

Fiber Fest and Spin-In

March 12-14, 2009

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Fiber Fest and Spin-In

*An event devoted
to the Fiber Arts!*



Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 12

Classes only 5-8pm

Friday, March 13, 9am-2pm

Educational Day

Admission \$1

Preschool & under free

Vendors available 9am-2pm & 4-9pm

Empty Bowls Chili Supper 4:30-7pm

All proceeds benefit Helping Hands Food Bank



Saturday, March 14, 9am-4pm

Open to the Public

Free Admission

Instructor information and class listings available at

www.visitjaycounty.com

Lodging

Holiday Inn Express 260-726-6688

Budget Inn 260-726-9391

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Bearcreek Farms 260-726-6822



Directions

Portland is South of Ft. Wayne, IN on US 27 appr. 60 mi.

Portland is North of Richmond, IN on US 27 appr. 40 mi.

Class Descriptions

Thursday, March 12, 2009 • 5-8 pm

Beginning Knitting Julie Davidson

Student Fee \$30 / Materials Fee none



Learn the basic knitting stitches, how to cast on and bind off. Get started with a craft that will warm up your life! Students should bring: size 7 bamboo or wooden needles, a smooth worsted weight yarn, preferably wool. The instructor will have materials to purchase if needed.

Beginning Crochet Aileen Dupen

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$7 for hook and yarn, if needed. An optional instruction book will be available for \$12 extra.

Students will learn how to make a scarf using chain, single crochet, and double crochet stitches. Students should bring a crochet hook size H, and 7 oz. worsted weight yarn.

Painting with Fiber & Needles Kenya Habegger

Student fee \$30 / Material fee: \$ 30.00 for a kit which includes: colored fiber, needles, foam and felt.



Painting with fiber and needles is a way to paint a picture using wool and felting needles.

Students should bring: a scenic photo, different colors of fiber and felting needles, a piece of foam 18" x 24", a piece of wool felt or felt 18 x 24, or bring a photo and buy a kit.

Paper Piecing Deb Tumbleson

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$20, includes your choice of pattern.

Learn the beginning steps to start paper piecing a quilt. You will be making the basics of adding strips to make a square. You will need to bring fabric or purchase one of our kits which will be available. You may visit the Engine House Quilt Shop to choose your pattern and kit before the class if you like. You will need your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

Making a Chenille Pillow Kathy Diveley

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$25, includes Homespun fabric, and instructions. (book available).

In this class you will learn how to create Chenille. We will make a pillow with the Chenille on the front with stars. After making Chenille you will be able to use what you have learned in making vests, rugs, and other items. You will need your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

Friday, March 13, 2009 • 1-4 pm

Spinning Clinic Karen Hainlen

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$10 for roving



Learn how to spin or improve on the spinning you are currently doing. Bring a wheel in good working order. There will be a limited number of wheels available for those who do not have one. A Great/Walking wheel will also be available for those who would like to learn more about it.

Crazy Rays Quilt Deb Tumbleson

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$50

We will learn the art of cutting Buggy Barn style and making templates. You will be able to use your scrap fabric for future projects with a very complex overall look when you know it only took a little time. You will need your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

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Wet Felting Kelly Dossett

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$5 for a small bag or \$7 for a medium bag (includes wool of different colors, felting needle, foam pad). Bring 2 old towels.



Wool + water + soap + agitation = felt! An ancient art has a new look today. Make a small or medium-sized bag using needle felting and wet felting techniques.

Friday, March 13, 2009 • 5-8 pm

Pieced Applique Deb Tumbleson

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$25

This class will teach you a completely different twist to piecing a block which you will use in a table runner. Penny Haren has developed this technique to help you make blocks that look very complex yet are very simple. There is no limit to what you can do with this class. You will need your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

Needlefelt an Alpaca Hat Carol Haughton

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$20 which includes all of the materials needed to create a hat.



Turn warm, soft natural colored alpaca fiber into a stylish hat just for you using felting needles and a foam form.



Easy Fun Dyes Pennie Phares

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$10

Have fun with dyes that you can do in your kitchen. Using Kool Aid and another simple dye solution, you will produce many vibrant colors on wool and mohair. If you also take the Blending Fiber class, you can use these fibers and create unique rovings.

Wallet Class Kathy Diveley

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$8, includes the kit to make the wallet.

We will have many different choices of wallets that you may choose for your wallet. We have a Vera look-alike wallet and an 'on the go' wallet. You will choose your kit and the wallet you want to make. This is an easy wallet to give as gifts. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

Sheep Breeds for Fiber Jamie Stark

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$15, which includes 10 different samples of wool, including raw wool.



Will learn about different breeds of sheep and their fiber. Many samples will be available to touch and spin. Learn how to choose wool for a project depending on its qualities. Find out what makes a good fleece by handling raw wool.

