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UPCOMING EVENTS

Guild meeting

Playing with Fiber
Pickers

Feb. 15
Pioneer Craft House
6:30 Meet 'n Greet
7:00 meeting

Spinning Saturday

at Cayene DaBell's
home, Sat. Feb. 25.
More info. Inside!

President's Message

We had a great meeting last month! Charlotte taught us how to make bouclé yarn. I liked getting my hands in and actually trying it, and being able to ask "Why doesn't mine look like yours?" and get instant feedback. I just brought a drop spindle instead of lugging my wheel (several of us were using spindles), and it worked pretty well. I tried it at home on my wheel later, and had a harder time of it. Who'd 'a' thought?

This month the meeting will be about Picking. I used to think that meant pulling vegetable matter out of wool, piece by piece. At our meeting this month, we'll learn that it's way better than that. Luli Josephson will be presenting, and has kindly invited us to get our hands in the lesson again. We'll pick by hand, as well as having a couple mechanical pickers to try. We'll also learn about using them for blending and dealing with felted roving.

March is right around the corner, with the Orange Dye Exchange. I've got wool and dye and a loose idea what I'm doing--just gotta get around to doing it. I'm getting excited, though, picturing all those beautiful piles of woolly color spilling across the floor!

In April, we're having a discussion about singles. Think about what you'd like to bring to show, and also about what you would like to learn.

Our Spin Challenge reveal is in May. How is your spindling going?

Happy spinning!
Danielle

Do you have fiber you'd like to blend? Some roving that's too felted to spin easily? Any fiber you'd like put through a picker? Bring it to the Feb 15th meeting! Talk about a labor of love!!

Report of January Meeting

Wasatch Woolpack Handspinners - January 18th, 2012 Meeting
Announcements:

- The Guild Library and drum carder are now at Louise's house. Please contact her if you want to check something out or return your items.
- The next Spinning Saturday will be on February 25th hosted by Cayenne DaBell from 10am-2pm.
- Annie Toy is looking to sell one of her electric spinners. It has a Woolie Winder and comes with 3 bobbins. She is asking \$785. Please contact her if you are interested.
- Next month's meeting will be about picking. Sonya and Luli have pickers that we are welcome to use anytime. If you have a picker and wouldn't mind, please bring it to our February meeting.
- **Don't forget – March is Dye Exchange.** Bring at least 32, 1-oz. portions of fiber to exchange and something to collect your exchanges in. The color is orange. Remember to pull fibers apart into 1 oz. pieces – do not cut! Please include your name, type of fiber and information about your dyeing method with your fiber.

Today's meeting focused on making bouclé yarn led by Charlotte Larsen. She showed us how to make a bouclé yarn on both a spindle and a wheel. Some of the learning points were:

- Bouclé is usually made with 3 plys. You need to decide which ply will be the core, loops and binder. The bouclé is made in 2 plying passes.
- The first plying pass is made by plying the core single (spun one direction) and the loop single (spun in opposite direction) together. Ply in the direction the core was spun so the core gets tighter and the loops get looser.
- Start your twist and the push down the loop yarn with your fingers. Don't wait too long to push down. Ply the strand back on itself to test the balance. Add extra twist if necessary (Charlotte found it usually does need more twist to be balanced).
- The second plying pass locks the loops in place. Ply in the opposite direction of the first plying pass. Put in enough twist that the loops don't move. The loops and binder should be about the same tension. The binder can be thread or the same as the core.
- Mohair, Lincoln, Wensleydale and milk silk all make good loops.
- You can use the same basic concepts on the wheel. The latest Spin Off magazine has articles that give more information as well.

Show and Tell

Danielle – made a scarf out of yarn she spun of BFL. She put the skein on her swift in a single layer of loops and then crocheted loops through *the yarn to hold everything together. She can now show off her yarn as a finished object until she decides what to do with it.*

Shawn's spindle project is some Ramboulet.

Jill Tew's spindle project is spinning cotton on her new Christmas Ahka spindle.

Jessica showed us her hatbox wheel that she has just started using again.

