



THE WOOLPACK WATCH

A NEWSLETTER OF THE WASATCH WOOLPACK HANDSPINNERS

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Presidents Messages

Hey Spinners!

We are so close to Spring! Well, the equinox, at least. The fact it was snowing yesterday makes me wonder when Spring will actually show up. I'm so ready for warmer temps, longer days, and some color! I'm positively dying for Spring! How about you?

Yeah?

Great! Come and die—I mean dye—with me!

That's right! It's time for our annual dye exchange. Come bring some color back into the world and share it with everyone. We are dyeing 2lbs of fiber, divided into 1oz (~28g)



portions in Spring colors.

While we're talking about sharing, how is your friendship exchange coming? If you need ideas for something small to make, post about it in the FB group so we can all drop some links.

This month's fiber will be Cotswold for current participants in our fiber of the month club.

Happy Spinning!

—Lisa



Vice Presidents Message

Hey Fiber Friends,

What a fun meeting we had with the Hemp theme. The brownies were yummy and now we get to spin up the hemp for next meeting. We had a few new visitors and Betty sat next to Carol and I. It was fun to get to know a little about her. Please, if you sit next to someone new, please make sure to introduce yourself and the members around you. Hope to see you next meeting at the spin around and bring that hemp back so you can receive the next fiber.

Vice Presidents Message

February Meeting notes

Announcements:

Dates have been set for Annual Wasatch Woolpack retreat—July 30 thru August 2nd

Dye exchange theme is “dyeing for spring”

Show and tell:

Sarah shared yarn she had plied with a thread sparky yarn and a blanket she had knit from all of last year’s dye exchange fibers.

Barb I had a handspun/handwoven vest with yarn from retreat.

Amy shared her yarn she had spun that week and handwoven wrap she made. She’s a weaver now too.

Nanette shares a skein of yarn she spun

Patricia shared she had gone to a dye workshop in California and showed all the colors she got also brought the friendship exchange item fully felted.

Jill Tew shares a weaving she had done for a friend included leno lace brooks brocade

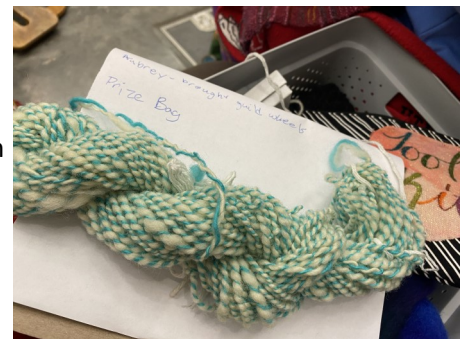
Mary and Chelsey (Nyssa’s relative) were visiting and shared yarn they had

been given.

Rachel shared a skein of yarn.

Aubrey brought the guild spinning wheels for people to try.

Rebecca won the prize bag and it contained a coloring book, fiber a book on finger loop braiding and no candy. She swears absolutely no candy.



Wasatch Woolpack Handspinner's Retreat

July 30th through August 2nd

Notlwonk Springs in Cornish Utah

Rebrandicca is pleased to present the 2020 Wasatch Woolpack Handspinner's Retreat! We will once again be at Knowlton's Farm in Cornish Utah. This is a little bit later than we typically have retreat, but it keeps retreat from conflicting with Pioneer Day and Convergence. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to attend!

Cost for Retreat this year is \$100 or \$40 per individual day. Cost has increased due to the expense of porta potty delivery to the Knowlton's. This is the first time in a long time that retreat cost has increased, but we felt like it was very important for everyone to have a good experience, and a place to pee! There is not a limit on how many we can have at retreat, but it is open to Wasatch Woolpack guild members only! Deadline to sign up for retreat is July 1st, with all payment due no later than July 8th.

Checks should be written to Wasatch Woolpack & PayPal should be paid directly to the guild email wasatchwoolpack@gmail.com. *When paying with PayPal please select that it's a gift, otherwise they charge us a fee. Also, please note your name (we may not recognize your email address) & note that it is for retreat. Please state your food preference (Omnivore/Vegetarian) and 3 volunteer positions you would be willing to do. We will try to give everyone their first choice, and only 1 will be assigned.

Retreat Rules:

- No children
- No dogs (No exceptions because of the livestock)
- No parking along the roads (Cars are to be parked in the designated pasture)
- No admittance to animal pastures or enclosures
- No climbing on equipment & haystacks
- No camping in the grove (camp in the designated pasture only)
- Please separate recyclables from trash
- No picking the milkweeds (Knowltons are trying to preserve and encourage their growth)
- Take your phone conversations out of the spinning grove, and set your electronics to silent
- If you are going to have alcoholic beverages, please be responsible. Glass cannot be put in the recycle bins, please plan to take your glass with you to recycle.



Be mindful of your companions in the meadow. While we all want to have a good time, not every conversation is appropriate for every group of people. Remember your audience! Also, be mindful of your fellow attendees' belongings. Please ask before moving belongings in the grove.

Prizes: We ask that you donate at least one prize to the tent. For those who haven't been to retreat before, most people donate more than one and we thank you for that! Please bring only spinning related items. It's up to the prize queen/king to decide if something you bring is a prize or an auction item. If you don't have anything, please don't feel like you will receive grief. We won't say anything if you are unable to contribute.

