

March 2012 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting ~ Wed, Mar 14, 2012 @ 7pm



We meet at Old Mission United Methodist Church, 5519 State Park Rd, Fairway, KS 66205. The north door of the church is closest to the meeting room.

Donations for the church food pantry are a welcome way to give back for the use of the meeting room.

Inclement Weather Policy

When schools and public events are closed, due to weather, guild meetings will not be held that month.

March Program

Our presenter is Valeria Bashaw. She will demonstrate Shibori/ resist dye and many different ways to do it. She will show dying and discharging or the removal of color from fabric.

KAWS is seeking a few donations to make nametags and things. The wanted list includes: Brown Buttons, bits of yarn in the yellow-orange-brown color range and locks of mohair or wool in orange or brown shades. Please give your donations to Lolly Buxton or Leslie McLaughlin.

Fiber Guild KAWS needle cases: Thanks to all who have made these. We are very close to the 400 mark. If you checked some out at the Feb. Guild meeting, please try to get them back to the March meeting, so we can package them.

Mentoring Program

Need a Mentor?

Bobbin Lace, Crochet (including beginning, intermediate, interpreting old patterns, lace), Dying Yarn, Historic Clothing, Knitting (including beginning, socks, beginning lace knitting, knitting in the round, multiple needles and circulars, knitting socks two at a time toe up and top down), Sewing (including beginning, sewing hand wovens, intermediate, fitting, pattern alterations, matching fabric and pattern, interpreting old patterns), Spinning on Drop Spindle, Tatting (including beginning, with beads, advanced techniques, old patterns), Weaving. Please contact Stephanie Smith psunflwr@hotmail.com if you need a mentor, or are willing to help someone in the guild. Free meeting space available at Fabric Recycles if needed. Contact Page Burns, 913-385-0614 to schedule time.

Call for teachers Midwest 2013

We are now open to take class proposals. There are half day mini sessions, full day maxi sessions, and pre conference workshop spaces available. Along with the class proposal, a short biography and photos of your work is helpful. The submission deadline is March 1st, 2012.

Please submit your proposal to prairiewinds2013@gmail.com or mail to Sherri Pickett, 103 Main St, Wellsville KS [66092](tel:66092)

April Guild Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter is a great way to find out more about upcoming workshops and artist opportunities, to sell things you no longer need, to do a little bragging...and more. Get your voice heard! Please submit information for the April 2012 newsletter to me (your newsletter editor), Page Burns, by March 20 (customerservice@fabricrecycles.com or fabric-recycles@att.net). If your email changes... please let me know!! Be sure to give the old address as well as the new one.

Your Editor, Page Burns



Creative Hand News

More information can be seen on our website:

www.creativehandkc.org

New Member Update

Welcome to Cindy Hornberger, Debby Brady, Jeanette Campbell, Sheila Everman, Christi, Bryce, Bailey, Brenna and Bonnie Kuder, Marilou McAnany, Juli Sackman and Wanda Seward.

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Upcoming Fiber Events

Meet n Greet March 5, 2012

Let's get together at 11 am and maybe create a Crochet Guild! Hosted by Karen Follet at Fabric Recycles, 9268 Metcalf, Overland Park 66212. Please call 913-385-0614 to reserve your seat! FREE!

Beginning Temari Japanese Thread Ball March 12, 2012

Class is from 12pm-4pm and the fee is \$40 (includes kit and choice of 5 DMC flosses). Temari are embroidered with floss and metallic threads to create complex designs. They can be used to decorate your home or make lovely gifts. Please bring your scissors and a box of colored head pins. Taught by Lolly Buxton at Fabric Recycles, 9268 Metcalf, Overland Park 66212. Please call 913-385-0614 to reserve your seat!

The Olathe Quilter's Guild Quilt Show March 17 & 18, 2012

The quilt show will be held on the 17th from 10am - 6pm and on the 18th from 12pm - 5pm at the Great Mall in Olathe, KS. The exact location in the mall has not yet been determined. The quilt committee for the guild will have a key and the location will be locked when the show is not open. The Olathe Quilter's Guild would like to invite you to come vend at the show. Two years ago the guild charged \$50 per space. And with the increase in prices, the guild will still be keeping vending space at \$50.

