



THE WOOLPACK WATCH

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Presidents Messages

Thank you to all that came to the Christmas party. I hope you had a wonderful time and enjoyed the holidays!

LITTLE HATS, BIG HEARTS
We are excited to do another charity and my daughter suggested the American Heart Association, specifically The Children's Heart Foundation. February is designated the American Heart Association month and we will be handing out kits to make tiny red hats for preemies and newborn babies born with heart disease. We will hand out the kits at the January meeting. Knit or crochet them in your own favorite pattern and return finished hats at February's meeting to receive your button. Look forward to seeing you all. Happy spinning! Jodi

Hope you had a great holiday season. I know I did. My husband made me some mini combs and gifted me some undyed BFL wool. I spent the holidays playing games with my kids and knitting! This month we will do a quick demo on blending boards and rolags so you will be able to see if this is something that excites you. There were a lot of you in December that expressed a strong de-

sire to make blending boards So by popular demand....we have been working on making blending boards a reality for the guild members. We were able to find carding cloth, boards and come up with a way to make the little swivel piece on the back. We are hoping to be able to assemble them at February guild meeting. The kit for the blending boards is going to be \$85. The boards are 15.5"x11.5" and have a handle already cut out. The carding cloth is 9.5" wide and we are hoping about 12" long (depending on how much room the handle at the top takes away). The kits will have the hardware to attach the swivel piece on the back and will also include dowels for making rolags. Because of the cost, this project will be pre-pay only. We will take payment and pre-order the kits at January's guild meeting. If you cannot attend the guild meeting in January, please use paypal and send me a quick text at 801-231-6472. The deadline will be January 17th so we can order the exact number that we need and have time to order everything for our February meeting.

In February we will pack in air compressors and staple guns and get these blending boards assembled right at our guild meeting! Sounds like another chaotic, but fun guild meeting. We've had 2 submissions for a new logo...so we will also be voting on this at the January meeting. I have been loving fiber of the month...it keeps me spinning each month. This month we are passing out unwashed targhee. At first I thought this sounded daunting, but there's a few options. Either spin in the greece...or wash and then spin. It's definitely a manageable amount to do either. Happy Spinning! You are all amazing! Thank you for participating and showing up at our guild meeting with your great energy and excitement and willingness to participate. We hope this next year will be another great one for the Woolpack. I have gained so much from being a part of this group. I really hope that all of you are enjoying being members. If there is anything that you would like to learn, or you have any suggestions please let me know. I really do value your perspectives and suggestions. See you at the guild meeting January 16th! Jenny

Vice Presidents Message

Hey Fiber Friends,

Wow what an awesome Christmas Party we had with great food and great friends! We missed all of you that weren't able to attend. I'm looking forward to the New Year and all the fiber fun we have coming up. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

Happy New Year ya'all!

Julie

Fiber of the Month Club

I have been loving fiber of the month...it keeps me spinning each month. This month we are passing out unwashed targhee. At first I thought this sounded daunting, but there's a few options. Either spin in the grease...or wash and then spin. It's definitely a manageable amount to do either. Happy Spinning!

2016-2017 Friendship Shawl

Did you do the last knitted friendship shawl and I don't have a picture of you yet? Bring it to the next meeting and I'll add you to the picture collection.

2017-2018 Friendship Shawl/Vest

I'm one of those "over" excited types so I am doing both the knit friendship shawl and the crochet friendship vest. I'm loving both projects! I've passed my knit shawl on to Kira and I'm knitting on Julie's. Julie and I both had spun gray and red yarn so to create a contrast I knitted my section using a fibonacci sequence. I think it's beautiful. My daughter actually dyed my yarn for the crochet vest. I spun it up and crocheted the beginning of my vest and passed it to Shirley. I learned to read a charted crochet pattern, which was a new experience for me. Thank you to Kim who has posted videos to help and organized this project....I'm really excited to receive the next section. I've always been going to learn how to read a charted crochet pattern and I'm grateful for the nudge that this project provided. Kim I can't tell you how much I appreciate you!

Dye Exchange is Coming Up Soon!

I'm getting butterflies in my stomach because I am so excited for dye exchange in March. Our theme for dye exchange this year is "Over Dyed". In February we will be doing a dye demo on over dyeing and then March is our big exchange!. If you haven't participated before it is not as daunting as it sounds. You dye up 2 lbs of fiber and divide it into 1 oz sections (we do have a larger group now so I will try to get a rough count but maybe plan on 2.5 lbs of fiber). During the March meeting we all exchange our 1 oz bits of wonderfully dyed fiber. It is up to you how to present it. I usually braid my dyed roving in 1 oz sections, but I've seen sandwich bags, carded batts, etc. You can attach a label if you'd like with the fiber content and how you dyed it, but it is really up to you. You can dye any spinnable fiber. I just wanted to give everyone a heads up so you could order your undyed fiber and start thinking about participating. One of my favorite yarns ever was made from these little 1 oz sections that I spun from dye exchange.

Guild Meeting Schedule

- January 16th guild meeting (Over blended We will hopefully be making blending boards and doing a rolag class)
- February 20th guild meeting (When good fiber goes bad and how to fix mistakes & dye demo on over dyeing)
- March 20th guild meeting (Over dyed! Dye Exchange)
- April 17th...(Over taxed! Felting coin purses)
- May 5th...Notlwonk Wool trek
- May 15th guild meeting (Magnetic Knitting Notion holders)
- June 19th guild meeting (Test Driving Spinning Wheels)
- July - Retreat
- July 7th - 29th...Tour de Fleece
- July 17 guild meeting
- August 21st guild meeting

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2-4 Helper Retreat - more details to come

May 11-12 - Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair-check out www.gbfa.org for more info

Taking suggestions.....I am starting to think about putting together a workshop for this coming spring. Do you have a teacher you would love to have teach a class? What class would you love to be able to take? I will do my best to put together something wonderful.



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday

January 16 @
6:30 p.m.

**Overjoyed Christmas
Party**

The Viridian Center
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Sorry, no pictures this month as they disappeared from my phone and I can't seem to retrieve them.