Laurel – spun cotton she found while she was staying in India. She now has an appreciation for a cotton gin after picking out all the seeds.

Luli has collected everything she needs to start her spindle project. Her spindle, hard cards and silk are all together in one bag.

Maureen – is spinning brown cotton on her Ahka spindle from the Twister-Hound in Canada. She is planning to weave for the challenge.

Bhakti showed us a tall & narrow bag she wove using plastic bags.

Brenda is still considering her options for the challenge.

Robin – is using her tiny Turkish spindle to spin fiber from her new Jersey wooly bunny. She also has a Lionhead bunny. She got them for Christmas and her birthday.

Louise – has been watching DVD's on how to spin on a spindle. She has learned to park & draft.

Sonya – started her spindle project in Hawaii with a silk & yak down roving. She is planning to 2 ply it and knit or weave something.

Wendy – has a couple techniques she is trying on her spindles.

Everyone who had some show and tell about their spindle project got a ticket for a fiber prize drawing. There were 3 winners, but I forgot to write them down. Congratulations to our winners! (you know who you are) ☺

Spinning Saturday

The next Spinning Saturday will be held at Cayenne Dabell's home.

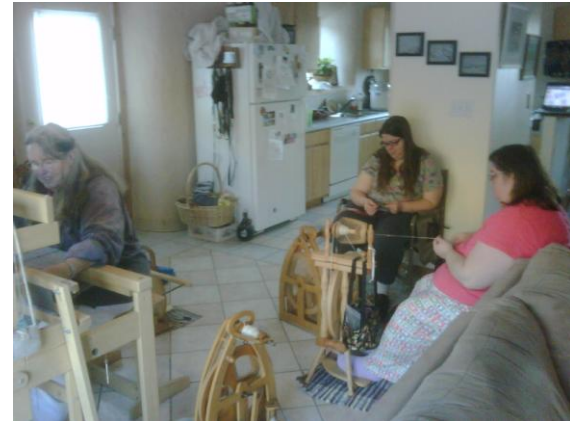
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Directions: Take Bangerter to 10400 S., (South Jordan Parkway), and head West. Cross 4000 W. and continue West. Take the first left, (there will be a large Daybreak sign on your right), onto Vermillion Dr. Follow Vermillion Dr. through to the second stop sign- the road curves to the left and you will now be facing East. Turn right onto Navarro Way. At the next intersection, (stop sign), turn right onto DeGray. Turn left at the next intersection onto Weiss Dr. My house is between Weiss and the next street to the West, (Tahoe). Pass two alleyways on your right and park. If it is snowing heavily enough for snow plows you will need to turn around and park on the East side of the road, (odd side on odd numbered days). Walk down the sidewalk. My house is three in heading West from Weiss and faces South. It is light green, Victorian style with black shutters.

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Cayenne

Here are some pictures from the Helper Retreat that Jill shared with us.



Helper Spinning Retreat

Helper Retreat – February 3-5, 2012.

The Helper Retreat was rather small this year with only 4 spinners in attendance; Shirley & Cyndi Marshall, Jill Tew and, of course, Michelle Goldsmith, as well as Jill's husband Clinton and Cyndi's son Colton. We enjoyed lots of spinning, weaving, knitting and chatting time over the weekend (while the guys played chess and watched movies) as well as some yummy biscuits & gravy from Marcie's and some of Al's excellent chicken and potatoes. Homemade tortillas and waffles were a hit for the hungry as well. We all worked on individual projects as well as helped Michelle weave her stash on the loom to help her get rid of a bad warp whose threads were breaking and causing all kinds of problems. She was planning to felt the result anyway so it wasn't a bad project for the beginners (Jill & Clinton) to try some weaving. By the time we left, the woven piece had been washed once and the felting had really hidden a bunch of the flaws and was looking nice. We appreciate the hospitality of Michelle and Al and thank them for inviting us to their home. We hope more of you can join us next year.



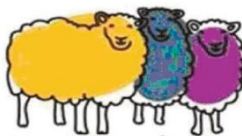
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