If you are interested please reserve a spot by sending a check made out to the Olathe Quilter's Guild to: Arlene Banks, Olathe Quilter's Guild, 15522 W. 80th St, Lenexa, KS 66219

Color Horoscope Weaving March 23-25, 2012

Weaver Bonnie Tarses will be in Wichita conducting a 3-day workshop Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Bonnie will assist each workshop participant in developing their personalized Color Horoscope. You will purchase your warp and warp your loom prior to the workshop. If you need a loom, contact Diana or Janet to make arrangements. During the workshop you will weave your shawl and receive additional instruction from Bonnie. Cost of the 3-day workshop is \$300 and includes the supply fee and lunch each day. If you are interested in participating in this workshop, send a \$150 deposit by February 1 to Janet Hamous, Treasurer, 2615 Wilderness Court, Wichita KS 67226. Any questions, contact Diana at 316- 264-1081 or Janet at 316- 260-6396. Also, the pattern can be purchased for only \$50 on the blogspot link below if economics are tight.
<http://weavingspirit.blogspot.com/2008/02/inspired-by-bonnie.html>

The Midwest Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association Show - March 24-25, 2012

We will need spinners and any other fiber artists to volunteer for demonstrations at the event. Show times are Saturday, March 24th, 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, March 25th, 9:00am-2:00pm at the American Royal Building's Hale Arena. This has been a wonderful opportunity to promote the guild and pass along the creativity of fiber arts to others. There will be donated alpaca fiber and yarn to work with during the event. There will be time to visit the vendors on your lunch break! Please call 913-626-5898 (cell phone) to let Laura Mayes know if you can volunteer for this event on either Saturday or Sunday.

Tunisian Crochet March 26, 2012

This intermediate class is only \$25 per student and is being offered by Karen Follet from 1pm to 3pm at Fabric Recycles, 9268 Metcalf, Overland Park 66212. Please call 913-385-0614 to reserve your seat!

The Weaver's Guild

Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 10am
Rose Room at Loose Park
5200 Wornall Road
Kansas City, MO 64112

If you're in the Fiber Guild, you're welcome to attend Weaver's Guild meetings!!

Be sure to check out their website:
www.kcweaversguild.org

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MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show March 24-25, 2012

American Royal/Hale Arena - Kansas City, MO

Calling all fiber artists!! Let's show off our North American Natural Alpaca Fiber. The spotlight at the 2012 MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show will be focused on fiber and we need you to help showcase our fiber in the Fiber Arts and Skein Competition. Last year, the Fiber Arts display shared the spotlight in the show rings with the animals themselves, highlighting the incredible beauty of our products. It was such a success that we are duplicating the venue again... looking to double our entries this year. We can't do this without entries, so an invitation has been extended to anyone who wants to be part of this show. Spin, knit, weave, crochet, felt and ENTER!! See how many ribbons OUR Guild can bring home!! Demonstrators are also needed for the fiber ring – can you spare a few hours in Kansas City, MO to demonstrate your craft? You are welcome to hand out business cards and network with customers, public and alpaca breeders. Vendor spaces are also available. Registration ends March 9th, 2012. For a list of rules and categories, go to the MOPACA website: www.mopaca.org/showinfo.shtml Entries can be submitted online or by downloading the entry forms from the MOPACA website. Contact Sara Morris for more info at 316-258-4036 or mias-fiberarts@mopaca.org. Volunteers will be coordinated by Laura Mayes.

Knitting In the Heartland April 14 & 15, 2012

The Sunflower Knitters Guild Conference featured instructor is Franklin Habit. Any questions can be directed to fibertrian@gmail.com (Teri Plemel)

Master Spinner/Alpaca Sorting & Grading - April 23-27, 2012

Spring is just around the corner and along with that comes shearing time and a unique opportunity from Fairview Farms and The Shepherd's Mill. Robert and Deann Baldwin and Jay and Sally Brandon are joining forces to bring a combined event to Western Kansas. Join us in Hays, KS in April for an Alpaca Sorting and Grading Workshop, Shearing day, and an Olds College Master Spinner Level One Class. Take part in all the events or just come for a part. You'll be met with Western Kansas hospitality and an educational opportunity not offered together elsewhere. Registration for the Master Spinner class which will run April 23-27 is being handled through Olds College campus. Phone: 1-800-661-6537, extension 4677 or 7956.

(<http://www.oldscollege.ca/programs/ContinuingEducation/fibreweek/off-offerings.htm>)

Questions can be answered by Robert or DeAnn Baldwin, 785-628-6352, deann@fairviewfarmsalpacas.com. Coleen Nimetz will be teaching and the registration is \$495 Canadian + a \$65 materials fee. Wheels are available to lease through the Shepherd's Mill but all students participating in this class should have taken beginning spinning or be comfortable with a spinning wheel.

Prior to the Master Spinner class, Sara Jane McClennan will join us on Friday, April 20 to begin a class on Alpaca Fiber Sorting and Grading. Instruction on Friday will focus on preparing students for hands on skirting and sorting as they will be participating in Shearing Day at Fairview Farms on Saturday, April 21. Students will return to the classroom on Sunday morning, April 22 as they consider opportunities for processing the fiber. This hands-on opportunity will help students evaluate fleeces as they are coming off the animals and help students understand how the best processing value can be achieved.

