

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

Next Meeting: Monday 16 April 2012

Meeting Schedule

April 16th

Program:

From our own dye group:

For over two years the natural dye group embarked in an in-depth study of how different fibers react to different natural dyes based on how the fibers were treated. 9 different fibers were selected; 9 different natural dyes (locally and non-locally acquired); and, 5 different chemicals were used. The result: over 1,944 color samples! We present to the guild the results of our efforts, and what you might consider before embarking in such an undertaking!

(Sharon Howell)

Business:

Remember, we still launching the “Fiber Exchange”. 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.

And, be planning ahead for the May meeting auction. Remember to tag everything with fiber type, weight, and price – along with the seller's name.

May 21st

Program:

Auction!
Be prepared!

Refreshment Schedule:

April Kathleen Elizabeth Triss

May Linda Gardner

Samples Schedule:

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.

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.

Announcements:

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.

From Taylor Elizabeth: We will be having our **shearing day**, April 28th, 10:00 am.

There will be spinning, knitting, weaving, and crafting of all sorts going on all day long.

The farm store will also be open with all sorts of spinning goodies for sale.

Come watch the boys lose their winter coats! Light refreshments will be available, and bring your own chair if you can. View a detailed map at www.spottedcircus.com for the location at 7675 Ault Road, Freedom IN 74731.

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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 . (the competitions information has been updated!)

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/

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>

Hoosier Hills Fiberarts Festival

A new name and a new website, 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.

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

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