

Fiber "U"- CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Crochet and Felt a Roving Rug

Instructor: Ann Mayes

Crochet a super soft rug from roving. Take it home and felt it in your top loader washing machine. All materials furnished in the materials fee, including alpaca/wool blend roving, detailed instructions, net bag for felting and crochet hook.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 15

Material Fee: \$35.00

Washing your fibers

Instructor: Gloria Smith

The do's and don'ts for washing hand-picked fiber, yarn and finished products. Hands-on instruction, demonstrations and hand-outs included.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Wet Felt and Alpaca

Instructor: Annie Earhart

Participants will create the silhouette of an alpaca head in felt. All materials provided in the materials fee. Silhouettes will be wet-felted and embellished by students.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 12

Material Fee: \$12.50

A Camelid of a Different Color (Natural Dyeing)

Instructor: Jerry Wilson

Elementary natural dyeing, using camelid fiber. Students will receive roving and have a chance to dye the fiber in red, blue, yellow and perhaps green colors. General natural dyeing procedures will be discussed. All materials provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 2 hours.

Class size: 10

Material Fee: \$25.00

Beginning Knitting on a Long Loom (Knifty Knitter)

Instructor: Pam Nelson

Students will learn how to get started and use the Knifty Knitter long loom to make items such as scarves. Bring your own loom, or buy a 5-pc. Long Loom Kit for \$26. All materials provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 10

Material Fee \$3 or \$26 w/ looms

Finger-weaving your Alpaca!

Instructor: Susan Wilson

Finger-weaving is a loomless weaving technique used by the Eastern Woodland Indians of North America. As you know, alpacas are indigenous to South America. Bring North and South together by finger-weaving a scarf out of luxurious alpaca yarn. All material, including alpaca yarn and instructional booklet are provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 3 hours

Class size: 10

Material Fee: \$30.00

Vacuum Packing and Fleece Storage Hints

Instructor: Liz Mitchko

Are you scared of opening that closet or basement door for fear of all the fleeces you've been hoarding will bury you alive if you do? You'll have several "I should have had a V8™" moments with our hints on how to organize, store and ship your fleeces and save money too without buying any special equipment.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Fiber Characteristics of Alpaca

Instructor: Ruth Fuqua

Claims regarding the characteristics of alpaca fiber have long been made: such as "warmer than wool", soft as cashmere", and "hypoallergenic". The AOBA fiber Committee is conducting an ongoing testing and validation study to validate those claims. Hear about the results thus far, and see where alpaca fiber stacks up against other natural fibers and synthetic fiber too!

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 20

Material Fee: none

Show Fleece Preparation

Instructor: Stacy Heydt

When time and money are tight, you can still show off your alpacas, receive judges' comments and earn ribbons by entering fleece shows. Discover what the judges look for and how to prepare your fleece to best show off your alpaca with this hands-on class. This is different than mill preparation.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 10

Material Fee: none

Surface Design Needle Felting

Instructor: Lorry McDonald

Learn basic needle felting the easy way. Needle felting is a fun, and easy way to decorate new projects or revitalize an old project. Using special needles, some scraps of yarn, bits of fiber and a little creativity, you can personalize bags, hats or garments. Come and see how easy and fun it is! No experience needed. All supplies are provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 15

Material Fee: \$25.00

Build a Top Whorl Drop Spindle & Use It!

Instructor: Marilyn Hardesty

Learn how to build your own top whorl drop spindle and how to use it. All materials and instructions are provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 3 hours

Class size: 12

Material Fee: \$15.00

Tie Fishing Flies with Fiber!

Instructors: MO Trout Fisherman's Association

Learn the basics of making your fishing flies with fiber. You'll actually make some to take home and use.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 8

Material Fee: none

Mill Prep your Alpaca Fleece

Instructor: Lisa Hertan

Discover how to skirt and prepare you alpaca fleece for the mill to create a high quality yarn. You don't have to be a certified grader or sorter; just follow our simple tips. Plus, learn how to increase your profit margin by combining fleeces for the best mill production rate.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 10

Material Fee: none

Fiber Sachets Made Easy

Instructor: Linda Mitchko

Fiber sachets are easy and inexpensive way to help keep potential pesky critters away from your fiber and finished products. Learn simple recipe mixes and techniques on how to make your own sachets.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Beginning Kumihimo Braiding

Instructor: Tammy Taylor

Learn the basics of Kumihimo using a portable foam disk. Kumihimo ("gathering (kumi) of threads (himo)") is the ancient art of Japanese braiding. Beautiful, durable braids were used for ties, belts and closures on Samurai armor as well as many other household needs. Traditionally made on a wooden stool called a "Madurai" pairs of threads are moved in sequence to create braids of many color and pattern variations. Students will leave with a braided sampler. No experience needed. All supplies provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 2 hours.