Registration and questions regarding the Alpaca Fiber Sorting and Grading seminar will be handled through The Shepherd's Mill, 785-543-3128, sally@kansasfiber.com. Registration fee for this portion of the event is \$150 with half due at registration. Students will be invited to tour The Shepherd's Mill on Sunday afternoon, April 22 (transportation will be available). The Master Spinner Class finishes in time for students to enjoy Downtown Hays' Gallery Walk. More information will continue to be available on The Shepherd's Mill Facebook page, www.fairviewfarmsalpacas.com and www.kansasfiber.com Joyce, The Shepherd's Mill, 839 Third Street, Phillipsburg, KS 67661, 785-543-3128

All Missouri Spin-In April 24, 2012

This will be at the Oak Grove Civic Center from 9 to 5. There will be vendors and a keynote speaker, but mostly it's an informal spinning gathering. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Fiber Events

KAWS 2012

The dates for KAWS 2012 will be April 27-29, 2012, and will be held in Emporia, KS. Many fun events are planned, as well as a tour of the University campus, where we will host Midwest Weavers 2013. <http://kansasweavers.com>

Lake Area Fiber Arts Festival April 28, 2012

We will be sponsoring our 7th annual Lake Area Fiber Arts Festival at Harper Chapel United Methodist Church Community Hall, 5567 Highway 54, Osage Beach MO 65065. Our new website, www.lakefiberarts.com has all the information. We are inviting you to reserve a booth now for the 2012 festival. Make your reservation soon. Lila Rudolph, Festival Chairperson, lakefiberarts@gmail.com

Public Art - May 1, 2012

Last year the Renegade Knitters (an unofficial offshoot of the Fiber guild) covered a sculpture on Roe Blvd. with knitted legwarmers. The City Council of Roeland Park liked it so much that they have asked us to create another knitted piece of artwork this year. The plan for this year is a very large, long scarf to go down the median of Roe Blvd. At one end will be a pair of 10ft long knitting needles with the stitches still on them. Here is how you can participate – take the largest knitting needles you own (preferably size 13 or larger) and any thick yarn-like item you can come up with (cloth strips, multiple strands of yarn, rope, etc.) and cast on 15 stitches. (If you know how to cast onto a waste yarn, that would be preferred.) Color does not matter, but this piece will be displayed outdoors for 6 months or more, so pick a fiber that will withstand the weather. Then knit in garter or stockinette until you run out of “yarn” or time. Bring the piece, still on the needles (or a stitch holder) to the Tuesday night work group on or before May 1st, or to Fiber Fest on May 5th. We will take all of the pieces, sort them by width, and graft them end to end with the stitches on the giant needles to create the scarf. We’ll be installing the entire piece shortly after the Fiber Fest.

Fiberfest May 5, 2012

Join us as we celebrate the fiber arts at the mission. Fiber artists and area fiber guild members will demonstrate their crafts and handmade items will be available for purchase. A "Make and Take" workshop will be offered for an additional fee. Shawnee Indian Mission is located at 3403 W 53rd in Fairway (Kansas City area). For more information call 913-262-0867. <http://www.kshs.org/event/shawnee-indian-mission-fiber-fest-1/17216>

Salida Fiber Festival September 8-9, 2012

In beautiful Salida, CO Riverside Park. Please visit www.salidafiberfestival.org for details.

2012 National Goat Expo - October 7-11, 2012

This is the first ever National Goat Expo for all breeds of Dairy, Meat, and Fiber Goats showing and being under one roof, well two barns in a 5 day event. There will be everything from Boers, kikos, all dairy breeds, to angora, cashmere, pygora, nigerians, and mini breeds. Not only will there be showing for the different breeds of goats, but there will be meetings, seminars, classes, clinics, demos, and 4H and FFA activities and shows for the kids. There will also be a 4H and FFA auction, a Premier Breeders Auction, and silent auctions being bid on throughout the week. We are also having spinning, knitting, and weaving how toos that we are looking for sponsors for. We are having 1-2 advanced 3 hr spinning classes and we have a lot of interest in these, but we are now looking for someone to do them, as health issues arose with the lady that was going to do the classes for us. I have been working on this for a few years now and have formed a wonderful BOD as well as committee members working with me on this wonderfully huge event. More information about goats needs to reach more people across the US so that they can see the importance and uses of goats and that they are important. I am contacting you today to see if you would be interested in being involved with the National Goat Expo. There are many options of sponsors, donations, and ways to be involved with and at the NGE. I would love to have Fiber Guild of Greater Kansas City involved with the National Goat Expo. We have quite a few different options for sponsorships, vendors, donations, class sponsors, seminar sponsors, etc. If you would be interested in helping out with the NGE please let me know and I would enjoy talking with you more about the NGE.

