



THE WOOLPACK WATCH

A NEWSLETTER OF THE WASATCH WOOLPACK HANDSPINNERS

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Presidents Messages

Happy July to you. Summer is such a busy wonderful time of year. I love barefoot weather! I have been knitting on my deck. I have worn a path to my barn checking on my very pregnant alpacas. I think we're expecting three little crias. I'm hoping to put the births on Facebook live so check out my Facebook page Bewitched by Alpacas, love to have you like my page and share in the experience!

I'm so excited for our Saori Workshop in August. August 3rd, 4th, & 5th at my house in Bluffdale. Don't miss out it's so fun and relaxing. See page 3 for more information.

See page 4 for more information about retreat.
Jenny

A huge thank you to all who brought and partici-

pated in this years test drive/speed spinning event! Such a fun time. I was able to try a Hopper wheel that I have been interested in buying and now can make my purchase!!

THE HEAT IS ON

Get ready for it to heat up for our July meeting (Overheated). We will be making neck cooling wraps for this HOT HOT HOT weather. They are great for retreat, ball-games, yardwork and other hot summer activities. Please bring your sewing machines and \$3 for each wrap. No machine? No sewing experience? No problem!! There will be plenty on hand to help you make your wrap. **In order to have enough fabric, shoot me a quick text (801)633-0456 and let me know if you're "COOLING DOWN"** Some fun fiber will be given this month. Those

who are in the "fiber of the month" don't want to miss this one. It has been so fun each month to come up with a theme. Last months (June) fiber was milk protein to celebrate National Dairy month. This month it's colorful and sparkly, think fireworks!!!

August is the year end for our guild we are excited to close the year out with a potluck dinner and party at my house. We will be Ebru, paper dyeing for our 2018/2019 theme, so come join the fun and make some beautiful paper. We will also have a demonstration on dressing a distaff and spinning flax into linen. More info to come at July's meeting. Lastly it has been so much fun serving as co-presidents with Jenny. We have had a lot of fun, loved your enthusiasm and can't wait for another fun upcoming 2019 year. Happy spinning
Jodi

Vice Presidents Message

Hey Fiber Friends,

What a great time we all had at our try a new wheel June meeting. Thanks to our sweet member Judy Gunn there were so many wheels to choose from. I hope everyone got a chance to try one that they have wanted to spin on. We also had a few new members sign up. We love you guys and can't wait to get to know you better!
Julie

Save the Date!
Great Basin Fiber Arts Fair 2019
May 10 - 11, 2019
Vendor sign up is going live soon!

Come and vote!!!

This month we are going to be voting for a new newsletter editor. Patricia Walton has volunteered to take this on! So come to guild meeting ready to vote her in!

2017-2018 Friendship Shawl/Vest



How are your Friendship projects coming along? Looking forward to seeing the finished projects.



Courtesy of Abby's Yarns at <https://abbysyarns.com/category/articles/abbys-projects/>

Guild Meeting Schedule

- July 7th - 29th...Tour de Fleece—see the group in Ravelry for more details
- July 17 guild meeting—The Heat is On
- July 26th - 29th - Retreat
- August 21st guild meeting

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Wasatch Woolpack Handspinners Saori Weaving Workshop

Be Inspired by Karen Elrod of Canyon Wren Saori

Friday August 3rd, Saturday August 4th, Sunday August 5th
Hosted at Bewitched by Alpacas (Jenny's Farm) 13837 S 4000 W, Bluffdale

The cost for members is \$25 (\$35 for non-members) for a 3 hour block of time. That time includes the materials, instruction and a warped loom to weave on. You are welcome to bring any handspun yarns that you want to add, but it isn't necessary. Text me and I will reserve your time slot 801-231-6472. Spots are filling up fast! We can take 6 people at a time. You are welcome to sign up for consecutive times if you are interested in making a larger piece of cloth. Karen is going to be talking about a different aspect of the Saori philosophy at each class.

Sign ups are limited to current Wasatch Woolpack Members until July 31st. If there are unfilled spots, we will allow non members to sign up for \$35 after August 1st.

Sign ups will be at our Guild meetings June 19th & July 17th
or by calling Jenny 801-231-6472

Payment to Wasatch Woolpack by Check or Paypal due upon sign up

If using paypal please include your name and note it is for workshop

****Each time slot is limited to 6 students****

***Friday, August 3rd 1pm-4pm**

***Friday, August 3rd 5pm-8pm**

***Saturday, August 4th 9am-noon**

***Saturday, August 4th 1pm-4pm**

***Saturday, August 4th 5pm-8pm (Full. No more spots available)**

***Sunday, August 5th 9am-noon**

***Sunday, August 5th 1pm-4pm**

Weather permitting we will weave outside under shade canopies with alpacas humming nearby. Guild members welcome to come spin and socialize Friday 4pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-8:30pm, and Sunday 10am-6pm.

