with your help and support.

It is amazing that the guild started with 6 members at the first meeting and has grown to what we are now with new folks and new interest coming along all the time.

Thank you for your encouragement, support, sharing of your knowledge and experiences. You are what makes the guild a success!

Please make sure to check out the sponsor page on the web site and support them as well as they support us!

Please look for retreat pics on our guild website. www.goodnewsllamas.com/fiberguild/ and on the yahoo site.

Spinning with the Guru – Patsy Z coming SOON!



*“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan but also believe.”
Anatole France*

Patsy Zawitowski is coming May 18 and 19 for a day and a half of some exciting spinning classes.

Patsy has her COE from HGA. She has been featured in Spin-off magazine.

She teaches classes nationwide in basic spinning, plying techniques and many other spinning topics.

You can learn about Patsy’s resume and class offerings at her website:

www.spinningguru.com

We are blessed to have been able to host Patsy to come to our guild.

If you are interested in attending the cost of the class is 100.00 that included class and material fees and help with travel costs.

Friday evening class will be a Spinners tune-up. This class will help you learn to use your wheel more effectively and to help you brush up on some spinning skills for Saturday’s class.

Saturday’s class will feature the spinning of novelty yarns. We will explore different plying techniques.

Patsy’s classes are always fun and full of new things for you’re to try and learn.

The guild will provide light refreshments Friday evening, a light breakfast Saturday morning, and drinks.

We will have a potluck lunch for Saturday.

A list of needed items for the class is listed below. If you don’t have some things don’t rush out and buy them. There will some available for share and loan.

Friday evening we will meet at 6:00 and the class will run from 6:30 – 9:00.

Saturday we will meet at 8:30 and the class will run from 9:00 – 4:00.

Times may change a bit.

Items needed for the spinning classes...

FRIDAY - a good working wheel hand cards dog comb or flicker
 Small hand held combs scissors a dozen sandwich baggies
 3X5 lined file cards small hand towel

Stapler, hole punch or tape for attaching sample yarns and fibers
 Also bring oil; screwdriver and other tools for your wheel.

SATURDAY - A good working wheel Lazy Kate/3 bobbins (very Important)
 Hand cards Scissors A dozen sandwich baggies
 Hole punch, stapler or tape for attaching sample yarns and fibers
 3X5 file cards. Small hand towel

Also bring oil, screwdriver, and other tools for your wheel, in case they are needed.



Maryland Sheep and Wool Show is coming!

You have heard the hype. You have seen the stuff. You have heard stories.

You have seen pics. You have drool at the thought of it...

Maryland sheep and wool show is coming May 4-6, 2007.

This is a great opportunity to take a weekend and go immerse yourself in fiber information, fiber to buy, equipment to try and buy, see fiber animals, eat some great food (mmm cream puffs), have some fun, and walk until your feet fall off!

There is a sheep show, a parade of sheep breeds, vendors galore, auctions, sheep dog trials, sheep to shawl competition, fleece competition, fine arts competition, skein competition, and much more!

Our guild will be taking the large white van up to Friendship, Maryland just out side of Frederick, Maryland.

We currently have two rooms reserved at Days Inn in Frederick. So you can share room cost. Right now there are four folks going. Debbie Powell, Beth Cook, Mitzi Ross, and Judy Ross.

With two per room hotel will be around 40.00 per night. With more it's cheaper. We try to eat cheap so we can have money for fiber, fiber, tools, fiber, yarn, cream puffs, fiber, needles, fiber,did I mention fiber?

Also this is not just an event for spinners there are tons of folks with knitting, felting, crocheting tools, yarns galore, and weaving items.

A tentative schedule is - leaving Friday morning and arriving in Frederick early Friday evening. Friday evening we will visit historic and beautiful downtown Frederick. We will have dinner in Frederick at a wonderful Italian place – great food and fantastic prices.

Saturday morning we will leave for the fair grounds bright and early. We will stop till we drop. If you'd like we can attend the spin-in. We usually get dinner out somewhere on the way back.

Sunday morning we had back to the grounds for one last go around and to pick any entries. We will arrive home Sunday evening.

There is still room – if you'd like to go please let Mitzi or Judy know.

<http://www.sheepandwoolfestival.org/>



Never lose sight of your end while spinning!

Don't forget our website! Lots of great information on fiber, fiber arts, etc!

www.goodnewsllamas.com/fiberguild/

Featured links:

www.fiberfemmes.com – a great newsletter for fiber folks

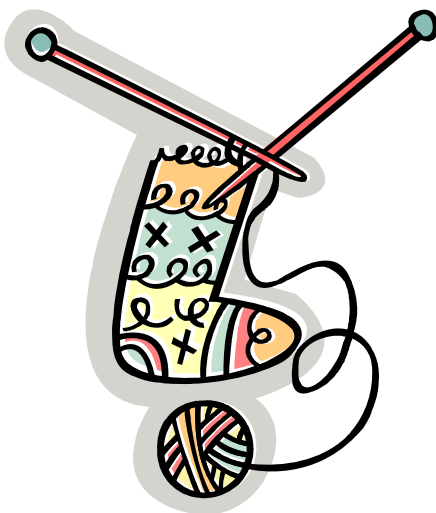
<http://www.cyberfyber.com/> **Welcome to Simpson & Co.!** (Dave, Blacksburg, VA) For more than a quarter of a century we have been providing the best in fiber and equipment to fiber enthusiasts. We offer spinning and weaving equipment, handspinning fibers, and fine yarns. **Louet Dealer****

**** We will be making an overnight trip down to Dave's first part of August. Watch for more info!**

<http://www.lawreslaine.com/> - **Lawre's Laine Handcrafted**, knitting totes, needle rolls, buttons, stitch markers made to order

<http://www.brownsheep.com/> **Brown Sheep Company** - Yarns, Waverly Wool, Patterns, Hand Painted Yarns

These are links of some of wonderful sponsors! Please visit them and buy stuff! We need to support our sponsors as well as they support us!



