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# UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Next Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Julie Davies

January 16<sup>th</sup>
Pioneer Craft House
Regular meeting

6:30 Meet 'n Greet 7:00 meeting

High Desert Wool Growers' Fiber Market Day- 3/30/2013 Prineville, OR

## President's Message

Happy Holidays! (or is that "Stressful Holidays"?) I hope your wheels and needles are flying fast as we all scramble to finish our Christmas projects. I know this is a busy time of year for all of us, but I hope you get to take some time to really celebrate the season. Part of my celebration will include spending time with family and friends and eating good food. If this sounds good to you too, don't miss our December meeting on the 19th being held at Julie Davies' house in Eagle Mountain. If you need a ride or want to carpool with a group, please let me know or post to the Woolpack email list. It will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish and a creatively wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Please make your gift fiber related and something you would want to receive in return. I hope everyone can be there.

How is your fiber challenge coming along? It's not too late to start working on it. The challenge is to spin a non-animal fiber and hopefully make something with it. My sister suggested I learn to spin straw into gold, which sounds good, but hasn't worked out too well yet. Instead, I have been spinning some beautiful charcoal bamboo, which is also a plant but easier to spin, so I figured I was close enough. I haven't decided what it will be when it grows up, but I am sure I will find the pattern I want once I play with it a bit. There are lots of ideas out there if you haven't started yet, including many natural and manmade fibers, or better yet, combine a few and create something new. I am looking forward to seeing what you've done in May.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I am grateful for this season of reflection and for the opportunity I have to know all of you and serve as the president of the guild. Thank you for all you contribute to our group and happy spinning! Jill Tew

## Come to our Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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Coming from the north take I-15 south and go right or west onto Bangerter Hwy. Turn left onto Redwood road and go to Saratoga Springs. Turn right onto SR-73 there will be a Chevron on your right. You will go through two lights and then on the third light you will turn left onto Ranches Pky, there is a Maverick at that light. Go to the 4 way stop and turn right onto Pony Express Pky, go to the next 4 way stop and go straight, take the second left onto Sandpiper Road. You will pass two streets on you right and go around a corner where on your right you will see a craftsman style home its green stucco with maroon trim. The only green stucco house!

If you are coming from Utah County you will take the American Fork exit towards Saratoga Springs. Go to Redwood Road and turn left then at the first light you will turn right onto Pony Express. Go to the 4 way stop there will be a Chevron go straight to the next 4 way stop and continue straight. Take the second left onto Sandpiper Road. You will pass two streets on your right and go around a corner where on your right you will see a Craftsman style home its green stucco with maroon trim. The only green stucco house!

#### Just a note about Julie!

Julie is very weird about shoes in her house so if you could please remember to take your shoes off upon entering. If you need to wear shoes could you please bring some slippers that haven't been worn outside!

Sorry that she is so weird but it's all her mothers fault!

- Julie Davies

# Nov 21, 2012 Meeting Notes

Kathleen Fisher sitting in for Jill Tew.

Welcome.

Shawn Clarke handed out the new Membership directories - \*thank you\* If you see something that needs to be corrected, please send that information to Julie Davies.

#### Announcements.

The Christmas Party will be held Julie Davie's House on Dec 19th at 6pm. (7535 N Sandpiper Rd in Eagle Mountain). We reviewed the gift guidelines (something fiber-related please) and rules of engagement for the exchange (we'll review these again before we start).

Shirley Marshall will host the next Spinning Saturday on Jan 5th at her house. Watch for details.

Member book review.

Kathleen Fisher passed around 100 Flowers to Knit and Crochet and \*

Louse Pratt-Mecham raved about <u>Jacob T Marley</u> by William Bennett. A great sequel. The author captures Dicken's voice well. Find it at Seagull Books.

Kira Masnica has many novels on her Kindle Fire with knitting themes especially mysteries,

Sally Golden <u>Death by Cashmere</u> for example, and many pattern books. She also loves <u>The Knitting Directory</u> and Interweave's companion books for Weaving, Spinning, Knitting and Crochet.

