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President's Message

Here we are in July already looking forward to the Park City Retreat (and the IWC if you decided to do that instead - we still love you and will miss you). I am getting excited to spin for long hours and look forward to seeing my new friends from last year again. I've even got this year's retreat exchange project done and last year's exchange project ready to block (thanks for being patient, Barb). I am feeling good about the prize tent too because I bought things all year on killer deals. I highly recommend planning ahead for the prize tent if you haven't already. I try to find things that I know I would enjoy receiving too and this year I am taking it a step further in packaging because after all, it is a prize not a garage sale. I hope those of you who are coming to retreat are excited about what I'm bringing...besides the steaks. Hope to see as many of you as possible. Judy says you *can still sign up until July 15th*.

Quick note - if you are planning to go to the Natural Dyeing Workshop in Encampment, WY, August 9-11 I need your \$25 by our next meeting, July 17th. I want to have an exact count by then so we can arrange carpooling and food.

There is also some business we need to conduct for new members of the guild leadership council for next year. After much discussion with the current council members and some input from other guild members, we are excited (and sort of sad) to announce some openings for volunteers. In talking to our new Presidents-to-be, I have learned there has been a change in circumstances for both of them that would make it very difficult for them to be Co-Presidents next year or even for them to continue on the council after this year.

We feel the most reasonable solution is if I remain President for another year and we get another volunteer for Vice President this year. I would "train" them and they would then be President next year. We are also looking for volunteers to do the newsletter as Shawn is finished at the end of August. If several people would like to be involved with the newsletter and work on it as a committee, that might even be easier as long as one person is responsible for putting together the contributions each month. Of course, we want your opinion on all these suggestions. I am willing to continue as President if the group has no objections, but we do need people to be involved so please be thinking about how you may be able to contribute to the council. I am looking for volunteers or nominations for Vice President and Newsletter and would like to get these people in place right away so we can plan for next year. Feel free to email me with your ideas, opinions, and recommendations. Also, I will be sending out a survey in the next couple days to collect information on what you want to do next year. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy spinning! Jill T

June Meeting Notes

Announcements:

State Fair signups for demoing have begun - sheet was passed around. Contact Shirley Marshall if you'd like to get on the schedule!

Two new visitors! Melinda and Tori both found us on the Internet! Yeah Kira!!

Demo opportunity still exists for July 24th at the Pioneer Museum. No costume is necessary. No one has responded to this need...

WWH Retreat is coming up July 25-28. The Friday food position is still open. Coordinate the food for one day and your Retreat fee (\$85) is paid (plus the cost of food is reimbursed). It's a great deal! Contact Judy Jackson to register or volunteer. Paypal to pay (wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com)

The Natural Dye Workshop and Road Trip is Aug 9-11. \$25 covers the cost of the workshop. Food and transportation is extra. Contact Jill Tew to sign up. Paypal to pay (wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com)

Watch for the Helper Arts Fest in August and remember to submit skeins and things made out of handspun to the competition at the Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair Aug 24-25. See GreatBasinFiberArtsFair.org for more information

And when your items are done at Great Basin - get them to Shirley Marshall to be entered into the State Fair!

The electric wheel is available for rent. \$10/month (WWH meeting to meeting) with a \$250 refundable deposit. Contact Jill Tew for details and to sign up.

There is Spinning at Judy Gunn's on the 1st Monday of the month.

Unfinished Business... or UFOs and Show n Tell

Carolyn F: showed her first knitted project - a scarf and first crochet project. Carolyn is now a distributor for Carolyn Greenwood and brought many skeins to sell. She will bring them again to the July meeting.

Robin B is spindle-spinning some beautiful Kitty Rabbit orange fluff

Jill T played "name that tool" with an interesting antique she acquired at an estate sale. Guesses included an eyelet lace awl. She also showed off her new Majacraft wheel.

Cyndi M just got back a Kromski wheel she sent off to be refinished 7 years ago. She's thrilled. She has a UFO KnitPicks bathset if anyone needs a project to finish. And she announced her new car, a Ford Edge. We are all happy Cyndi is now driving something that is not likely to blow up or strand her miles away from home!

Judy J has a few UFOs... but they are all at home.

Kira was just happy to be there - We all have days like that! Thank goodness for WWH

Barb showed off a WiP that finally got finished 2 years after she started... it's bigger than it was supposed to be, but she was happy to show it off.

Wendy R showed off a skein of alpaca/silk that is the finest she's ever spun. The lace weight yarn is now looking for a project. Cyndi is going to help her find something on Ravelry -- note: do you want to find out more about Ravelry and other on-line sites and apps? Sign up for Cyndi's class at Great Basin! Wendy also has a card loom that needs to be re-done.

