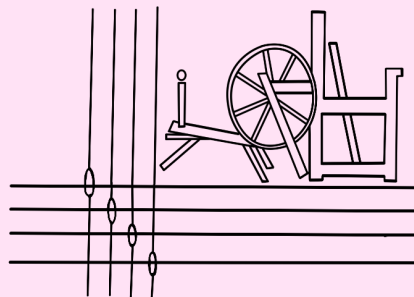


# Fairbanks Weavers' and Spinners' Guild July 2023 Mini-Newsletter



Welcome to this short-and-sweet, Tanana Valley State Fair-Themed mini-newsletter! The Fair is putting our Wednesday Open Studios on pause, but if you're missing the Fairgrounds... boy do we have some volunteer opportunities for you!

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## *Upcoming Events*

Davis Hall is CLOSED!

**The next Wednesday Open Studio  
will be August 16th**

**Beginning Spinning Classes at Calypso**



Send us a close-up

## **Farm**

Session 2: July 24th & 27th

Session 3: August 13th & 20th

[Register here](#)

## **Tempestry Workshops at OneTree**

### **Alaska**

August 9th

Contact Bonni Brooks

[bonontherun@gmail.com](mailto:bonontherun@gmail.com)

### [Fiber Fest](#)

[Dye Day](#)

picture of your project and we'll feature it in the header of a future newsletter. This month's header features the 2022 Sheep to Shawl project; sheared, dyed, spun, and woven by many volunteers!

[Send us a Photo!](#)

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# **One More Day to Enter the Fair!**

Just so you know, you can also submit non-competitive entries. Show off something you're proud of! They make the booth look better!

**Exhibit Entry  
Deadline:**  
Friday July 21,  
7:00pm  
[tanana.fairwire.com/](http://tanana.fairwire.com/)

**Exhibit Drop-  
Off Dates:**  
Saturday &  
Sunday, July 22nd  
& 23rd  
1 PM - 6 PM  
George Gasser Hall  
(formerly Badger  
Hall)

**Exhibit Pick-  
Up Dates:**  
Monday, August  
8th, 2 - 6 PM  
George Gasser Hall  
Friday, August 12th,  
2 PM - 6 PM  
Upper Totem

# Volunteering at the Fair

## <https://fwsg.ivolunteer.com/>

Volunteers are needed starting July 22nd for managing exhibit entry, judging and booth set-up. Booth-sitting shifts run Friday, July 28th - Sunday, August 6th in ~3-hour blocks from 12pm-10pm.

Please sign up if you are able to! The booth is in George Gasser Hall (the big teal building formerly known as Badger Hall.) Your job is to chat with folks, sell raffle tickets, and answer questions about the weaving and spinning scene in Fairbanks. Bring a project to pass the time, and maybe a cushion, if three hours on a metal folding chair sounds like a rough time.

**Note: Volunteers under the age of 18 will need to share the time slot with an adult, as they are legally not allowed to sell raffle tickets.**

Volunteers get one fair pass for each day they booth-sit. Sign up by July 22, or else Kate and Rob will not be able to get your tickets in a timely manner. Pick up tickets at judging day - if not, you'll get an email from organizers about alternate options.

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## Sheep to Shawl 2023



Come make a shawl (2 shawls actually!) in 6 days, starting from the sheep! Volunteers needed to dye, spin, and weave. There will be a table loom and a rigid heddle loom warped for weaving, so two weavers per slot are needed. As many spinners as possible are welcome!

You do not need any experience or equipment to help with dyeing or weaving, but you will need to bring your own wheel, spindle, or e-spinner to spin. All work takes place in the Lergen Barn.

Tickets for entry will be provided and available at the Red Gate the days you volunteer.

Call or text Becky to sign up: (907)-699-7121 or email [becky@whitefireweedfarm.com](mailto:becky@whitefireweedfarm.com)

The sheep gets sheared on Monday July 31st from 6:00-6:30pm by Tom Zimmer of Calypso Farm.

## Volunteer for any of the slots below:

### Tuesday Aug 1st - Dyeing the Wool

3:00-7:00pm (until done, could be earlier)

Wednesday Aug 2st - Spinning 3:00-5:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm

### Thursday Aug 3rd - Spinning AND Weaving

3:00-5:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm

### Friday Aug 4th - Spinning AND Weaving

3:00-5:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm

### Friday Aug 5th - Spinning AND Weaving

3:00-5:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm



If you have questions about the entering or volunteering at the fair, contact Kate Hedstrom ([yngvild210@gmail.com](mailto:yngvild210@gmail.com)), Rob Cermak ([rob.cermak@gmail.com](mailto:rob.cermak@gmail.com)), or Moxie Pender ([moxie@mosquitonet.com](mailto:moxie@mosquitonet.com)), our department Superintendents.

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The membership year goes from April 1st to March 30th of the following year. To become a member or renew your membership, please [download our membership form](#), print it out, and mail it to us.

Membership forms are also available at Guild events.

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