



Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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GUILD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2 Wed. 5:30pm **SPINNING DEMO'S**
 6:00pm 'STAFF OF LIFE & SOUP'
PROGRAM: 'SPINNING JOURNEY'S'
Location: Weaving Studio Rm. 219, 516 2nd Ave
Phone: 452-7737

APRIL 6 Wed. 5:30pm **ANNUAL MEETING**
Location: Senior Center 1424 Moore Street

MAY 4 Wed. 5:30pm **PORTABLE PROJECTS**
Location: Weaving Studio Rm. 219, 516 2nd Ave.
Phone: 452-7737

BOARD MEETINGS

March 21 Mon. 5:30pm **Jodi Gouwens**
Location: 3796 Swenson Avenue.
April 25 Mon. 5:30pm **Jodi Gouwens**
Location: 3796 Swenson Avenue.

SPINNING BEE

March 12 '11 to 4pm – ART EXPO – ACC for the Arts
 All spinners are welcome Pioneer Par

LOOKING FOR SPINNING WHEEL Celia Quinn of Homer. Is looking around for a fast wheel for sale, for a friend who spins a lot of moderate sized yarns. Would you let me know if anything is available or becomes available? Many thanks, Celia 907-235-6069

GUILD PROGRAMS

MARCH 2 Wed. 5:30pm 'SPINNING JOURNEY'S'
 6:00pm 'STAFF OF LIFE & SOUP'

Calling all SPINNERS Come and relate how you began your journey into the wild, woolly world of fibers. Spin your yarn tale and bring a handspun item for show and tell.

5:30pm Demonstrations on how to use a spindle or a spinning wheel. Instructions on carding wool, spindle & wheel spinning An opportunity for new members to try their hand at spinning and learn about the equipment and the process of how yarn is made.

6:00pm Soup and bread, Bring a bread or soup to share if you want. Bowls & Spoons will be provided along with Penny's mixed savory bean soup.

6:30pm Spinning tales & stories about spinning journeys with show and tell of handspun items.

APRIL 6 Wed. 5:30pm **ANNUAL MEETING POTLUCK with WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE**

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTON OF OFFICERS will be held at the 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th at the SENIOR CENTER, 1424 Moore Street

Bring a dish to share, a show and tell or project you are working on & a WHITE ELEPHANT for exchange.

Directions: Take Airport Way. Turn south on Wilbur, turn right on McCullum (only street on the right) Turn Left on Moore and right into the Senior Center. Parking in back Enter the back door.

Come at 5 to help set up, Potluck at 5:30pm and White elephant exchange to follow. It's lots of fun.

MAY 6 WED. PORTABLE PROJECTS
 Share your ideas on portable projects.

ART EXPO MARCH 12

11 - 6pm, SATURDAY PIONEER PARK

HELP NEEDED Come to the CIVIC CENTER at Pioneer Park, spin a yarn, weave a mug rug, and help sell our handmade cards, soap and hand woven bags. We need Volunteers to man the booth and demonstrate weaving and spinning We invite all spinners to come and demonstrate for the public. To volunteer please call the Studio and leave your name and time you would be available. The Guild participates in ART EXPO, demonstrating and promoting our guild programs. We can sell small items (\$25 or less). If everyone wants to donate something small that would be great. Any handwoven towels from the towel challenge?



ART EXPO SPINNERS

WORKSHOP & ACTIVITY UPDATE

March 5 1 – 4pm Nålebinding
March 26 9am-4pm Cochineal Dyeing
Workshops Coming soon

Rug braiding

Easter Egg Decoration Pyansky

<http://www.learnpysanky.com/designs.html>

Start collecting your designs

MARCH 5 1 to 4pm NÅLEBINDING

The basic technique involves the use of a single flat needle to make loops. The thread & needle is pulled through the loop, but the knot is not snugged up. This technique predates knitting & crochet. A firm or loose fabric for mittens, socks or scarves. Nålebinding works well with short pieces of yarn. Oldest known samples include the color-patterned sandal socks of the Coptic Christians of Egypt (4th century CE), & hats and shawls from cultures in Peru, dated between 300 BCE and 300 CE and popular in Scandinavian countries.