Dian showed off her latest dyeing efforts. One puff in particular was a color she detested but once again... one person's ugly is the next person's dream and the fiber was quickly snatched up.

Luli J has had a revelation that she LIKES weaving in ends (so does Kira by the way) SO, if you have a project... feel free to ask.

Sharon N bought a beautiful UFO sweater at a garage sale (it was obvious a lot of effort and love had gone into it and she couldn't bear the thought of it being thrown away). The yarn was included but not the pattern. Dian and Luli consulted on strategies to finish it.

Sara M renamed her business Intrepid Tulips (intrepidtulips.com) and brought some of her beautiful yarns to sell.

Tori (new) got into spinning because she was thinking of moving to Oregon where there was a piece of property... and she began to consider sheep... then wool... then spinning since she already loves to knit (we know how these connections happen). She has taught herself from library books and some Youtube videos but she desires a teacher. We gave her lots of ideas.

Melinda (also new) said that spinning had always fascinated her even as a little kid. She taught herself to crochet over many years. Back in the days she home-schooled her kids she got a spindle kit and then picked it up again last fall. She is working on her second skein.

Prize Bag: Louise brought back the prize bag... and Melinda won! Now she has to come to a second meeting!!

While reading *The Spark of Life* by Frances Ashcroft I found the following:

"We now know that amber is the petrified resin of extinct pine trees and are familiar with it as jewelry, or as the medium in which prehistoric insects have been encapsulated and perfectly preserved. But amber has another interesting and curious property. When rubbed with wool it generates static electricity, causing it to attract light, dry objects like small bits of tissue paper, feathers, specks of wheat chaff, and even your hair; this may be why Syrian women, who used decorative amber weights on the end of their spindles when spinning wool, called it the 'clutcher'.

RETREAT UPDATE: Judy Jackson will take registrations until July 15th for the Park City Retreat. There is still room! She will send more information out in a couple of days for those registered. Whoohoo!!

Park City Retreat 2013 – 25th Edition

The dates for this year are July 25th thru July 28th. All set up, camping, parking, etc. will be the same (you may set up on Wednesday the 24th after noon).

For newbies, here is basic information: there are two main camping areas. One is on the North lawn by the house and the other one on the North end of the forest between the stream and the meadow (this is right next to the trail also, so might be noisy). There are also spots available to the east of the barn and animal fencing. There is a large mowed parking area North of the house (the pasture) where you can use your vehicles to camp. Ask someone when you get there to get more directions.

I need lots of volunteers once again to facilitate the smooth operation of retreat.

I need 4 one day meal Executive chefs. This job involves planning the meals for approximately 40 spinners on Thurs or Fri or Sat. or Sun brunch. It also will pay your way to retreat except on Sunday when salary is \$30 for one meal. This is to include approximately 8 vegetarians.

I also need 2 gophers for the weekend which will make runs to the store or to exchange propane tanks if needed.

I need many pottie sloshers. This involves pushing/rocking the porta-potties to make sure the solids are under the liquids. This controls the smells and the flies (**especially if the lids are shut every time someone uses them**). With a couple of people, this is usually easy except for the disabled/changing room unit. We will have to decide what to do there.

I need someone to remind all the spinners when mini-workshops are about to begin.

I also need 2 people to be our greeters and take care of signing spinners up to help with meals (helping with one meal is mandatory) and handing out any goodies donated. Of course I need help with the prize tent, but the queen and princesses are usually grandmothered in (Cathie D has already volunteered for the queen position).

There are a few rules that have stood the test of time.

No cell phones or computers making noises in the meadow. We are all very happy to be totally away from interruptions while we are busy having fun. You can use them in the parking area, tents, vehicles, etc.

Recycling. We will have garbage cans and sometimes boxes set up for recycling. Please make sure you are throwing things into the correct container.

No children. If you are not sure what we mean here, please email me. I can explain. Also, no visitors please.

If you would love to show us a new technique or share an old one, this can be a mini-workshop! We can make time for one on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, Friday afternoon and then one on Sunday morning. Saturday's are way too busy to schedule one.

Saturday includes a show and tell from your personal projects, also show and tell from last years

exchange (ask if you can't remember who or what was going on). If anyone has an idea and would like to be in charge of this/next year's exchange, let me know!

Registration info:

You can cut and paste this registration info into the comments box at Paypal or reply to me here and send your check or copy this part and send it to me with your check.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Vegetarian? We cook with dairy and eggs.

Plan meals for one day? Which day?

Volunteer for one or more of the positions mentioned above?

Volunteer to present a mini-workshop? Subject? Materials to bring?

Weekend \$85 Saturday only \$30

Send to:

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July Birthday!!!!

7-4 Danielle Jones



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