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Presidents Message

Welcome 2015! Its a new year and time to try new things! Come to our January meeting. We are going to have a new year RE-FRESH! We want you to bring ANY fibery tools or spinning wheels that you would be willing to let others try that night, like carders, combs, pickers, spinning wheels, etc., so we can try new things! We also want you to go through your stash and bring what you don't want and you can take home new stash. It is a stash swap! Out with the old and in with the new!

We will have a presentation that night also on using the internet to keep up with the guild. We will discuss the new facebook page, email and how to get on the

group discussion website. Please come, play, learn, and get new stash!

March will be the annual dye exchange. Don't forget to dye with our theme, " The flowers in my garden". Come to our

February meeting and we will be talking about dye methods, March will also be our workshop with Lonna Alexander Steele. More information will be coming soon.

Keep Spinning !

Cheryl Stratton



Vice Presidents Message

The Christmas Party was really fun. I had a few requests for the recipe for the sweet potato soufflé.

Sweet Potato Soufflé

4lbs sweet potatoes cooked, peeled, and mashed (or yams)
½ c butter
6 eggs (separate yolk & white)
¾ c milk
1T lemon peel
1tsp ginger
½ tsp salt

Separate eggs. Add yolks to sweet potatoes, and beat well. Add all other ingredients except egg whites. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into potato mixture. Turn into a 2 qt baking dish, oiled on the bottom. Bake 1 hour at 350.

February's meeting is going to be all about dying fiber. This will be to get us all ready for our dye exchange. I'm hoping to get some volunteers to teach. If you have dyeing experience we'd love to have you!

My dyeing experiment

The theme for this year's dye exchange is "Flowers in my Garden". I got thinking about all the beautiful flowers in my garden and what I hoped to create for the dye exchange. I love the Cosmos bright pinks and purples. I have Foxgloves and Wisteria and I love the little blue flowered ground cover.

I started thinking about all the colors of green that are in my garden that form such a beautiful background for the flowers. So I planned on using a couple of shades of green, but very muted. So step one....I added fiber to the dye pot and put in a lot of water and just a small amount of acid dye. There were a few colors of green in different areas of the pot.

When the green fiber came out of the pot I have to say that I liked the soft green and liked the inconsistencies that were formed by kettle dying it. It was however a little bor-

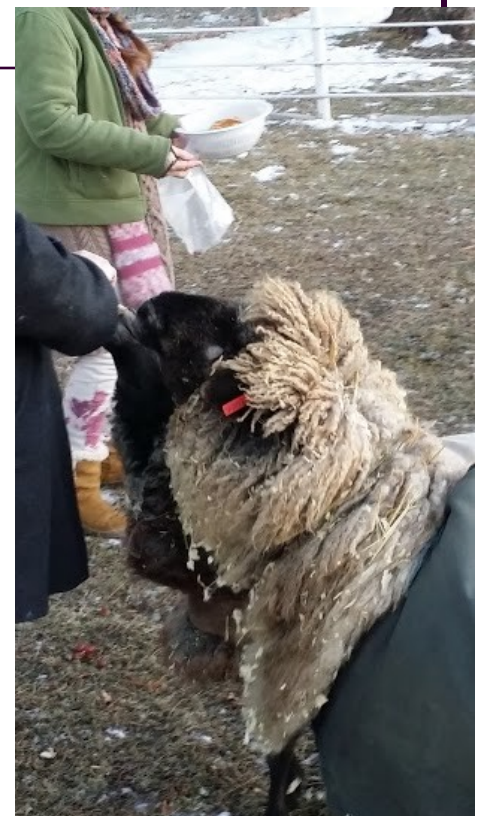
ing. It called for the beautiful colors of the flowers.

Step 2...I mixed some dye solution using water, vinegar, and a small amount of acid dyes and put it in a squirt bottle. I laid my fiber down on plastic wrap and started to dot the soft green fiber with the pink dye solution. I was going for the large polka dotted look of the cosmos. It was a lot of fun! Then I did the same thing with the purple color and finally with the blue.

Step 3...I steamed it to heat set the dye. Then left it to cool and went to bed.

The next morning I woke up and went to check my fiber....not exactly what I had envisioned! I think the best title for my fiber is..."Moldy Green Cheese".

Jenny Ferguson



Spinning Saturday

NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP FOR SPINNING SATURDAY IN FEBURARY

Please contact Kira if you would like to host a spinning Saturday.

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ANNOUCMENTS



TRY #2. I didn't realize people had to be approved. Sorry. I will check and approve now. Due to difficulties we are having with administration and people locating the Woolpack email group we are moving the group to Wasatch Woolpack Handspinners on the Yahoo Group forum. You should be able to search and find us now.

Please join us there so we can all get the emails.

Please send a message to wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com if you have any trouble with this process.

NEXT MEETING

January 21st
7:00 p.m.
(mingling at 6:30)

Thimbles & Threads
1221 5 S 900 E
Draper, UT
Basement



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