



# THE WOOLPACK WATCH

A NEWSLETTER OF THE WASATCH WOOLPACK HANDSPINNERS

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## Presidents Message

Dear fellow spinners,

Fall is fast approaching and when the weather gets cold I am thinking of what sweater that I would like to knit! I hope that you are all thinking of that next project also cause our fiber challenge meeting is coming up!

Please plan to attend our October 15th meeting. We are introducing our fiber challenge for the year. If you plan to participate, please bring your \$5.00 to pay for the fiber. The challenge reveal will be when you show what you have done with your challenge fiber and will be at our May meeting.

Please be prepared to help us make a couple choices for our March 20-22, 2015 workshop with Lonna Alexander Steele at our meeting. We have a few choices as for

classes and lengths. We also can choose to do the workshop on Friday evening and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday.

Please look at your calendars to see what may be your choice.

Last but not least, please bring your spinning wheels and your show no tell!!

I look forward to seeing you!

Cheryl Stratton



**What do you do if you bobbin is full and you only have a little left to ply.....**



## Wasatch Woolpack Spinning Guild Meeting September 2014

Our September meeting was filled with lots of new faces. Welcome!

Thank you to our guild members that worked so hard at Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair. I know I had an amazing time in the classes and shopping!

Also congrats to all our members that participated in the State Fair! So much talent.

We are so proud of our own guild member Carolyn Ferro...watch for her nuno felting article in the winter addition of PLY magazine.

We have a few members that are participating in Spinzilla this year which goes from October 6th-12th. This is a world-wide event to challenge spinners to see how much yardage can be spun in 1 week. More information is available on line. We are all cheering you on!

Please renew your membership to the guild and pay your dues. Membership has its perks. Members have access to the guild library, and can attend retreat, work-

shops, spinning Saturdays and the Christmas party. Dues can be paid by paypal there is a link on the website [wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com). Consider becoming a lifetime member!

The financial state of the guild was discussed. Expenses include our website, storage fees, and meeting spot. We are gathering suggestions about how to best budget our funds. Workshops, getting some guild spinning wheels, and putting together a scholarship for Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair were some popular suggestions!

We are hoping to have some great workshops this year. We are working on having Lonna Alexander Steele come for a workshop the third weekend in March. It was also suggested that Joan Contraman from Montana be invited to teach at a workshop as well. Please speak up if you have workshop suggestions, or something you are willing to teach our guild.

Next month is our Fiber Challenge. Participants will be given some fiber and challenged to spin it and turn it into something wonderful!

Also in March we will have our dye exchange. The theme this year is "Flowers in my Garden". So start thinking about what colors and dyeing methods you will dazzle the guild with. To participate in dye exchange please bring 2 lbs of fiber dyed by you and divided into 1 oz samples. We then exchange our dyed fiber!

## State Fair Report

First an apology to those who entered this year. Several prizes were donated but got lost on the way to the State Fair. Don't let that deter you from starting now to enter as many categories as you can next year.

This Year I did the fewest hours of demonstration ever in the many years I have demonstrated. I only had 2 days of 6 hours a day. In the past I have done the full 10 hours a day at least once a Fair. A Big THANKS to those of you who stepped forward and relieved me.

Judy Gunn did 18 hours, Carolyn Ferro did 27 plus hours (the person following her was later than expected), Sharon Nyme did 9 hours,

Cathie Delweski did 3 hours, Wendy Reirersen did 12 hours, Jill Tew did 12 hours, Cyndi Marshall did 31 hours, Barbara Ishimatsu did 3 hours, I only did 21 hours for the 10 days.

If you did the math those hours exceeded the 10 hours a day for 10 days. Cyndi and Jill have a system that they sign up for consecutive shifts then both come for the combined time. This works well for them and has to be sign up in the initially sign up so tickets can be sent to each of them. So if you are shy to do a shift by yourself keep that in mind for next year.

Every year I wonder if surely everyone in Utah had seen our demo table and watched a spinner explain the process

to them. But every year I have at least four or five who thank me with tears in their eyes. So the hours seem worthwhile. We got nearly two pages of people who want a free newsletter from us. I know many of you came to us via this method.

THANKS  
Shirley Marshall





## Spinning Saturday

**NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP  
FOR SPINNING SATURDAY  
IN OCTOBER**

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

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....You just grab some friends and walk out the door with the yarn.



