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UPCOMING EVENTS

5-15 Challenge
Reveal at regular
meeting
PCH

5-25 Spinning
Saturday

5-18, 5-19
Snake River Fiber
Arts- Idaho Falls

7-25 to 28
Park City Retreat

President's Message

Welcome to spring! It's time to put away the sweaters and scarves you've been working on and think about lacey shawls, tank tops and coverups for the pool. Actually, my focus has been on finishing up my challenge project. Yes, it's that time already. Spinning a non-animal fiber and creating something with it is a great way to start the spring season. We will be showing off our creations and talking about all the fun things happening this summer at our meeting in May so don't miss it. You should come to the meeting even if you didn't participate in the challenge because we will miss you if you're not there.

Thanks to all of you who came out to spin or knit or weave or whatever at the Sheep & Wool Festival at Thanksgiving Point. I think we all had a good time despite a few difficulties. For those who came, please see me at our meeting because I have a thank you gift for you from the Farm.

Upcoming events: May 18-19 Snake River Fiber Festival. For more info about the fair or classes, go to <http://srfiberartists.org> or see their Facebook page.

July 25-28 Park City Retreat Judy Jackson should have more info for us coming up soon.

July 25-28 Intermountain Weavers Conference. See me for more info.

Aug 9-11 Natural Dye workshop at Carol Lee's in Encampment, WY. We will talk about this more in our May meeting.

Aug 24-25 Great Basin Fiber Arts Festival at the Equestrian Center. See their website at <http://www.greatbasinfiberartsfair.org/> or visit their Facebook page for info on vendors and classes.

I am ready for a fun spinning spring and summer. How about you? See you all soon.

Happy spinning,
Jill T.

April Meeting Notes

Announcements

- Kathleen conducted the meeting as Jill was attending her grandmother's viewing
- Thanksgiving Point's Lamb and Wool Festival is this April 20th from 10-4. Anyone who would like to come and demonstrate is welcome. Cyndi Marshall suggested that even if you are inside that you bring a coat as it can be chilly in the barn
- May meeting – Challenge Reveal . The Challenge this year was to spin a non-animal fiber and make an item
- Dyeing workshop will be held Aug 9-11, 2013 at Encampment, Wyoming. It will be taught by Carol Lee. Registration is due by the June meeting.
- Birthday celebration for the quarter (Jan-Mar): Jan – Robin Bromley, Brenda Pound; Feb – Deanna Baugh, Carolyn Ferro, Barb Ishimatsu, Jill Tew; Mar – Julie Davies. Candy was enjoyed by all
- David reported that last week his walnut Kromski Minstrel was stolen out of his car. He asks that if you see ads for it on KSL, Craigs List etc that the police be contacted

Show N Tell

- Charlotte – showed Ramie she had spun
- Judy J – had 2 free magazines to give away
- Robin B – will not be at WWH for the May meeting so showed her Challenge Reveal – she spun cotton and wove a towel with a linen warp/cotton weft
- Carolyn Chen (new member) showed a knitted trapezoid shawl that she modeled for us.

Cheryl Stratton one the prize bag this month with luscious BFL and a packet of other fibers from David.

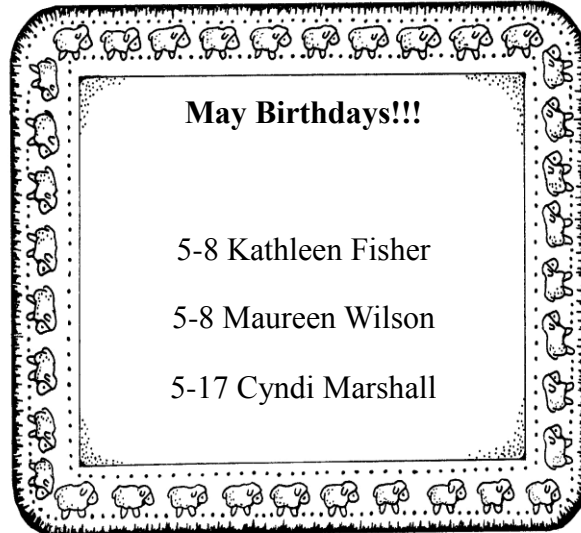
Guest Lecturer – Christine Briscoe: Flax Spinning

