



MASSACHUSETTS SHEEP & WOOLCRAFT FAIR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Workshops

2019 Workshops

New this year, you have the option to reserve your space and pay online or submit your class request with payment by mail.

Workshop #1

Learning to Knit with Local Yarns

Time: Saturday 10am-12 noon

Location: Fairgrounds Office

Workshop Fee: \$10 (8 students max)

Materials Fee: \$25 payable to instructor – includes size 9 needles, 3 mini-balls (1 oz each) of local yarns (Bartlett yarns from Maine, Green Mountain Spinner from VT, Woodcock Farm Yarns from MA), a yarn needle, and an instructional handout.

Liz Sorenson is the owner of Sheep and Shawl, a local yarn shop in S. Deerfield, MA, and a fiber artist specializing in knitting, weaving, knitwear design, and teaching. She has taught knitting locally and in eastern Massachusetts. She started knitting in high school. Her knitwear patterns are available online at www.ravelry.com. She received her Weaver's Certificate at the Hill Institute in Florence, is a member of Pioneer Valley Weavers Guild. She is a supporter of the Massachusetts Fibershed effort. She opened Sheep & Shawl in August 2013 to help support local fiber farmers and fiber artists, supply local yarns and roving to customers, create a welcoming space for the fiber community, and pass on her love of knitting and weaving to others through teaching and networking.

Learning to Knit with Local Yarns

Learn to knit, or take this as a refresher course, using lovely local yarns from New England. Your kit provides you with needles, and 3 different types of local yarns to get you started with the knit stitch and making a simple rectangle that can become fingerless mittens or knitted longer as a short cowl or scarf.

We will just use the knit stitch (a 4-step practice) and a style of casting on that is similar to the knit stitch. Your kit includes needles, local yarns, a yarn needle, and an instructional handout with knitting tips & how to make fringe. Extra yarn, books, & patterns will be available for cash or check (only) purchase.

Workshop #2

Celtic Cable Cowl

Time: Saturday 1pm -4pm

Location: Fairgrounds Office

Workshop Fee: \$25 person (8 people max)

Materials Fee: \$6 basic material fee, optional \$4 buttons, \$30 yarn

Class Prerequisites: Be proficient in knitting (advanced beginner or intermediate); previous basic cable work very helpful but not required; a willingness to learn, and a good sense of humor.

Homework: Cast on 58 stitches with “knitted cable cast on” if you are not purchasing all materials at the workshop.

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The *Celtic Cable Cowl*, designed by Liz Sorenson, is a good way to graduate to complex cables and reading charts. Made as a flat rectangle, then buttoned in the front to make a triangular pointed cowl, it can be worn different ways. Learn to read a chart, the language of charted cables, how to create edges that don't curl, how to read your knitting and find your place, fix a cable mistake, and add buttons using only the cable crossing as a button hole. *Materials to bring or purchase at the workshop (for cash or check only)*: Celtic Cable Cowl pattern; worsted weight yarn (at least 250 yds, 280 yds to be safe); size US 8 needles (I much prefer 24" circular with very pointed tips, but straight needles will also work); cable needle, tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, two 1" buttons (pewter buttons, Celtic & other, will be available to purchase); something to keep your place on the chart (post-it notes, highlighter tape, or magnet board); paper & pencil [2ft length of worsted weight cotton or smooth yarn to use as a "life line" if you worry about needing to rip back]. Minimal Kit: Pattern plus enlarged chart \$6; 2 buttons \$4. If you need to buy yarn: 2 skeins Green Mountain Spinnery Mt Mohair yarn \$30. Needles, stitch markers, and other books & patterns will also be available for cash or check (only) purchase.

Workshop #3

Primitive Rug Hooking

Time: Sunday 10am-12 noon

Location: Fairgrounds Office

Workshop Fee: \$30 person (10 people max)

Materials Fee: \$30 will include the 12 x 12 cloth, pattern, a primitive hook and some yarn to start with.

Carole Adams has been spinning since 1983, hooking for over 20 years and raises and dyes her own wool. She is tucked away in the small town of Colrain and shares her home with her rescue cats and grandchildren

Learn how to do primitive rug hooking by making a small mat using your stash of bulky yarn.

Each student will need to bring their own 10-12 inch embroidery hoop or a rug hooking frame and some bulky yarn.

Workshop #4

Angora Rabbits – Much More Than Fiber

Time: Sunday 10am- 12noon

Location: Stage (Pulling Ring)

Workshop Fee: \$10 person adult. Each adult can bring a child free of charge (max 10 adults)

Materials Fee: \$10 – for 1 oz of angora wool

Jill Horton-Lyons is a farmer, spinner, weaver and dyer for over 30 years. Winterberry Farm is in Colrain and where she and her husband raise sheep, colored mohair goats and angora rabbits.

If you are interested in Angora rabbits and spinning Angora wool this workshop is for you! We will show you all sorts of housing and you'll meet rabbits of different types and ages. You'll learn to handle and groom and we'll talk about feeding and health. You will learn about fiber use and care, why angora's temperament is so different from other rabbits. Finally you will have the opportunity to spin angora wool using a spinning hook or drop spindle.

Workshop #5

Needle Felted Sheep

Time: Sunday 1pm- 3pm

Location: Fairgrounds Office

Workshop Fee: \$10 person (15 people max)

Materials Fee: \$8 payable to the instructor – for the fiber to make one sheep and the use of tools.

Deb Stratton is a needle felting artist, teacher and owner of the Fiber Shop Wool-ology in South Deerfield, MA.

Needle Felted Sheep – A beginner needle felting class using wool fiber, sheep shaped cookie cutters and locks of wool.

You will be able to purchase tools and fiber separately.

General Information

- 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 and older.
- Children's workshops require each child under 8 to have an adult helper at all times.

Workshop Disclaimer

We are offering five workshops this year. Any workshop that has not met the minimum of 5 students by May 15th will be cancelled and registration fees will be refunded.

For more Information

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