

THE FIBER FOLKS GAZETTE

Keeping our members connected!

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WOW
Jean K and her super
colossal spinning
wheel bag!
Handmade

HELP WANTED!

Looking for members to write columns, share tips/tricks, create fiber-related photo montages, or contribute other written items of interest. This can be a one time deal or on a regular basis.

Contact Laura Moore doglady58@gmail.com



Photo courtesy Wellspring Acres Alpaca Farm, Sarcoxie, MO

Fiber Facts

By Suzan M

Cashmere, an animal fiber, comes from the fine, soft undercoat of the Kashmir goat. The majority of the current supply of cashmere can be traced back to China, Mongolia and Tibet. Called the "fiber of kings", cashmere yarn is extremely soft and lightweight, but still provides excellent warmth. This fiber is quite luxurious to work with and wear, and has exceptional drape. If you've ever wondered why cashmere fiber or products are so expensive, it's because one Kashmir goat can produce only about 4 to 6 ounces of underdown fiber every year.



Linen, a plant fiber, comes from the stalk of the flax plant. Historically, it was one of the earliest fibers to be made into string and cloth. Linen is also the strongest of the plant fibers, twice as strong as cotton. Easy to dye, linen can be boiled without damaging the fiber. Linen fabrics are very absorbent and have a natural luster. Although it wrinkles easily, it also irons easily. The disadvantages is that linen has poor elasticity and doesn't spring back quickly like wool.



Nylon (Polyamide), a synthetic fiber, comes from artificially reproducing the types of polyamide bonds that occur naturally in wool and silk. Originally used in toothbrushes and pantyhose, nylon is lightweight, drapes well, has low absorbency and dries quickly. Also resistant to dirt, chemicals and perspiration, nylon is one of the strongest man-made fibers. To take advantage of these qualities, nylon is often used to make clothing, like pantyhose, bathing suits, and workout clothes; home furnishings such as upholstery fabric; and outdoor equipment including parachutes, tents and life vests, to name a few examples.



UPDATED!

2015 FIBER FESTIVALS

Do you know of an event not listed here?

Email Laura at doglady58@gmail.com

- ◇ ~~March 13, 2015, Fiber Retreat, Jefferson City, MO~~
- ◇ ~~April 17-19, 2015 Smokey Mountain Fiber Arts Festival, Townsend, TN~~
- ◇ April 25, 2015, All Missouri Spring Spin-In, Chillicothe, MO
- ◇ May 16-17, 2015, Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival, Lexington, KY
- ◇ May 29-30, 2015 Magnolia State Fiber Festival, Vicksburg, MS
- ◇ June 13-14, 2015, 10th Annual Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival, Colfax, IA
- ◇ July 18-19, 2015, Fiber "U", Lebanon, MO
- ◇ July 24-25, 2015, Fiber Christmas in July, Kellyville, OK
- ◇ August 6-9 2015, Stitches Midwest, Shaumburg, IL
- ◇ September 19-20, 2015, Fiber Daze, Mount Vernon, MO
- ◇ October 2-3, Diamond State Fiber Festival, Greenwood, AR
- ◇ October 17-18, 2015, Lake Area Festival of Fiber Arts, Camdenton, MO
- ◇ November 6-7, 2015, Ozark Fiber Fling, Steelville, MO

Names and Faces

Tom P

~ Joplin, MO ~

Tom, a retired scientist (!), enjoys knitting, tatting and crochet. He is also interested in learning to weave.



Gerra-Lynn E

~ Carthage, MO ~

Gerra is a nurse in a kidney dialysis center in Carthage. She loves to spin, crochet, and knit. She's ready to learn "any & all!"



Colleen B

Pittsburg, KS

Colleen works as a medical interpreter. Her fiber interests include knitting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, and felting, to name a few!



Danelle H

~ Lamar, MO ~

Danelle is one of the guild's founding members. She was once a florist, and now works as a nurse. She knits, dyes yarn, and crochets.



Jean K

~ Fort Scott, KS ~

Jean is happy when spinning, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. She is also a beginning weaver. Jean is a musician, now retired.



Nancy M

~ Garfield, AR ~

Nancy works at Walmart's home office. She raises sheep and alpaca, and also finds time to spin, knit, dye, crochet, sew, felt, and weave on a rigid heddle!





Do you offer classes or other fiber-related services? Send your info to Laura Moore at doglad58@gmail.com

Learn to Weave

Beginners Classes Available

4 hours, \$40. Learn basic weaving technique and weave a rug to take home.

~~ Or ~~

All day (6-8 hrs) \$65. Learn loom functions, setting up loom, preparing fabric. Weave a rug to take home.

All equipment and supplies furnished for a \$5 fee. (No supply fee for Fiber Folks members!)

Call to schedule a class!

Dorothy Cliff

(417) 312-0956

Location

Read Again Book Store

123 W. Valley, Granby, MO 64844

WEAVERBIRD SPECIAL!



I am offering a special for the guild members only who have taken my regular weaving class! For those who want to return for an afternoon of more practice weaving on a table top loom, I will only charge \$20 for use of loom and warp.

I can do two at a time. If you have practiced making rag balls please bring and weave place mats or runner. Contact me to set a date and talk about warp color available on loom.

Thanks, Dorothy Cliff
417-312-0956

LOOK AT ALL THE GOODIES FOR SALE!

Contact Susan 417-343-0739 or email sdobiecat1@peoplepc.com



Studio loom,
38", 4 shaft,
12 dent reed. \$400
Great for rugs!

Kromski 16" Rigid Heddle
Loom w/ stand, two extra
reeds \$150

Schacht Wolf Pup loom
w/ 10 dent reed \$600

Kromski 32"
Rigid Heddle loom
w/ stand \$200

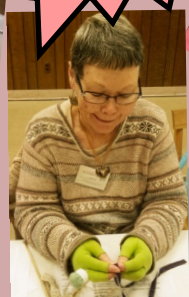
Ashford Country
Spinner 2 w/ two extra
bobbins \$650



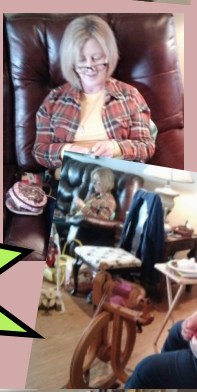
Large Warping
Wheel \$100



**FEBRUARY
ZIPPER
ART**



*March
Spin In*



**March
Tatting**



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Happy Birthday Colleen B & Joi C	3 Happy Birthday Marian A	4
5 Happy Birthday Tish M	6	7 Happy Birthday Suzan M	8	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Dara W
12	13	14	15	16	17 Smoky Mtn Fiber Arts Fest Townsend TN	18 Smoky Mtn Fiber Arts Fest Townsend TN (thru Sun.)
19 Fiber Folks Mtg 2pm Sock Machine Demo!	20	21 Fiber Daze mtg follows the regular mtg. All welcome!	22	23 Happy Birthday Annie R	24	25 All-Missouri Spin-In Chillicothe MO
26	27	28	29	30		

April Refreshments
 Pat L
 Jonee D
 Mary McC

Next Meeting: May 19th
**Place: Carthage Community Ctr,
 1208 S. Garrison**
**Refreshments: Debi R,Carolynn B,
 Laura M, Shannon F**
Program: 4th Annual Silent Auction