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## THE WOOLPACK WATCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Guild meeting:

July 18th at the PCH.  
6:30 p.m. meet n greet  
7 p.m. meeting

July -26 - 29

Retreat  
Kathy's Meadow,  
Park City, UT

August 25 & 26

Great Basin  
Fiber Arts Fair  
Equestrian Center  
South Jordan, UT

## President's Message

Well, we finally have all our officers for next year. A big thank you again to Julie Davies (will be Treasurer) and Kirsten Skirvin (will be Assistant Newsletter Editor) for volunteering so readily in May. I didn't have to use my arm twisting wrench to get a Vice President, although it came close. Kathleen Fisher and Cathie Delewski have agreed to fill this slot together, so they'll be co-VP's this coming year and co-Presidents the following year. They produce great things as a team for Dye Exchange every year, so I'm sure they'll be a great team in the VP/President slot as well.

Remember that the fiber competitions at Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair and the Utah State Fair are coming up. **CHECK DATES**. Get your items ready to enter so that we can have a good showing at both fairs, and beautiful things to show the public that our craft is alive and well. (And there are prizes.)

We're going to have a laid back meeting at the Pioneer Craft House this month. We'll have Show and Tell, and also a new segment suggested by Wendy Taylor that we'll call Dumb Questions. Of course there are no dumb questions. But I'm sure some of us can come up with some dumb answers! And some serious answers, too.

Also at the meeting will be three batts that still need homes. They weigh 3.6 - 4 oz., and go for the bargain price of \$15 (which supports the guild). One is a pink heather with purple cut silk and will spin up very smoothly. One is striped pink/gray/purple with multi-colored silk threads which will add texture. And the third batt is layered heathers in green, gray, and pink. With this one you can design your yarn to have any length color change you want, from very long to very short. (Ask me how.)

So come relax and spin!  
Danielle Jones

A pretty spindle from June's  
meeting brought by Rachel.



# **Wasatch Woolpack Meeting Minutes**

## **May 16, 2012**

### **Announcements:**

We had a demo opportunity at Thanksgiving Point in May during the Sheep and Wool Festival. Thanks to everyone who went to demo and/or sell wooly stuff.

If you weren't able to go to Snake River Fiber Festival in Idaho Falls in May, I think you missed out. It was definitely a fiber overwhelming experience. Of course, I wanted some of everything, but managed to keep my new additions to the stash to a reasonable amount that still fit in the car.

June 9<sup>th</sup> was the Scottish Highland Games which was a very windy day so thanks to all who risked their lives (and wheels) to come out and spin. There were a lot of people who visited and were very interested. I know Danielle even taught a few to spin.

### **Challenge Reveal**

- Danielle – 1 oz. Scarf – made for her mom for Christmas – spun on Tibetan spindle
- Sonya – did a little spindling, but had more fun playing with the electric spinner
- Robin – spun cotton on the tahkli – processed her own cotton from bole – made a beaded bridal purse and a baby bonnet. Also tried some of her rabbit blended with wool and camel down on a Russian spindle she bought on Etsy.
- Dave – blended random wool and spun on a Greensleeves Damsel spindle. Felted it into a scarf.
- Jill T – spun 1 oz. cotton on Ahka spindle – planning to crochet Irish Lace with it
- Shirley – doesn't like spindling, but did 4 oz. of wool especially for the challenge - made a ripple scarf
- spun 2 oz. with Greensleeves Monique
- Bahkti – tried Tussah Silk - didn't like spindling either
- Maureen – 1.5 oz of overdye natural cotton – wove a runner with it
- Julie-started a few days ago and plans to do it on a plane trip coming up
- Brenda – she spindles all the time so her new thing was to try Charlotte's Russian spindle, but didn't like it. Also, made her own spindles from wheels and an old blender attachment she put wire on to turn it into a spindle.
- Rochelle- tried Navajo plying
- Charlotte-tried Turkish spindle, but it was frustrating. Also tried making a core spun yarn on different spindles. Found out it takes a heavy spindle.
- Shawn – used singles made on drop spindle and a Turkish spindle plied together. Made a lace sampler scarf.

