

November 2011  
Volume 24, Issue 4



## THE WOOLPACK WATCH

A NEWSLETTER OF THE WASATCH WOOLPACK HANDSPINNERS

### WWH OFFICERS 2010-2011

**President**

Danielle Jones  
801.963-2124

**Vice President**

Jill Tew  
801-897-6318

**Treasurer/Librarian**

Charlotte Larsen  
435.843-7597

**Newsletter Editor**

Sonya Campana  
801-733-5888

**Assistant Editor**

Shawn Clarke  
801-707-8719

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Guild meeting**

November 16

**The perfect Skein,  
By Cindy Marshall**

Pioneer Craft House  
6:30 Meet 'n Greet  
7:00 meeting

Nov. 12

**Spinning Saturday**

Annie Toy's home  
11 – 4 p.m.

## President's Message

We had a great time with Amelia Garripoli at the workshops! I learned a lot, but the best thing was long draw. I learned to do it with both hands on the fiber/yarn, or only one. I learned how to do it on the wheel, on a support spindle, and even on a drop spindle! I still need lots of practice, but I can do it, and I have a better understanding of it. Amelia showed us a big, beautiful, lace scarf she made out of spindle-spun yarn. That really got me pumped up about our challenge this year--to use a new technique and a spindle to create a finished object. I'm still trying to decide what to make, and which lovely fiber and spindle to use, but I'll definitely be using long draw. If you've made any decisions or progress on your challenge, we'd love for you to show and tell them to us.

**For our meeting this month**, we need everyone to bring one or more skeins of handspun. We're going to learn how judges go about examining yarn entered in competitions. We'll get to break things down, learn how to improve our spinning, do better in competitions, and be better prepared to be a judge someday when we get roped into it.

Our **April meeting is about singles**. What will the yarn be like with this much twist? Does it need more twist? Will it be harsh with that much twist? Will it fall apart or pill with so little twist? What will it look like after it's been knitted, crocheted, or woven? Will it still look nice after it's been worn a while? Do I dare use this for warp? Is it worthwhile to full it? So many questions! Do you have any yarn or swatches or finished items that can help answer them? You could arrange to borrow back things that you've given away, or you could make some before April.

**Remember our potluck and gift exchange in December, Orange Dye Exchange is in March, and please support Spinning Saturdays!**

--Danielle

Here's a fun pattern for energized singles:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEff11/KSPATTslantwise.php>

# Report of October Meeting

## Announcements

- There is still room to sign up for Study Groups. We also need people to lead those groups. We will have the list available at meetings or contact Danielle for more information.
- It's not too late to get your membership in to Charlotte. Forms are available at meetings or contact Danielle, Jill or Charlotte and they can email it to you.
- Next meeting we are going to spend some time evaluating handspun skeins. Bring your skeins and be prepared to share and critique everyone's work.
- December meeting is our annual Gift Exchange and Potluck. Be thinking of a creative way to wrap your gift as the most creative gets to pick last!
- Our next Spinning Saturday is Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Annie Toy's house. There will be a show and tell for prizes and lots of fun and spinning. Please RSVP to Annie if you are planning on attending so she can plan food and prizes. Carpooling with each other is a great idea.
- Our new website is up and running and it looks fabulous, thanks to Kira. Check it out!.
- Remember the challenge for this year is to use a spindle and produce a finished object using a new technique. The workshops we had were a great opportunity to learn something new.
- The feedback from the workshops has been positive. We had a lot of fun and as one person put it "they were very retreatful". Our thanks to everyone who came. Hope you learned something new.

## Show and Tell

**Robin** – is busy spinning Judy Jackson's Neon colorway on her Greensleeves spindle.

**Charlotte** – is trying one of the techniques we learned in the carding class by spinning half a space-dyed roving as is and thoroughly carding the other half and spinning it. The carded half creates a natural match to the space-dyed half and really helps to bring out the colors once plied together.

**Jill T** – showed off her 4 new spindles. Her favorite is the Ahka and now she can spin cotton, which is the reason she learned to spin. Her favorite tip from the classes was learning how to walk and spin at the same time by spinning the spindle with your feet.

**Luli** – has been playing with Annie Toy's Hansen electric spinner with Woolee Winder. Spinning goes very fast with this tool.

**Wendy** – the workshops taught her to like the Turkish spindle again.

**Amy** – showed her Mobius knitted from yarn made from a candy corn colorway bought on vacation on her new Spinolution B wheel. She also showed us her new Trindle spindle.