- Flax is a plant fiber. It is easy to spin, clean and softens the more it is used
- Makes nice tea towels & place mats – in weaving you can use flax (linen) for both warp and weft
- Dyes well, especially with fiber reactive dyes
- Spinning flax has its own vocabulary.
 - Spin flax into linen
 - Sliver type: short fibers that have been bleached
 - Line/Stricts: long strong shiny fibers
 - Tow flax: short fibers: spin from the fold
 - Finger: smaller length portion of a line/strict
- Flax needs to be spun wet – best to spin outside (because of the little fibers) and when it is humid. If you spin in the house, turn on a humidifier
- Preparation methods
 - Distaff method 1: tie a finger to the top of a distaff and let it hang as a ponytail (it can be messy when trying to spin)
 - Distaff method 2: make a paper cone, attach to the top of a cone, separate the fibers and spread them over the cone, attach ribbon to keep the fibers from crossing, place the cone over a distaff and stuff with newspaper to hold the cone in place
 - “pocket method”: take a finger and put each end into your pants pockets. Fluff or separate the fibers then pull fiber from the middle

- “towel method” (Christine’s favorite method). Take a smooth towel (smooth so nothing catches on it) and lay it flat. Take a finger of flax and spread it out onto the towel ,(you can spray the fiber –allowing it to set, or not spray it), roll up the towel then start spinning from an end (preferably the tip end not the root end).
- Spinning
 - Want to use a high speed flyer with a lot of twist (similar speed to cotton)
 - If you are spinning from the root end it will be somewhat lumpy so should spin from the tip end
 - Use a modified long draw, there is no stretch in flax
 - Flax is very strong and won’t break. The fiber in a strict is about 3 feet long
 - Quite easy to spin as a single
- Finishing
 - Boil a pot of water, add washing soda (such as Arm & Hammer or White King)
 - Tie your skein (s)
 - Rinse until the water is brown, then change water and start again
 - Generally takes 6 rinse cycles

-Cathie Delewski





NUFA Meetings

Tuesday, May 14th, 11am: at the home of Judy Gunn, 1035 North Main in Centerville.
Ph: 801-298-1356.

Judy will present a workshop on Sheep Breeds and Their Wool.
Bring a pot luck dish to share.

Following is the suggested schedule for the remainder of 2013:

Tuesday, June 11th, Squirt Bottle Dyeing at Kay Wandersee's in Logan.

Sunday, June 23rd, Injection Dyeing at Kay Wandersee's in Logan.

Tuesday, July 9th, Meet at Martha's Bench at AWHC in Logan.

Saturday, July 20th, 10am – 4pm, Antelope Island.

Wednesday July 24th, 10am – 4pm, Antelope Island.

Tuesday, August 13th, Magic loop knitting at Elaine Christianson's in Perry.

Saturday, August 24th, Antelope Island 10am- 4pm.

Tuesday, September 10th, Marigold Dyepot Carols Milne's in Marriott/Slaterville.

Sunday, September 22nd, Natural Dyepot at Cheryl Fillmer's in Newton.

Tuesday, October 8th, NUFA Natural Dye Exhibit at the Logan Library.

Prepare for November inkle loom workshop.

Sunday, October 27th, TBA

Tuesday, November 12th, Inkle loom pick up techniques, at Melissa Craven's in
Bothwell

Sunday, November, TBA

Tuesday, December, 10th, Christmas Party. **Sunday, December**, Christmas Party.

SPINNING SATURDAY

Barb Ishimatsu will be hosting a Spinning Saturday on May 25th, 10 am - 2 pm.

b.ishimatsu@gmail.com

Please bring a chair. if the weather is nice, we will be in the back yard. I will make some kind of soup.

My address is

5911 s 3200 w in Roy, Ut

801-860-2317

Directions:

From I-15, take the 5600 s exit and go west. Turn left at 1900 west, then right at 6000 s (by the 7-11). Stay on this road for a couple miles, turn right at 3200 w. (if you pass the LDS church you went too far). The house is about the 7th one on the left.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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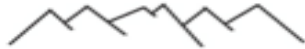
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