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Spring Greetings, Fiber Friends!



The United Nations has declared 2009 as The **International Year of Natural Fibres!!!** How special is that!? Join us as we celebrate the local, the organic, home-grown, mill-spun, born-and-raised yarns knitters and weavers love! See information on page 7 on the special yarns we carry which follow these parameters. The disappointing factor we have come across, however, is that many people and companies which have been developing special unique yarns are losing their mills either to bankruptcy or to mills moving overseas. There are precious few small mills in the USA who continue to do special runs of specialty yarns. We must encourage them by utilizing their services whenever possible.

Keep the Fleece is partnering with Heifer International to raise \$250,000 to establish the world's largest fiber herd. Keep the Fleece is also sponsoring a variety of events in 2009 including the creation of the world's longest scarf. Join an existing team or start a new one. Your addition can be knitted, felted, crocheted or woven. The pieces will be assembled at the New York Sheep and Wool Festival on October 16th, 2009, and displayed in a place of national prominence. Find out more at KeepTheFleece.org.

Weaving and Spinning Contest: The Schacht Spindle Company of Boulder, Colorado (a USA company) is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. We are helping them celebrate with value added specials on Schacht looms and spinning wheels. Check these out on page 4. They are sponsoring a "Make it on a Schacht" contest for Best Expert, Best Novice, Most Fun, Most Clever, Best Schacht Equipment Story Accompanying your Entry, and Most Entertaining YouTube Video. A special cherry wolf pup loom is just one of the prizes. Contact Hillcreek Fiber Studio or www.schachtspindle.com for an entry form.

Demise of some Natural Dyes: Some natural dyes are becoming scarce. None of our regular North American suppliers have any Brazilwood left. This is a rainforest tree lost to deforestation. Our Sample Dye Kits and Complete Dye Kits will

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