Class size: 10

Material Fee: \$25.00

Beginning Crochet

Instructor: Alice Murphy

Learn chain, single and double crochet stitches while making your first project. Learn how to read crochet patterns as they will be provided. Bring a G or H hook, along with a ball of Sugar and Cream, or a skein of Red Heart yarn.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 10

Material Fee: none

Locker Hooking – New Options!

Instructor: Helga Fensterman

Want to find a new way to use roving, or those thick, chunky, lumpy yarns? Do you like to "paint with fiber?" That's exactly what this class will be all about. This technique is especially good for "seconds" or non-prime fleece processed into roving; works wonderfully with blends of alpaca, llama and wool. You're welcome to bring your own roving if desired. All materials provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 15

Material Fee: \$10.00

De-mystifying Knitting Patterns

Instructor: Sally Cohan

Have you got a great pattern but are afraid you can't read the instructions properly. Have no fear, bring your pattern, yarn & needles and we'll de-mystify it!

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 4

Material Fee: none

Beginning Knitting

Instructor: Janet Wray

Beginning knitting for those who have never handled needles and yarn, and/or for those who want a refresher. Both “English” and “Continental” techniques demonstrated. Bring your own needles – size 7 or 8 or circular, or needles available at class. Yarn will be provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 8

Material Fee: \$10.00

Beginning Spinning

Instructor: Catherine Stickann

Students may bring their own wheel, hand carders and fiber. This class will introduce the students to carding fiber and spinning fiber on a wheel with step by step details. Students can bring their own fiber (4 oz) per person or pay material fee of \$20.

Class time: 4 hours

Class size: 8

Material Fee \$20.00

Spinning Lace weight- Intermediate

Instructor: Margaret Stine

Learn the art and techniques of spinning lace weight or fine yarns. Must already know how to spin and bring your own drop spindle or spinning wheel and fiber or roving.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 7

Material Fee: none

Rigid Heddle Weaving- Quick Warp

Instructor: Leslie Carroll-Bartlett

Learn a quick method of warping your rigid heddle loom. Create a 6 inch wide scarf in class. Yes, it is possible for an intermediate weaver to finish a project in 4 hours on your rigid heddle loom. Yarn provided in material fee. Bring your rigid heddle loom or rent one for \$10.00

Class time: 4 hours

Class size: 15

Material Fee: \$40.00

Triangle Loom Weaving

Instructor: Carol Leigh Brack-Kaiser

Learn continuous strand weaving method on a triangle, square and/or rectangle loom. You will be using small mini-models in class so that you'll be able to complete a project in class. Bring your own worsted yarn or purchase it before class. Looms provided for class. All other supplies provided in the materials fee.

Class time: 4 hours

Class size: 12

Material Fee: \$10.00

Build a Skirting Table

Instructor: Joe Rasmussen

Student will get the plans and build an actual skirting table in class while discussing other types of material tables can be made of. One student will win the built table in each class!

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 10

Material Fee: \$ 5.00

Shearing Equipment 101

Instructors: Bruce or Tammy Volpert

Ever wonder about all the different shearing equipment out there? This beginning class will walk you through the various common types of equipment used for shearing from restraining methods and restraints to shearing equipment and blades. How to set up and use the equipment, and ever so important maintenance.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Fiber Terminology

Instructor: Janice Robinson

Are you confused about all the different terms associated with fiber? This class goes over the basics from "amplitude" to "yield" and everything in between. Simple examples and definitions will have you walking away confident in your grasp of Fiber Terminology!

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Marketing your Fiber

Instructor: Liz Mitchko

Learn some basic and not-so basic ways to market your fiber and fiber products. We get you to think "outside the box" when targeting potential customers without breaking the piggy-bank and more importantly, getting them to buy from you.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

The Do's and Taboo's of Blending Fibers

Instructor: Sally Brandon

This class will discuss why to blend, properties of fibers, the effect blends have on a yarn and what to do and not to do to achieve a quality blended yarn.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 15

Material Fee: none

Spin-Off - What it's all about, and Preparing and Entry

Instructor: Catherine Stickann

Learn about the importance of the Spin-Off competitions, what the judges are looking for and how to prepare an entry. Students that bring their own alpaca registration information, photo and blanket fiber (est. 6 oz) can prepare an entry during the class, and should bring a clean gallon zip lock bag.

Class time: 1 hour

Class size: 12

Material Fee: none

Knit-Fix

Instructor: Sally Cohan

This is a neat class to learn how to fix some of the most common knitting mistakes without having to tear out your work. Bring your projects, your yarn and needles. This is a hands-on learning experience where we'll intentional knit mistakes and fix them.

Class time: 2 hours

Class size: 8

Material Fee: none