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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17  
Tabitha Park  
Photography  
Pioneer Craft House

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Spinning Saturday  
Julie Schwartz- Heber  
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October 21  
Your Favorite Book  
Pioneer Craft House

December 19  
Christmas Party  
Julie Davies

## President's Message

Happy Autumn!

I just love fall – the changing leaves and cold mornings – if that doesn't get you excited to dig into your stash and spin something warm, I don't know what does. It also makes me think of hot chocolate and that sweater I've been making for a couple years now that is too hot to knit in summer, but might be about right to work on now. I hope you have some plans to make something warm for yourself as you are gearing up for the Christmas rush (yes, I said it out loud before Halloween – 11 weeks left!). The Woolpack is also gearing up for some fun meetings through the rest of the year.

October's meeting (October 17<sup>th</sup>) will be presented by Tabitha Park of Tabulous Photography (<http://tabulousphotography.blogspot.com>). She will be sharing how we can better photograph our yarns or finished products to post on Ravelry, Facebook, Etsy or wherever. She has a great presentation about lighting and setup you won't want to miss. Plus, she will be teaching us how to make our own "light box" so we can take our own fabulous pictures. The guild will have the supplies on hand so you can make and take one home too. Please note, we will be meeting in the Exhibit Hall for this meeting which is the red building with the ramp going up to the door as the Great Room is being used by another group that night.

Here's a heads up for the November meeting (November 21<sup>st</sup>) so you can start preparing now. We will be doing a sharing night where you can share your favorite book or author or designer and hopefully can show us some examples of what you have made from them. I read a lot of book reviews before reading a book, so having your views before spinning or knitting something from a book would be even better. We are also looking for ideas on books to add to the guild library.

Our traditional December potluck and gift exchange (December 19<sup>th</sup>) will be at Julie Davies' house this year instead of Pioneer Craft House. She tells us she goes all out for the holiday and I am looking forward to seeing all her decorations. More information on this will be forthcoming.

For those of you who are still trying to find something to use for the challenge, there is a great article in the Deep Fall 2012 issue of Knitty

(<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEdf12/KSFEATdf12glossary.php>) called The Spinner's Glossary. It gives some great ideas of non-animal fibers you might want to spin.

Hope to see you at our next meeting where we will have the fiber basket drawing (must be present to win), show and tell, stupid questions and spinning (of course), so bring a friend along and come join us for a fun time.

Happy spinning until then! Jill T.

## Book Review



*Hand Spun* – is a book that describes the basic and traditional procedures of spinning from fleece to end product. But, the author, **Lexi Boeger**...does it with a very Untraditional twist. There are lots of exciting, colorful and interesting photos to show just how untraditional the art of spinning can be. But, the basics are still described in a way that a beginning spinner could understand and follow. So each basic step can be as untraditional or unique as the individual spinner would choose.

The photos really get the creative juices flowing...even if one doesn't want to go as far as the photo illustrates. There are also very well drawn illustrations with great descriptions incorporated into the drawings.

Besides showing the creativity that one can use in each of the basic steps of fiber prep, there are also patterns for finished products that were made with the untraditional methods. Some of the end results are quite “out there” and very unique...and surprisingly, there are many that the end result looks quite traditional.

If you want some new juice for your creativity...this would be a very good book to add to your collection.

...and this is just one “Daffy” spinner’s opinion.



# Shakespeare and Sheep

Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona. Act III, Sc 1, 308 Speed and Launce talking:

Speed. 'Item, she can sew.' Launce. "That's as much as to say, "Can she so?"

Speed. "Item, she can knit." Launce. "What need a man care for a stock (dowry) with a wench when she can knit him a stock (stocking)?"

Speed. "Item, she can spin." Launce. "Then may I set the world on wheels\*, when she can spin for her living." \* have a roaring time

The Portland Breed is a flock that is kept at the Shakespeare Trust site. It is a conservation breed that was once down to fewer than 100 breeding animals and is now over 1500. It is a very old breed, linked to the Wessex tan-faced type and which had kept it's genetic purity by it's isolation on the Isle of Portland- just off the southern end of England. The Isle is now connected to the mainland by a gravel spit. The Domesday Book records 900 sheep on Portland in 1299. As early as the 13<sup>th</sup> century the Portland Fair was held. Sheep and cattle were sold. Mutton of the Portland was favored by Royalty for it's mild flavor.

The Portland is a smaller breed, ewes average 83-88 lbs and rams 121 lbs. Lambs are born with a reddish brown or "fox red" wool which turns to a creamy white or gray within a few months. Adult faces stay a reddish tan with lighter areas around the eyes. Some may have a spot of wool on the forehead only. Both sexes have horns. The ram's is heavily spiraled and the ewe's curve a half circle. Legs are also tan, and a few coarse red kemp hairs may be seen.

Wool is variable but staple length is 2.5 to 4 inches, and in the 26 to 31 micron range. Some wool will be suitable for use next to the skin, the rest is versatile enough for many uses. The fiber is reported to be easy to spin with a distinct, irregular crimp.

<http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/support-us/ways-of-giving/adopt-the-animals/flock-of-rare-breed-sheep.html>

Meet the Portland- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siL6BumUfus>

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## Messages

All members of the Woolpack Handspinners not on the woolpack email list can join by sending a request to join to Shirley Marshall. Interesting factoids, websites and pictures are sent regularly. [shirleyspin@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyspin@hotmail.com) Don't miss out!

Please remember to pay your dues. The membership form need only be filled out if there are changes to be made in address, phone number or email. Changes should be sent to Julie Davies. Thank you.

You will soon have another opportunity to win a goody basket. Any member who sends in a fiber related article to be published in the newsletter will be eligible for a quarterly drawing for a wonderful goody basket. Out of state members can also be involved and maybe keep the guild informed on their fiber doings or favorite websites/blogs or book reviews. Members may have ideas for articles or you may wish to do a specific item in regular newsletters- and thus increase your chances of winning! Contact Shawn Clarke or Annie Toy for what you have in mind, or talk to us for ideas. [sclarke54@hotmail.com](mailto:sclarke54@hotmail.com) or [rubyslipperz@broadband.net](mailto:rubyslipperz@broadband.net) Don't let your editor win the goodies!

Spinning Saturdays:

Consider opening your home to the bored spinner with no place to go to be inspired on a Saturday. Consider hosting a Spinning Saturday. Contact Kira Masnica today and schedule your own Spinning Saturday, 801-671-4496 or [kira.spins@gmail.com](mailto:kira.spins@gmail.com).

Remember October 20<sup>th</sup> is Spinning Saturday at Julie Schwartz's home in Heber. 1568 Red Filly Rd. Heber, UT [jdschwartz@aol.com](mailto:jdschwartz@aol.com)  
Hope to see you there!

Thank you Danielle for the use of your computer to finish the newsletter.  
Thank you Annie for the book review.



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