*I am where I am because
I believe in all
possibilities.
Whoopi Goldberg*

Up coming classes and trips -

We are working on putting together a few impromptu local folk classes.

Several have expressed interest in drop spindles. Our own drop spindle expert Debbie Powell is putting together a class for us for this summer.

For those who have lucets or would like to learn to use one. The Rouge Lucette Lady – Margaret has been asked to set a date to come down on Saturday and do a lucet class.

We have been in contact with folks to do knitting,

felting, rug braiding and other classes.

If there is something you would like to teach a class on let us know. If there is something you would like to see a class on let us know.

We plan to make a day trip down to KY Wool in June.

We also plan to make an overnight down to Dave's in Blacksburg in August.

In the works is rug braiding class, a tri loom class and hopefully Cyndi will help us with another

dyeing class when she gets her new dyes in.

As always we will try to do what classes you want and try to keep the cost down to a minimum.

The classes we have offered so far this year and the upcoming classes are a direct result of the surveys we all did.

This is your guild. We want to help you and others learn and grow in their skills.

Let us know what you want to learn and where you want to go!

MSWS TIPS FOR NEWBIES ...AND REMINDERS

This is from a message copied from SpinList...

Newbie advice, from an experienced, "there from early Sat. AM to closing Sun. PM" kind of veteran SWF visitor:

1. Wear comfortable shoes, bring sun screen, be able to shed layers of clothing.
2. Bring a BIG canvas bag or back pack that will sling over your shoulder for purchases.
3. Come BEFORE official starting time and get in line for tee shirts and other official stuff. The line WILL never be shorter on Saturday! By Sunday, some things or sizes will be sold out, no matter how many thousands they order!
4. Check out the times for the sheepdog demos, and get there at least 15 min early to get a good spot to see, in the shade if it's warm (hmmmmm...what a thought....WARM weather?????)
5. Pop a pen and pad of paper into your canvas bag. It's for writing down WHERE you saw something that you want to think about. Otherwise, all of those barns look the same.
6. Be SURE to get down to the barn that has the sheep breeds displays (it will tell you where in the catalogue that you will pick up at the information tent, as soon as you come in!) The various breeds are displayed, explained, and lots can be learned. I found it very interesting my first couple of years.
7. If you have any plans to buy something from a vendor called Little Barn.....get there as early in the AM as possible, or else be ready to stand in line for A WHILE!
8. Just inside the MAIN exhibition building, on the left, is the 4-H All Stars baked goods booth. They sell BIG muffins, drinks, and other baked goods which are MUCH more reasonably priced than the commercial vendors and the money supports the wonderful 4-H program. You can buy junk food anywhere, save your money for the festival vendors!
9. Ask questions of the vendors, they are very happy to talk about their items and help out newbies. But, remember, they are VERY busy, and that means sales, which is income for them, so don't monopolize their time with chit chat!
10. DON'T forget to attend the FREE spin in which is held every year in the Dining Hall (which is NOT the 4-H hall) from 6-9. Plenty of chairs are there. There are door prizes and fun contests! You might even win a container of live silk worms!!!!

Susan Withnell Ewes-ful Fiber Arts and Storybook Dreams Angora Rabbitry Maryland <http://www.prismportal.com/fiberarts>

Kentucky Wool Association Field Trip

June XX, 2007 – Our guild will be making a field trip down to Kentucky Wool Association out side Mount Sterling, Kentucky. This will be a day trip. There will be fiber process machines, a large needle felting machine, and dry felting classes.

It's a great place to visit with lots to see and do. They have some lovely rugs and other items. They make felted derby rugs that are absolutely gorgeous.

If you are interested in going please watch for the sign up message.

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www.goodnewslamas.com/fiberguild

Events, meetings, classes

May 5 - 6, 2007 – Maryland Sheep Wool Festival – Friendship, MD
<http://www.sheepandwoolfestival.org/>

May 18 – 19, 2007 – Spinning with the Guru – Patsy Z
www.goodnewslamas.com/fiberguild/

May 26 – 27, 2007 – Great Lakes Fiber Show – Wooster, OH
<http://www.lovellservices.com/GLFS/index.htm> - You can make entries for skeins and items - visit the website for rules!

May gathering to be announced

JUNE

June – Field trip to KY Wool to be announced

June 23-24, 2007 – Wool Fest (formerly Fiberfest)
<http://www.lakemetroparks.com>

June 25, 2007 – River Cities Fiber Clan monthly gathering
– Ritter Park weather permitting

About Our Organization...

We are guild dedicated to fiber arts. Handspinning, weaving, knitting, crochet, felting and other fiber arts.

We welcome members of all skill levels.

We meet on the Fourth Monday of each month for regular meeting.

Special events and seminars are held on Saturday.

We meet at First Southern Baptist, 110 Collins Avenue, South Point, OH.

Off 52 by the post office.

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