INSTRUCTOR: Kate Hedstrom, 590-1420

LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO, 516 2nd Ave.

HOURS: 1 to 4pm Call Kate to register.

FEE: \$25.00 includes material & handout.

MARCH 26 9am to 4pm Cochineal Dyeing Class with Moxie Pender of Skyflight Alpacas

TIME: 9am to 4pm

Location: "A Weaver's Yarn",
1810 Alaska Way, 374-1995

Cochineal is an amazing dye made with tiny insects that live on prickly pear cactus. Cochineal is available in many forms - liquid extract, powdered, or whole bugs.

We will be dyeing with the whole bugs!

We will dye small samples of pre-mordanted yarn (mordanted with alum & cream of tartar) in varying percentages of cochineal (0.5% to 16%), with half of the samples going through a 4% Ferrous Sulphate afterbath. We will explore the effects on color by doing an acid shift (towards the reds), and an alkali shift to bring out the purples. We will also see what happens with no cream of tartar in the mordant. We will dye a variety of wools and other natural fiber yarns for a luscious display of color & texture.

FEE: \$80 includes hands-on dyeing of 42 beautiful samples ranging over pinks, orange, fuschia, berry, violet, scarlet & burgundy, instructions for mordanting & dyeing with cochineal, notebook with dye records, and a dyed 50 gm skein of your choice. Additional dyed or undyed skeins and dyeing materials available for purchase.

INSTRUCTOR: Moxie Pender of Skyflight Alpacas,
1668 Skyflight Ave, Fairbanks AK 99709,
(907) 479-8443, moxie@mosquitonet.com

Moxie took a 3 day workshop on natural dyes at Convergence in Albuquerque NM taught by Liesel Orend. Liesel owns and operates Earth Arts Weaving and Natural Dyeing: <http://www.earth-arts.com/>

Moxie has a small herd of 9 alpacas, and spins, weaves, knits, and dyes yarn & fleece with both natural and acid dyes.

NEXT NEWSLETTER IN Mid March 2011

Any news or items for newsletter

Send to info@fairbanksweavers.org

WARPING BY YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS

See the website for 'WARPING A to Z'

www.fairbanksweavers.org

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THE ART SCENE

FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION

BEAR GALLERY Exhibits

March 4 – 26 UP WITH ART – SCHOOL DISTRICT ART

April 1 – 30 Interior Artisans XXVI

Deadline for Juried exhibit Sunday, 5pm, March 27

For prospectus for these exhibitions:

www.fairbanksarts.org

Looms for Sale

36" Harrisville Model T 4 Shaft floor
Warping board, 2 shuttles, 2 reeds, spool
winder & 14 spools & other weaving
accessories

Kanza Keill, 457-2423
\$950

4 shaft Table loom with stand
Some Books, shuttles, warping board
\$400 Call the Studio

Rigid Heddle Loom
On a Stand

20" wide, 10 epi
Brand New \$400

Call the Studio, 452-7737

36" LeClere 4 shaft Loom
Bench, warping board,
bobbins, reeds
\$1200

907-345-0828 nancyp@AK.net

4 Shaft Table Loom
With shuttles, bobbins & reeds
\$450

Vicki Robbe, 457-6007

SUPPORT YOUR GUILD BY VOLUNTEERING FOR A
BOARD POSITION Call Jodi 474-9144

SPRING BREAK YOUTH PROGRAM
MARCH 14 TO 18

Two sessions for ages 6 – 15 featuring Watercolor classes, Machine Sewing, Fantasy Costumes, Weaving, and Berry Room Birds

Check: www.fairbanksweavers.org for March form.