For more information about the National Goat Expo you can visit our website at www.nationalgoatexpo.org, you can also reach me at president@nationalgoatexpo.org

Jen Parrish, Oquawka, IL, National Goat Expo- President, PNP Nutrition (livestock)(specializing in Cattle & Goats)
<http://pnpnutritionandbreedingservices.weebly.com>, <http://parrishfarms.weebly.com>
<http://www.nationalgoatexpo.org> (official Site)

KAWS 2012 Midwest Weavers Conference Prep

**April 27-29, 2012
Emporia West Presbyterian Campus
1702 W 15th Avenue
Emporia, Kansas**

As many of you already know, KAWS will be hosting the Midwest Weavers Conference in 2013. Plans have been made, committees have been formed, and many volunteers have stepped forward to help. But much work is still ahead. Because of the work to come, your KAWS board has decided to use our annual conference this year to prepare for the MWC.

Making 'Prairie Winds' a great success and showing pride in our state requires the help of all KAWS members. Therefore your attendance in Emporia on April 28-29, 2012 is very important.

Activities for the fun weekend will include:

- Felting Sunflower broaches for KAWS members to wear at MWC
- Making nametag decorations
- Touring ESU Facilities
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker from Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Spin In, Knit In, Demonstrations, Fiber Fun!
- Assisting guilds with goodie bag items

Our Midwest Weavers Association Board Representative, Betty Huttner, will be coming from Iowa to view our progress, offer suggestions, help in anyway, and answer any questions we may have. This will be a great opportunity for KAWS to show the MWA board what an awesome group of volunteers we have and how enthusiastic we are about hosting the Midwest Weavers Conference.

Schedule:

Fun Night- Friday April 27-

6:00 pm – close

Spin In, Knit In, Demonstrations, Snacks and Yarn Cocktails

Conference- Saturday & Sunday April 28 & 29-

9:00 am – close

Work on MWC Projects

Tour ESU facilities

Reports from MWC Committees

Report from MWC Board Rep- Betty Huttner

Guest Speaker from Convention & Visitors Bureau

KAWS General Meeting

Show & Share

Lunch at ESU (Dutch)

Items to bring (If you have):

Brown Buttons:

1/2"-3/4" , 1"- 1 1/2", Felting Needle, Sharp Scissors (smaller size), Handspun thrums in shades of orange/brown, Locks of Mohair or Wool in shades of orange/brown, towel

To keep cost at a minimum, the KAWS board decided to have individual guilds assist with providing meals.

Friday Evening Snacks & Drinks- Flint Hills

Saturday Breakfast- Flint Hills

Saturday Lunch- Dutch @ ESU

Saturday Dinner & Sunday Lunch-

Deli Tray- KAWS

Chips/Crackers- Manhattan

Salads- Kansas City

Desserts- Wichita

Veggies - Fleece & Fibers

Fruit- Smoky Valley

Sunday Breakfast- Kaw Valley & Topeka

Sunday Lunch- KAWS

Registration:

\$25 fee payable at registration in April to Kansas Alliance Weavers & Spinners

Please RSVP to your guild representative by April 14, 2012.

Questions: Barb Say - bmsay@osprey.net 620-343-6283

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Links to share

Hi all....The following link is the first of a few that will be coming your way over the next few months. I have multiple items left over from the Cottage Fiber shop's days. Before the list goes on line, it was suggested I give the locals a chance to look at the stuff first. I'm hopeful someone will find some things they are interested in! Thanks PJ <http://cottagefiber.com/newhomes/home.php?p=8j432XR91InH>

Guild Classifieds

Email the details & a picture of the items you are wanting to sell to customerservice@fabricrecycles.com.

This listing will be deleted every newsletter to ensure items are available month to month.

2008 Louet Megado Electronic Dobby Loom and all the accessories, yarn and books you could ever hope to want. It is essentially new, having done only 4 projects. We have an ad on Craig's List Kansas City. We would offer an additional 10 percent discount to any member of the KC Weavers guild off the stated prices in the listing on both the loom, the accessories and books. Its for you folks only and we are not offering this to anyone else. For information contact: Stuart McCaskill or Patty McCaskill, 6824 N. Bellefontaine Ave, Gladstone, MO 64119, 816-452-0948 (Home), 816-678-7189 (Patty's Cell), 816-792-7187 (Stuart Work)