



Workshops & Demonstrations

General Info:

Please be sure to register for all workshops prior to their start times. The Registration Booth is located at the front of the Exhibit Hall. Children's workshops are open to all participants during the length of the workshop. All adult workshops begin promptly when scheduled. Adult workshops are for ages 15 or older. Children's workshops require each child under 8 to have an adult helper at all times.

*Class fee is listed first followed by the material fee if appropriate.

Saturday Workshops

10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Drop-in Spinning, Knitting and Crochet (The Pavilion)**
Free!

10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Lace Making Demonstration (Fiber Tent)**
Free!
Presenter: The New England Lace Group

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Plying Workshop (4-H Building Inside)**
\$10
Presenter: Ashley Flatt
Enhance the strength and texture of your handspun yarns with a wealth of plying techniques and explore the basics of yarn design in this workshop. Covering the basics of twist and crimp, how a variety of different plying techniques can affect your finished yarns and the fabrics made from them, we'll demonstrate and practice a few simple and advanced techniques, from the basic 2-ply to Navajo/Chain plying and Crepe yarns. Bring some spun singles to practice with on either your spindle or wheel!

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Rug Hooking Demonstration (Fiber Tent)**
Free!
Presenter: Wool & Dyeworks

10:00 am – 11:00 am **2 Color Knitting/Fair Isle Basics (4-H Building Inside)**
\$5/\$10
Presenter: Annie Foley
Learn the secrets to stranded or 2-color knitting, how to hold your yarn in 1 or 2 hands and the importance of color dominance.

11:00 am ***Kids Workshop: Kids Learn to Spin (4-H Building Outside)***
\$5/child
Presenter: Mershele Springstube
With a simple spindle kids will learn how to make their own yarn.

12:00 Noon ***Kids Workshop: Kids Learn to Knit (4-H Building Outside)***
\$5/child
Presenter: Annie Foley
Children will learn the basic knit stitch and a lovely rhyme to keep them going after the workshop.

12 Noon - 1:00 pm ***Needle Felting Basic (4-H Building Inside)***
\$5/\$5
Presenter: Sara Delaney
Learn to Pain with Wool: This workshop is for complete beginners with no previous needle felting experience. Participants will make a 4x4" coaster.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm ***Drop-In Weaving – All Ages (Exhibit Hall Porch)***
Free!
Presenter: Springfield Weavers Guild

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm ***Spinning Workshop (4-H Building Inside)***
\$10
Presenter: Ashley Flagg
Worsted to Woolen: What is the difference between worsted and woolen spinning?
Discover how your drafting technique impacts your finished yarns, and how to use them to create yarns that delight. You may bring a spindle with a 3" or 4" whorl or your wheel, Blue Face Leicester wool is recommended.

1:00 pm ***Kids Workshop: Kool-Aid Dyeing for Kids (4-H Building Outside)***
\$5/child
Presenter: Jenny Atkins

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm ***Natural Dyeing Demonstration (Pavilion)***
Free!
Presenter: Michelle Parrish

2:00 pm ***Kids Workshop: Felting Treasure Bags for Kids (4-H Building Outside)***
\$5/child
Presenter: Mershele Springstube
Soapy water and a little bit of elbow grease can turn raw wool into fun treasure bags.

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Wool Combing Demonstration (Fiber Tent)**
Free!
Presenter: Gina Gearheart

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Fleece Skirting Demonstration (Exhibit Hall)**
Free!
Presenter: Barbara Goodchild

Sunday Workshops

10:00 am – 1:00 pm **Fleece to Shawl Contest (Fiber Tent)**
Free to watch/\$25 per team

10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Drop-in Spinning (Pavilion)**
Free!

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Wool Combing Demonstration (Pavilion)**
Free!
Presenter: Gina Gearheart

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Spinning from a Fiber Sandwich (4-H Building Inside)**
\$5/\$3
Presenter: Jenny Atkins
Learn how to layer different fibers into a “sandwich” and then spin one-of-a-kind art yarns. Feel free to bring 1 oz. of fiber to share.

11:00 am – 12 Noon **The Glorious Granny! (4-H Building Inside)**
\$5/\$10
Presenter: Sara Delaney
Learn to make a never-ending granny square perfect for coasters, placemats, baby blankets and full size afghans; all from the same pattern! Participants should have some basic crochet experience.

11:00 am **Kids Workshop: Weaving for Kids (4-H Building Outside)**
\$5/child
Learn to weave on one of nature’s looms, a beautiful forked branch.

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From Flax to Linen (Exhibit Hall Porch)

Free!

Presenter: Faith Deering

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Continental or English? How do you knit? (4-H Building Inside)

\$5/\$5

Presenter: Sara Delaney

Learn these 2 basic techniques for knitting and the pros and cons of each. Participants should know how to knit.

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