

Spring Workshop Schedule 2022

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Weave and Felt a Cell Phone Bag with Strap

Monday, June 20, 10-3 and

Tuesday, June 21, 10-3

Amanda Liverseidg

\$145

In this fun beginner class you will use colorful yarns to weave your very own unique fabric for this handy little 6"x9" cellphone bag. Students will be using a 15" Cricket rigid heddle loom on a stand. You will start at a loom that has been set up (warped) with hand-dyed wool yarn, ready for you to begin weaving.

Day one: You will complete the weaving of your cloth. We will demonstrate the wet finishing which you will continue the process at home in the dyer. We will also demonstrate the options for creating the strap. (Braiding, fringe twisting or spool knitting).

Day two: You will learn the basics of needle felting to create a motif on your bag. After finishing your strap the bag is ready to assemble. We will use the blanket stitch to pull it all together.

Each day we will take a short break for lunch.



Wear Nature's Colors

June 25, 1:00 - 3:30

Jude Hsiang

\$85

Learn about ancient and modern traditions of natural dyeing; the science and the art. Sustainability and economy are stressed. Using locally grown plants each participant will dye a silk scarf while perusing Jude's dozens of dyed yarn samples, dye record books, samples of dye stuffs and related chemicals, and more. She'll share hints and resources from her four decades of exploring natural dyeing--come prepared to take notes.



Some folks may want to wear an old shirt or apron. (Spills are extremely rare in these workshops and the dyes will not affect most other materials.) Students should bring a note pad and pencil and be prepared to take notes.

Younger children are welcome IF EACH is accompanied by a fully paid and participating adult.

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Selecting Fleeces and Getting Them Ready to Card and Comb

June 25, 10am -12noon

Betsy Alspach

\$48

Choosing fleeces will be discussed including testing for strength and quality. Characteristics of fleece based on area on sheep and skirting undesirable areas and fleeces to choose for a variety of projects will be discussed. How much vegetation is too much? What is scurf? When to walk away?

There will be a small demonstration of washing both to retain lanolin and to remove dirt and lanolin and the reasons to choose either. Participants are welcome to bring fleeces and questions.

No prior experience is needed.

No limit on number of participants.

Weaving Retreat

Weaving on a 4-harness Floor Loom

Monday thru Thursday,

June 27 - 30, 9am - 5 pm

with Alice Seeger

\$650 includes all materials and book

No weaving experience necessary!

Spend a week learning to weave in Beautiful, Belfast Maine.

Each day will include a combination of structured group class, individual instruction, and studio time,



You will learn the language of weaving, and how to read a pattern. We will explore various weave structures, and practice making draw-downs of them. Alice will work one-on-one with each student to design and plan your own project. You could choose to weave a wool scarf, a cotton table runner or some colorful dishtowels. There will be lots of supported Studio Time to get your loom warped then weave off your beautiful, custom designed weaving.

Some lessons may take place outdoors (weather permitting) and we will take breaks for yoga stretching. Yummy snacks will be available to keep up your strength.



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Fiber Preparation for Spinning and Felting

July 16, 2022 10am -12:30pm

Betsy Alspach

\$65

We will be carding with hand cards, drum carder, and combing with hand combs and peasant combs. We will also be using a blending board and a hackle.

We will talk about why to choose which tool for which fleece and the desired outcome. I will have plenty of fiber for everyone but people can bring their own clean fleece if they want to process it. No one needs to bring anything unless they want to bring their own clean fleece and tools. No prior experience is needed.

Beginning Spinning Workshop

July 23, 2022 9am to Noon

Alice Seeger

\$65 includes Materials

There's nothing quite as soothing or meditative as treading the spinning wheel while the beautiful, soft fibers run through your fingers, magically transforming lofty fluff into gorgeous yarn.

Enjoy the rhythm of the wheel and learn to draft fibers to create your own yarn. Spinning wheels are available for your use, or you may bring your own. Wheels are also available for rental if you wish to take one home to continue spinning on your own.



Handspun Plying & Finishing Workshop

with Alice Seeger

March 28, 10am to Noon

\$48

Once you have spun up a few bobbins of yarn on the wheel, it's time to ply them to create a thicker, well balanced yarn.

This workshop will teach you to determine how much twist you'll need for your singles, and how to achieve consistency throughout the skein. You will learn Navajo 3 ply, creating a 3 ply yarn from one bobbin, which is a great method for plying painted and variegated rolls to keep the colors separate instead of creating a striped look to your yarn.

We will also cover how to wind skeins ready for washing or dyeing, and how to set the twist. Bring 3 bobbins of spun yarn, and your own wheel, or use one of ours.