**Jill D** – enjoyed Navajo Spindles the most at the workshops. It's a slow way to spin, but produces thick, airy yarn. With her lap spindles, she discovered it is easier for her to spin Merino rather than cashmere.

**Maureen** – had new Tibetan and Ahka spindles. The Ahka was her favorite.

**Sandy Ewold** – moved here from Nebraska and is here to meet new spinning friends. Her favorite fiber to spin is mohair.

**Kathleen** – just got a large bobbin for her wheel. From the workshops, she now has a new love for her Duncan drum carder. It would be just what she wanted to buy if she were looking again.

**Louise** – showed us a new Ahka and stone whorl spindle. She has done a little spinning on them and it looks great.

**Kira** – shared all her new spindles she got at the workshops.

**Lori** – has a new Turkish spindle and has spun a bunch so the ball is really starting to take shape.

**Shawn** – in the workshops, she found long draw to be the hardest class.

**Danielle** – has a new Tibetan spindle. She thought the Ahka class was hardest, but she made her own Ahka spindle with a bead whorl and she's spinning lots on it.

# Spinning Saturday

An invitation to Spinning Saturday at Annie Toy's home:

It will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.- or later depending on Ute game.

I will be providing hot vegetable soup, tortilla strips/rolls, drinks (a variety of sodas, hot/cold drinks including teas, coffee and juices.

There will be a simple "sweet" for dessert. No one needs to bring **anything** except...

-show and tell items (YOU will get a **raffle ticket** for **each** item you share. The items can be finished or unfinished). There will be gift bag(s) to win.

-and whatever things YOU would like to work on.

-There might be some other games with prizes, besides the show/tell. But, please, don't feel that you have to play if you would rather not.

My phone is: 801-949-8583. My address is: 5351 N. Eagles View Dr., Lehi, UT. I am just about a mile up East of Cabela's.

My e-mail is: [rubyslipperz@broadweave.net](mailto:rubyslipperz@broadweave.net). If you would like written directions to my house, or if you have **any questions** please call or e-mail me.

\*\*\*It makes it so much easier if those wanting to attend would shoot me an e-mail to let me know that they are coming. It's hard to plan for food, seating, etc...if I don't know how many will be coming. Thanks in advance! Hope to see you "here"!

hugZ,  
Annie Toy

Below are some pictures from the October Amelia Garripoli workshop. There are more on a separate page.



## WOOL-EEE WORDS GAME (answers will be posted on the Woolpack by Nov. 11)

1. Eflcee
2. Hsera
3. Lgipyn
4. Ohwrl
5. Pdro dipsine
6. Ldraeet
7. Iwtts
8. Murd erdrac
9. Pkerci
10. Ersdkit

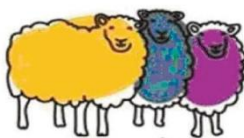
--Annie Toy



### Judy's Novelty Wool

Judy Gunn  
1035 N. Main,  
Centerville, UT 84014  
801-298-1356.

*Basic beginning spinning classes,  
Sell: dyed wool roving, home grown wool  
fleeces,  
Howard Handcards/Drumcarders, spindles,  
Miscellaneous spinning tools,  
and Crystal Palace Yarns*  
**woolone@aol.com**



### three wishes FIBER ARTS, LLC

7130 Redwood Road, West Jordan, UT 84084  
801.748.1881

[www.threewishesfiber.com](http://www.threewishesfiber.com)

STORE HOURS  
Mon.-Fri. 10:00-6:30 • Sat. 10:00-5:00  
Closed Sunday



Alpacas for Sale  
Alpaca Fiber  
Products  
Roving,  
Custom Made  
Wooden Looms,  
(Round and Triangle Looms)

[www.altamistalpacas.com](http://www.altamistalpacas.com)



### BEAR RIVER FIBER WORKS

Scott Kendall  
PO Box 980211 • Park City, Utah 84098-0211

**435/657-0336**  
**scott@rio-oso.com**  
**<http://www.rio-oso.com/>**

Shearing of alpacas and llamas, washing  
and carding to batts and roving for  
handspinners and fiber artists.

### Wasatch Watercolours



Fine dyed fibers for handspinners  
*Take along spinning wheel bags*

Judy Ede Jackson  
7642 South 2880 West  
West Jordan, Utah 84084-3721

<http://wasatchwatercolours.etsy.com>

**We're on the Web!!**

**See us at: [www.wasatchwoolpack.org](http://www.wasatchwoolpack.org)**



**Sonya Campana**  
**8407 Dynasty Way**  
**Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121**



