

**Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild  
March 2012 Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: Monday 19 March 2012**

**Meeting Schedule**

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**March 19th**

**Program:**

Margaret Fette, tailor, costumer, and owner of The Tailored Fit, will talk about her process for sewing with handwoven fabrics. Check out her gorgeous web site at <http://www.thetailoredfit.biz> .  
To quote from her web site:

The Tailored Fit isn't a typical alteration service/ custom garment maker. Great fit and quality are the standard at the Tailored Fit. We know that one size fits no one. We can alter your important suit, shirt, or formal gown to fit and feel confident. Plus we can create a one of a kind creation for your event. Our employees are skilled to work on a large variety of materials, trims and techniques. The next time you have a special event, rather than spending days shopping for ill fitting clothes or inappropriate styles contact The Tailored Fit to make your clothing dreams come true.

Check out our additional services tab on the top menu to see the amazing array of services we offer to our clients such as wardrobe analysis, custom tailored garments, and plenty more. Or contact us to hear more about these service, via the email contact tab or just call us at 812-323-2665.

Owner, Margaret Fette, has over 20 years of sewing experience including a stint at a Broadway costume shop. Margaret is a member of the Association of Sewing and Design Professions, and the Surface Design Association. Over the years Margaret has worked to perfect fit for all of us whom 'one size fits no one.'

**Business:**

We need to decide whether to make a group purchase on the Wiff'n Proof software. See the description below and consider whether you are interested. If there is enough interest at the meeting we can pursue this. If you can't be at the meeting, email Marla with your interest.

We will launch the "Fiber Exchange" this month. Anyone that wants to participate should bring their fiber in a bag marked with their name for exchange. It can be any fiber, yarn, roving, or raw fibers for spinning, even embellishments. We will culminate the exchange at the September meeting next fall.

Meeting ideas for next year, 2012-2013. Everyone give some thought to what you would like to have or see, and bring some ideas to share.

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**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Program:**

(details forthcoming, soon)

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**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Program:**

Auction!  
Be prepared!

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**Refreshment Schedule:**

March	Ruth Rives
April	Kathleen Elizabeth Triss
May	Linda Gardner

**Samples Schedule:**

March	
April	Sarah Townsend
May	Cheryl Johnson

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**Workshop Schedule:**

John Malarky, Beginning and Advanced Card Weaving

Date: ???

Location: TBD.

Cost: \$40 per workshop (estimate)

John is an accomplished tablet (card) weaver and great teacher. (<http://malarkycrafts.com>)

He taught a one day beginning card weaving workshop for us last spring, which was so popular we've asked him to return. This is two days worth of workshops: beginning card weaving on Saturday, and advanced card weaving on Sunday. If you take the Saturday class, have taken John's classes in the past, or have a basic familiarity with card weaving, you will be ready for the advanced class.

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Nancy Tepas and Mary Jo LeClair, Weaving Techniques

May

Location and Cost TBD.

Nancy and Mary Jo are Master Weavers (<http://www.nancyjodesign.com/index.html>) who specialize in designing with warps of mixed fiber and color and stripes. Check out the workshop list on their website and let Kandy know if you have a preference for a specific workshop.

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**Announcements:**

**Loom for Sale** at Yarns Unlimited:

50" 4-harness loom by Harrisville for sale--gently used, great condition, and comes with bench and some accessories. Call the shop for pricing and more information. (812-334-2464)

**Indiana Artisan Marketplace** Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Showcasing the creations of Indiana's best artists and artisans, the Indiana Artisan Marketplace returns for a second year at the Expo Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds March 31 and April 1, 2012. More than 125 artisans from Indiana and an additional 75 artisans from Kentucky will showcase art and food selected as being among the best in Indiana and Kentucky by food and art jury panels created by Indiana Artisan and Kentucky Crafted.

Our own Marla Dawson, Chris Gustin, and Suzanne Halvorson (Indiana Artisans all) will be there in the show. More information can be found on the website at [www.indianaartisan.org](http://www.indianaartisan.org). Marla will bring rack cards to the March meeting.