A bit of housekeeping...

If you come to spin & socialize please don't interfere with those in the weaving workshop.

Please leave your dogs at home. We love animals on our farm, but our alpacas are often stressed by them..and our chickens are terrified and won't lay eggs for days afterwards.

Retreat is getting closer and closer and I am excited to say that it is coming together. I really appreciate all the offers for help that we've gotten. I want to give a very accurate count to the cooks so they can prepare meals. So far I am aware the following people have signed up for retreat...so if you are not on this list and you have paid for retreat please check with me.

Jenny Ferguson (Set up / Take Down)
 Shirley Marshall (Cook)
 Nyssa & Kevin Farnsworth (Cooks)
 Beatrix Chambers (Cook)
 Ann, Fred & Jo Knowlton (Hosts)
 Judy Jackson
 Barbara Clapp (Retreat Exchange)
 Jodie McDougall (Massage Therapist)
 Barbara Ishimatsu (Laundry such as retreat towels)
 Carolyn Greenwood (prize tent)
 Kira Pratt (Class Wrangler & Set up)
 Luli Josephson (Welcome Tent)
 Carolyn Clarke
 Sonya Campana
 Rebecca Wilford (Potty Slosher)
 Judy Gunn
 Jill & Clinton Tew (Saturday only/ prize prince)
 Connie Denton
 Christine Briscoe (welcome tent)
 Aubrey Koecher (silent auction coordinator)
 Wendy Taylor
 Don't Forget If you can't commit to the whole retreat you can sign up for \$35/per day.
 We still need volunteers to be gophers.

As your president I really, really want to keep everyone happy and engaged and feeling like this is a group that benefits and brings enjoyment to each of you. Retreat planning this year caught me a little by surprise. It seemed too daunting to leave up to one person, especially if anything unexpected comes up for that person. The Woolpack board has quite a bit to do month to month so I reviewed the by-laws. (See below) I was relieved to see that the president can appoint volunteers to plan retreat each year, so please let me know if you are able to help in planning next year's retreat. For this years retreat I appointed Cyndi and Shirley Marshall to help. Let's give retreat the excitement and energy that it deserves! I will be appointing 3 people to the retreat committee for next year. Let me know if you are an excited volunteer! As I have served this year as co-president of the Woolpack with my amazing board I know how much more fun it is when you have great people to bounce ideas off of.

Please take the time to thank Judy Jackson for years of amazing retreat. Christine Briscoe was hugely helpful in coordinating our new location with the Knowltons for this year's retreat, but she has had some difficulties in continuing.

Article VII. Standing Coordinators and/or Committee Chairs

The president may appoint volunteers to these and other ad hoc positions as necessary to serve the short or long term needs of the group and insofar as the member is willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities.

Section 2. Retreat: organize an annual multi-day retreat open to members of this guild, other fiber guilds, and non-members with a focus on fiber and friendship.



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday

July @
6:30 p.m.

Wheel Test Drive

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

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Book Review

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by Aubrey Koecher

Book: Teach Yourself Visually: Handspinning

Author: Judith Mackenzie McCuin

Pages: 208

Published: 2007

Does the guild own this book: Yes

Level: Beginner

Summary: In this book, Judith Mackenzie teaches the basics needed to know to spin yarn. She starts with a very brief history of spinning. She then moves on to cover what spinning tools are used, what some of the fibers there are out there and then the very beginning information on how to draft fiber and beginning to spin. She spends several chapters going over different ways to spin yarns, starting with your basic woolen and worsted and then eventually moving on to some novelty yarns. She also covers how to ply and finish yarn. Lastly she goes into more depth on how to spin exotic fibers, gives some basic instructions on how to dye and then spin dyed fiber and also gives some tips on how to use your handspun.

Pros: This book does a great job giving the basic information of many different aspects on handspinning. A beginning spinner could read this book and feel like they have been given a good start in learning about different aspects of handspinning. The book includes several colored pictures on each page to help illustrate techniques and Judith Mackenzie does a good job of focusing on the key information needed for a particular technique, and the wide breadth of information included is fantastic.

Cons: The cons of this books are somewhat inherent in the format. First although it gives a great overview of information, there were times when I wish that she had given more, especially in the chapters on dyeing yarn and roving and how to use your handspun. I do realize however that if she went more in depth on the subjects this book could have gotten unwieldy very quickly. The other con of this book is that sometimes even with the pictures and her explanations, it was hard to understand how to do the technique being discussed. Sometimes you just need to see a technique done in person or on a video in order to grasp what your hands are suppose to do.

Recommendation: I would highly recommend this book to beginning spinners and even some not so new spinners can still pick up great tips through out the book. Be prepared to need to find other resources if you want to learn more in depth about any of subjects covered in the book, but if you are wanting a good overview with tons of useful information on handspinning, this is a great book to read.