Silent Auction: If you have some items you would like to donate to support the Woolpack, please only bring fiber related things for these auctions. (Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Etc)

Fiber Exchange: Bring at least 8 oz of fiber for someone else to spin and finish. Please bring something wonderful that you would love to spin too. This is a secret exchange. You won't know who received your wonderful fiber until next year when they present you with the finished item. Each participant takes the fiber they received and makes something wonderful for the person who brought it. If you have not finished your partners project, make arrangements directly with them. Also, if you have a retreat exchange project outstanding, we ask that you do not participate in exchange until your outstanding project has reached its intended recipient.

2020 Fiber Exchange and Show & Tell: The spinner-creator will present their creations to the fiber owner at this year's reveal, followed by show & tell. This takes place Saturday, right after lunch. First the exchange and then show & tell. Please limit your items to one or two so we have time to get to everyone.

Retreat, con't:

***New for 2020* Tent Decorating Challenge:** The best part of retreat is having fun with your friends, so let's decorate for the party! Bring some decorations and pimp your spinning space. Flags, bunting, lights, anything to make your space a party. There will be prizes for decorations and themes. (Please be mindful and creative with your decorations so they are adding to the party and not the landfill.)

Setup/Breakdown: We are asking this year for specific volunteers to help with set up and breakdown of retreat. Cyndi and Shirley have very graciously volunteered to haul in our equipment, but we want to make sure that there are enough hands to set up that equipment and load it into their vehicle to haul back to storage, since they are loading and unloading at the storage unit. We'd also like to make sure that the Knowlton's don't have to lift a finger to help us clean up their property. We'd like people who can commit to be at the property Wednesday afternoon to help set up. There will still be plenty of time to set up your own space after the main tents are put in. We also need volunteers who can commit to being available until 4 PM on Sunday. The more hands we have at breakdown, the sooner we can be done.

Checklist of Suggested Things to Bring:

- Camping equipment
- Lantern or Flashlight
- Warm clothing and also clothing to wear for warm sunny days
- Prizes
- Canopy if you have one
- Personal eating utensils and dishes (Plate, bowl, cup)
- Spinning wheel or spindle and lots of
- fibers to spin (vendors will be selling more fiber for your spinning pleasure)
- A rug or mat to put on the ground under your wheel
- A comfortable chair
- 8 oz of fiber for the 2018 retreat exchange (if you are participating)
- Insect Repellent (This one is important!!! Make sure you are using it.)
- A personal cooler with a stash of ice and water bottles. Ice runs will be made through the weekend.
- Tent decorations!!
- Towels



We need volunteers! All attendees need to help make retreat great.

*Class Wrangler

*Volunteers to run short workshops during retreat

*Gophers (1) Run to the store to get anything meal planners need

*Prize tent- 1 Queen/King and 2 princesses (or princes)

*Porta Potty Slosers

*Silent Auction Coordinator

*Fiber Exchange Coordinator

*Set-up

*Take-down

Thank you to Luli and Barb for volunteering to do welcome tent duty! <3



Also we need Chefs for Thursday, Friday, and one for Sunday Brunch. Nyssa Farnsworth has volunteered to do Saturday. If you are a Chef Thursday through Saturday your retreat fees are covered. Sunday's Chef pays \$40 less for retreat (or pays a balance of \$60 for the rest of retreat). Chefs will be given a food budget and must submit meal plans. We need meals that have vegetarian options as well as meat options. The Woolpack (and Shirley) has all the cooking gear, stoves, etc. Each volunteer will be given a budget and check for their day in order to go shopping. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for all attendees to help prepare and clean up one meal during retreat. You may volunteer for more than one meal, but everyone needs to help with at least one!

Again, when signing up for retreat you must state your food preference as to omnivore or vegetarian. We will post the menu at retreat prior to the the event to allow planning if you can't eat certain things. There will be snacks on site.

If you have any questions about retreat or would like to claim a volunteer position, please don't hesitate to contact us at this email address. One of us will get right back to you!

XOXO

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday
March @
6:30 p.m.

Dye Exchange!

The Viridian Center
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8030 South 1825 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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Service Opportunity!

Hi, I am Holly Williams, director of American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers museum. We are holding a **24th of July Celebration** by our museum and was wondering if there was anyone willing to come to demonstrate spinning for us. We hold it from 1 -5 pm on the 24th. You could have one person for the whole time or do a 2 hour block demo and have 2 people come. If anyone is interested in helping us, please let me know and I can give more information on our celebration. Thanks so much. Holly Williams 801-669-2331 Hollywilliams595@live.com

2020 Guild Meeting Schedule

March 17—"Dyeing for Spring" - Dye Exchange

April 21—Supported spinning class and DIY clay whorls and bowls

May 19—Lace knitting and crochet techniques, reading charts, and nups

June 16—Washing raw fleeces

July 21—Solar dyeing

July 30—August 2—WWH Retreat!

Fiber of the Month

This year we're focusing on the Livestock Conservancy's Shave 'Em 2 Save 'Em program. This program was developed to help preserve endangered breeds, which you can learn more about here: <http://livestockconservancy.org>. For our Fiber of the Month, everyone will get 1 oz. of fiber—either raw or roving—to spin and bring back the next month to receive their next breed sample. It's \$20 to start, and \$10 to buy back in if you don't bring back your spun fiber to the next meeting. I'm mostly going

to focus on the more critical breeds as those can be the hardest to source and will include information about where you can purchase more.