Students should bring: a spindle or wheel and hand cards if you have them. Ashed locks, roving, labels.

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Making a Beaded Cabochon Deb Woodings

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$8-20, includes cabochon or button, beads for embellishment, thread, needle, Ultrasuede or leather backing.

Learn to bead around a cabochon to create a brooch, pendant, or matching embellishment for your handcrafted wearable art pieces. A cabochon is a flat-backed gemstone that is set in a piece of jewelry. For a less-expensive alternative, a fancy button can be substituted for the gemstone.

Introduction to Colonial Rug Hooking Jan Ryan

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$15 for the small kit, which includes a hook, hoop, rug backing with design, instructions, handspun and dyed yarn by the artist to complete a small sampler. \$25 for the large kit which includes a hook, hoop, rug backing with design, instructions, handspun and dyed yarn by the artist to complete a pillow or table mat (larger project).

Ohio artist and award winning rug hooker, Janice Ryan, will instruct beginners on the art of New England style rug hooking. This method uses a hook to pull loops of handspun, hand dyed wool yarn through a linen backing to form a luxurious thick surface. You can complete most of the small kit during class. If you choose the large kit, you will have fun completing it at home.

Students should bring: a pair of scissors and reading glasses if necessary.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 • 9 am to noon

Rughooking Jan Ryan

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$35, frame available for purchase \$12



Learn the art of traditional rug hooking. You will receive a beginner kit including a hook, linen backing, hoop, handspun and hand dyed wool to make a project. Several choices are available.

Raggy Shaggy Jacket Class Kathy Diveley

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$48, includes pattern and fabric to make a complete jacket

In this class we cut fabric into strips – sew the strips together and assemble a complete, reversible jacket. There are many options for you to add to your jacket such as buttons, bows, loops or other embellishments. This is a fun and informative class full of creative twists. You will need your sewing machine and supplies. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop.

Knit Mittens Aileen Dupen

Student Fee \$30 / Materials Fee none

Learn to knit mittens using 2 or 4 needles. We will knit a basic child's mitten and discuss how to adapt the pattern to other sizes. This is a class for advanced beginners. You should already be able to knit and purl.

Students should bring: homework! Cast on 36 stitches and work 2 1/2 in. of knit 2, purl 2 ribbing either on straight needles or onto 3 double pointed needles. If you want to learn to knit with double pointed needles, cast on the straight needles and only knit 2 inches.

2 oz. of worsted weight yarn preferably wool, size 4 needles wood or bamboo, straight or double pointed.

Locker Hooking Kelly Dossett

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$5, includes the materials for the project.

Locker hooking is an interesting technique similar to rug hooking. You will use a locker hook, burlap backing, yarn and a design of your choice to make a square trivet. The technique can be used for rugs as well.

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Blending Fibers for Spinning Pennie Phares

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$10

Combine fibers for spinning using hand cards and a drumcarder. Explore the properties of different fibers and experiment with color blends. You will go home with many samples. If you are taking the Easy Fun Dyes Class, bring your dyed fibers to use in this class.

Extra fiber will be available for purchase. Bring spinning wheels or spindles to spin samples. Bring hand carders and small niddy-noddys if you have them.

Needle Felt Sculptures Kenya Habegger

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$25 for a kit which includes wool, foam and needles.



Learn how to build and sculpt a person or animal out of wool, using needles. Students should bring: wool and needles and a foam base.

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Angel Basket Deb Gerber

Student fee \$30 / Material fee: none

Make an easy basket with an angel on it. Great for your home or giving as a gift! You will receive all of the materials needed and instruction. Students should bring: a towel, a pencil, a tape measure, spray bottle, scissors, container for water (example: dishpan) and a flathead screwdriver. Instructor will also have extra equipment.

Free Style Crochet Kenya Habegger

Student fee \$30 / Material fee: \$10 for assorted yarns and hooks, if needed.



Make a small purse in no time without a pattern. Students should bring: worsted weight yarn, size K or L hook and imagination

The Ancient Art of Spindling Julie Davidson

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$6, includes roving. Instructor will provide spindles for use if you don't have one. Some spindles will be available for purchase.

You will learn the basic techniques of drop spindling and how to ply your single into usable yarn with the Andean plying bracelet. A brief history of spindles will be presented. Class is for high school age or over. Students should bring enthusiasm and patience. A spindle if you have it.

Making a Purse Kathy Diveley

Student fee \$30 / Material fee \$20, includes fabric and pattern.



We will help you make a purse out of fabric squares. The kits are loaded with options. You decide what you use for the inside, the outside and the pockets. If you watch how you cut you will be able to almost make two purses with the kits. Samples at the Engine House Quilt Shop. You will need your sewing machine and supplies.



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