

April 2012 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting ~ Wed, April 11, 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.

April Program

Fiber Guild KAWS Needle case Project:

A big thank you to all who returned the beautiful hand made needle cases at the March meeting. We still have 110 cases out to members and MUST have them returned by the April Guild meeting. All 400 will be delivered to KAWS on April 27th.

Sandy Cahill - Considerations for Commission Work



Creative Hand News

More information can be seen on our website:

www.creativehandkc.org

New Member Update

Welcome to Dianne Caprio, Marianne O'Brien and Jennifer Woodward.

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.

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 April 18th (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

Upcoming Fiber Events

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.

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> Please let Lolly Buxton or Leslie McLaughlin know if you plan to attend, so we can put you on the list.

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

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

Upcoming Fiber Events

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 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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). Free admission.

For more information call 913-262-0867. <http://www.kshs.org/event/shawnee-indian-mission-fiber-fest-1/17216>

Fiber “U” July 14-15, 2012

Do you love to knit? Crochet? Felt? Weave? Dye? Spin? Or have always wanted to learn how? Do you have a stash of yarn and are looking for ideas? Are you a fiber artist and enjoy learning new things with fibers? WELCOME to **Fiber “U”** where those dreams and desires can become a reality. 38 Amazing Classes (pre-registration required) & 30 Incredible Vendors & More! Lebanon, MO at the Cowan Civic Center on historic Route 66. Free Admission & Open to the Public Saturday: 9-5, Sunday 9-3 All in air conditioned comfort, all under ONE roof where we enable you to explore your creative side! For complete information visit : www.mopaca.org or call 417-533-5280 or e-mail to liz@whirlwindranch.com

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 brooches 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.

- The Shepherd's Mill is looking for teachers in a variety of fiber arts. We are interested in teachers for the months of September, October, and November on Saturdays. If you are interested in teaching on a Saturday during that time period please send us a proposal, including an outline of what will be taught, fees, and mileage. We have many materials for use in the classes. Thanks, Joyce. The Shepherd's Mill, 839 Third Street, Phillipsburg, KS 67661, 785-543-3128, joyce@kansasfiber.com
- Seeking donations for Gina and Lolly's CLEAR class at JCCC. We hope to collect 24 card board thread cones by the end of summer. Please bring to Guild meetings.
- For sale - gently used AVL cone rack (holds 48 cones) purchased new for \$270. Will sell for \$75. Contact Nancy Schneider 913-620-8631 if you are interested. Will send picture on request or you can see it at my studio.