**Yes.  
That's a block more of plied  
yarn no cutting involved !**



## Looking For Extra Spinning?

To all Dr. Who fans out there, you know who you are, I would like to start a spinning group on Sat. nights when the latest episodes of the Doctor are aired on BBC America. We can get caught up in the new season or watch old Dr. Who episodes too. Dressing up as a Dalek is optional, and if you bring a companion - they better be Dr. Who fans who spin. All who enter the house will be scanned by my sonic screwdriver to make sure you are a true fan. Rejects will be exterminated!

October is a pretty busy month for me with visiting family obligations and other activities. My first available Saturday night is Oct. 25. Let's get started at 7 p.m., the show airs at 8 p.m. Time Lord wanna-be's can bring some snick snacks and whatever beverage alcoholic or not. I'll provide the huge TV you can see from space, and a warm

home to spin in.

Directions to my home:  
8407 S. Dynasty Way, (3435 E.)  
Cottonwood Heights, UT  
801-733-5888

From N or S I-215, go East to the 6200 So. exit and head East. 6200 S. becomes Wasatch Blvd., and proceed South past Big Cottonwood Cyn mouth.

Drive through 2 more traffic lights after the mouth of the canyon, and take the first left: Kingshill Dr.

Take the first right: Dynasty Way, my house is the 4th on the left. Tudor style, 2 story.

I have 10 - 12 chairs available. You may want to bring a chair. We'll pack everyone in as best we can.

RSVP to me by Oct 24 so I have an idea how many can attend and I will try to make room.

The Doctor lies, but I do not - I am looking forward to friends and fun.

Sonya



**Scots on the Rocks** a Celtic festival in Moab, UT

Nov 7, 8 & 9

[www.moabcelticfestival.org](http://www.moabcelticfestival.org)

Interested in attending? Contact Cyndi Marshall 801-631-7758 she is coordinating carpooling and hotels for those willing to share cost.



Spinning Retreat is a Thrill  
A Tale by Jenny Ferguson

I was marveling at my own courage as I walked from the meadow to my tent. Although I had camped before, it was usually with my husband and kids. This time I was independent, I had driven to retreat, pitched my own tent, and would have the tent all to myself.

I unzipped my tent and stepped inside, then I set my flashlight down so I could get ready for bed. That is when I saw it! My bravery started to dissolve. There was a very large spider on the plastic floor of my tent.

I started to calculate the best plan. Jill and Clinton Tew were staying in the tent next to mine less than 20 feet away, but they were still in the meadow. I could wait for them and then ask Clinton to smash it for me. This seemed like a really good idea, unless the spider moved. It was only about 6 inches from my sleeping bag and I would hate to have it disappear into my bedding.

With a huge sense of dread I knew that I would have to handle this 8 legged intruder by myself. I counted to three silently and stomped hard. I was already feeling relief as I lifted my foot. Unfortunately, I had been unsuccessful at eliminating this creature. As soon as I lifted my foot to my amazement the spider sprung back up.

Panic set in and I sprung again. This time as my foot landed on the spider I added a little twist to make sure that it was ground flat. I was thinking to myself that mountain spiders were resilient. As I lifted my foot and stepped back to make my inspection I was amazed to see the spider again seem to come back to life, although this time much slower. This was starting to feel like a nightmare.

For a fleeting second I experienced a sense of horror. My mind scrambled to make sense of an impossible situation. I reached for my flashlight and spotlighted the offending critter. As the light hit it, my brain started to make sense of the situation. I noticed the coloring was a lot like the yarn I had been spinning earlier in the day. That was when it hit me. My spider was a little tuft of fiber and not a spider at all! I had stomped this little fluff so much that it was almost felted.

So my advice....come to retreat prepared to deal with the horrors of fiber spiders!



## ANNOUCMENTS

Nothing for now.

If you have announcements please contact Cyndi Marshall or email them to  
[wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com)



## NEXT MEETING



October 15, 7:00 p.m.  
(mingling at 6:30)

Directions: take the 12300 South exit from I-15 and head east to 900 East. Turn left and the store is on your right hand side before the street turns left



**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[www.wasatchwoolpack.org](http://www.wasatchwoolpack.org)

Would you like to contribute an article to the newsletter? Do you have pictures we can use?

Please email us at

[wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com)

My apologies to those who read last month's newsletter and let me know before the meeting or advised Jill at the meeting. Due to the scare that my Mom gave me I did not do a drawing but have decided to give all of you a prize. I will give it to you at the meeting or mail it to you the day after. Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

FYI- Eleven people let me know they read the newsletter.

Cyndi