Luli Josephson brought in many classics that she feels are excellent, especially for beginners. Some were: British Sheep & Wool; Spinning Wheels & Accessories by David Pennington; In Sheep's Clothing; Fleece in Your Hands; Mabel Ross guides; Spinning Designer Yarns by Diane Varney and Spinning & Weaving with Wool by Paula Simmons.

Melanie Moncur likes Elizabeth Zimmerman's books and Ann Budd's <u>Sweaters From the Top Down.</u>

Carolyn Ferro highlighted Jacey Boggs's <u>Spin Art</u>. She especially likes the DVD that comes with the book. And she has challenged herself to spindle her way through Lexi Boeger's Intertwined.

Cyndi Marshall showed us a great app called Good Reader that she uses on her iPad. It's a PDF reader that works really well to keep your place in patterns and allows you to add sticky notes as you go. If you have a different platform, look for similar apps that can help you with your electronic patterns.

Julie Schwartz and Julie Davies showed off their triangle looms and Julie S had many different shawls of different shapes and styles to pass around.

Cheryl Stratton sewed the Guild a new bag for our monthly Door Prize. She made it from fabric she received at Kathy's house at WWH retreat this summer. She even embroidered it with WWH - Thank you so much Cheryl!!

Louise won the prize this meeting and will return the bag (full) in January.

# Corrections / Additions to the Directory:

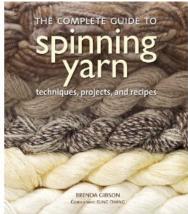
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Has everyone seen the new pattern page added to the WasatchWoolpack.org website? So far we have the scarf pattern from Danielle and a hat pattern from Kira. Hope to see more there soon!!

Two of my most favorite spinning books (I had to qualify "most favorites" because I have quite a few favorites). Are Spinning Yarn by Brenda Gibson and The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook by Deborah Robson & Carol Ekarius.



This first book has chapters including: Foundations, Techniques, Recipes, and Projects. There are LOTS of pictures in ratio to the words. Yep, I'm still a Picture-book kind of gal. I guess I should've outgrown this stage MANY years ago...but, alas, not yet. In the Techniques section of the book, just about every technique needed to prepare fibers is very aptly described along with great pictures. Some of those things described are Scouring, Teasing, Carding, Blending, Dying, Spindle and various ways to Wheel Spin. This book isn't super in-depth the many parts of yarn spinning. But, in one Daffy spinner's opinion, this would get any novice spinner started on the road to great results. It would be great fun and inspiring to a more experienced spinner.

Fleece GOATS ALPAGAS LILAMAS VILLAMAS VILLAMAS VILLAMAS CAMES BISON MUSK OZEN VAS and more SOURCEBOOK MORE THAN 200 FIBERS from Animal to Spun Yarn Deborah Robson & Carol Ekarius

The second book – is not really an instruction book. But, there is a LOT of in depth information that would be of great use to a spinner wanting to know what wools are good for what end result. Or for someone that just enjoys pictures of fiber animals. I adore the photos of all the different types of sheep. Again, it's the pictures that drew me in to reading the book. Once I was hooked with the wonderful photography, reading the information was really fun and enjoyable. Over 45 specific breeds of fiber animals are written about, with historical bits of each breed. Also included are clear basic characteristics of the breed's fibers. AND, a bonus!! -- There are great photos of each breed's fiber several different ways... "a la dirty", cleaned, different ways processed and plied. Daffy said that the photos looked SO real as to be touched right on the page!

-Annie Toy

## Editor's Note

Since this is the December Newsletter I thought that I would put down a few websites for knitters who would like to knit and donate to a charity. Many provide patterns.

#### Cancer

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www.headhuggers.org (also has many patterns)
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www.knotsoflove.org

www.hatsoffforcancer.com

www.knittingforcharity.org

#### **Babies**

www.carewear.org

www.stitchesfromtheheart.org

http://www.binkypatrol.org

#### Poverty

www.heartmadeblessings.org

www.projectlinus.org

#### Soldiers

www.theshipsproject.com

www.operationtoastytoes.com

http://www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea

#### Other

www.caretoknit.org

knitting 11" squares for the Fistula Project. More on this one later.

Thank you everyone for bringing joy during 2012.





www.altamistalpacas.com



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

## Kristine Bullock

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wasatchwoolpack.org

### 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



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