Those who finished their projects got to take home 4 oz. custom blended batts made by Danielle.

## **Guild Meeting - June 20, 2012**

### **Announcements:**

We had a spinning opportunity available in Orem for the Colonial Fest June 2<sup>nd</sup> & July 2-4. We were invited to participate by some folks we met at the Scottish Highland games. Costumes were welcomed. Thanks to those who participated.

Pioneer Museum is looking for spinners to demo on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Notify Danielle if you are interested for more details.

A lady in Springville would like someone who could take her Persian cat fur and blend it with a non-wool fiber and spin it. Please contact Danielle for more info if you are interested.

## June Minutes cont'd

Sign up for Retreat in Park City if you haven't yet.

Mark your calendars for Great Basin Fiber Arts Festival August 25-26 at the South Jordan Equestrian Park. It will be indoors this year. Woo- Hoo!!

4 oz. batts for sale – custom carded by Danielle - \$15

For our meeting, Danielle put together a diagram about how to spin striped batts, which we learned at our October workshops. If you want a handout, which explains it really well, I'm sure Danielle would give you one. She also brought examples of things made from what she spun so you could see how it knit up. You can also look up more information on this and other topics on [askthebellweather.com](http://askthebellweather.com)

### Show and tell

- Danielle finished her challenge project from last year – a red shrug and wore it to the Highland Games.
  - Amy showed off several shawls she had done recently – all were beautiful – and a new support spindle from New York and a Journey Wheel made by Jonathan Bosworth ([journeywheel.com](http://journeywheel.com))
  - Robin brought a throw made of dye exchange fiber spun randomly and woven on a floor loom. Also brought a qiviut scarf made of 3 oz. purchased in Alaska done in the Northstar design.
  - Dave has fiber for sale
  - Jo (1<sup>st</sup> time attendee) just started spinning this week and has been knitting 3 months.
  - Rachel (1<sup>st</sup> time attendee) bought a spindle and Sheep & Wool festival and just learned to spin
  - Kira showed us a towel woven from left over warp from a class using the goose eye structure
  - Kay (1<sup>st</sup> time attendee) has been spinning 15 years. Found out about us from knitting circle.
  - Jill brought her retreat exchange yarn made of Corriedale and Alpaca. She is still knitting and hopes to be done in time for retreat.
  - Charlotte started a hat at the meeting to get ready for winter
  - Maureen did a silk blend yarn that was so pretty.
  - Rochelle tried the core spinning Charlotte taught her.
  - Julie bought a new spindle made by Tracy Eklund – beautiful and cut by hand
  - Dave shared stuff they dyed at Three Wishes last Saturday
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### Retreat 2012

It looks like we're on for another fun filled time at the Spinning Guild's annual retreat at Kathy's Meadow in Park City, UT on July 26 – 29! If you haven't been before, it is a weekend camping trip filled with all sorts of fiber-y fun, good cheer and good company in a gorgeous natural setting. Judy will take retreat registrations until the week of July 16.

Leave a message at: 801-561-8855, or e-mail her at: [judyspinning@hotmail.com](mailto:judyspinning@hotmail.com). This is one annual event you don't want to miss!

### Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair

This year's GBFAF will be held at the Equestrian Center in South Jordan on August 25 & 26.

We'll be inside this year!!

Go to [www.greatbasinfiberartsfair.org](http://www.greatbasinfiberartsfair.org) to get more details of this fun annual event.

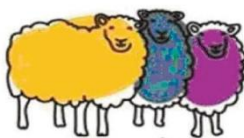
**Spinning Saturday:** Kristine at Three Wishes Fiber Arts has volunteered to hold July's Spinning Saturday on Sat. July 21. Bring your spinning and a pot luck item if you want. We're planning on some dying that day too!



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