From Pam Kinnaman; **Wee Sheep Fiber Farm** will have new weekend **Fiber Retreats** beginning after the first of April. Groups of up to five can be accommodated. The retreat includes a full breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and a continental breakfast on Sunday. Guests arrive Friday evening, activities are held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, and check out is Sunday at noon. There are lots more details on the web site at <http://www.wee-sheep-fiber-retreats.com>, and you can call at (812)322-4771 or email at [weesheep354@yahoo.com](mailto:weesheep354@yahoo.com).

**The Fiber Event at Greencastle**

Putnam County Fairgrounds, Greencastle, Indiana, Friday 20 April (10:30 – 7:00pm) and Saturday 21 April (9:00 – 5:00 pm). Free admission and free parking. Lots more information at [www.thefiberevent.com](http://www.thefiberevent.com).

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A reminder announcement about the **Indiana Fiber and Music Festival:**

May 12 and 13, Charleston IN

**FIBER VENDORS**

Currently all indoor spaces are filled. If you find you would like indoor space please let us know through e-mail. If we get enough people interested then there are additional buildings we can rent. We do not want to do this for a couple of booths, but if the response is greater then we will consider the additional building. Also, if you would like to be put on a waiting list in the event of a cancellation please let us know.

If you are a vendor and are on Facebook, please join our event page. When you do this you will have the option of inviting guests, please do so. This helps us spread the word through Facebook. Here is that link:

[www.facebook.com/events/198741190221885/](http://www.facebook.com/events/198741190221885/)

We still have space in the Barnaby Building and if you have your own tent there is plenty of space outside.

You can see more at the web site at: <http://www.indianafiberfest.com>

And here is an interesting item that came in on an offer for a group discount on a software application that has a lot of useful features for weavers.

(a group buy will end up with an individual license cost somewhere between \$14.95 and \$32.95)

**WIF ‘n Proof**

It does two things very well: 1) It allows the weaver to import a WIF file for assistance at the loom. It displays the threading chart and follows along as you dress the loom, indicating each shaft in turn. It displays the treadling chart or lift plan and follows along as you weave the cloth, indicating each pick in turn. For a beginning or an advanced weaver, such assistance replaces paper and pencil and WIF ‘n Proof always remembers your place. 2) It includes a complete design center, allowing weavers to enter a draft from a magazine, or to use the design center to create a draft of their own. The weaver can also edit any WIF file imported from any source to make it unique. Any WIF file created or edited in the design center can be exported to a computer for safekeeping.

Please take a look at **WIF ‘n Proof** at [www.WIFnProof.com](http://www.WIFnProof.com). You may request a demo program to explore the features or read the manual on line. **WIF ‘n Proof** is the only weaving application that runs on both Apple and Android devices as well as the Kindle Fire and the Nook Color.

**How the Guild Group Discount works:**

I require a minimum order for 6 WIF ‘n Proof licenses. The different versions and the retail prices for each are listed on the website at [www.sandozsoftware.com/WnP/WnP\\_Buy.html](http://www.sandozsoftware.com/WnP/WnP_Buy.html) Your order can be any mix of the different versions, for the iPhone/smartphone, for the Kindle Fire or Nook Color, for the iPad or large tablet. Email me at [Helen@SandozSoftware.com](mailto:Helen@SandozSoftware.com) listing the following information for

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each individual who wishes a license:

Full Name email address (on the device)

email address for correspondence (computer or device) version(s) required (iPhone/Smartphone, Kindle Fire/Nook Color, iPad/Android Tablet, or a combination)

Also include the name of the guild and my contact person at the guild, and the guild email address for the invoice.

I will send you a PayPal invoice for all 6 (or more) licenses. The cost on each will be a 20% discount on the retail value. You may pass this discount on to your members, or you may retain any portion of it for the guild. Once the invoice is paid, I will send each individual a program link and a copy of the manual.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [Helen@SandozSoftware.com](mailto:Helen@SandozSoftware.com).  
with best regards, Helen Sandoz ([www.SandozSoftware.com](http://www.SandozSoftware.com))

**Hoosier Hills Fiberarts Festival**

A new name and a new website, [www.hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.com](http://www.hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.com), at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin, IN, Friday 01 June (12:00 – 6:00 pm) and Saturday 02 June (9:00 – 5:00 pm). Our own Robin Edmundson is a vendor sponsor for this festival. Check out the website, or call Robin, and make your plans.

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As always, feel free to email or call with any information.

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