

continue to include it while our supply lasts. Black oak bark extract, the historic *Quercitron*, is in limited supply. The process of drying, separating and grinding the inner bark from the outer bark of the black oak tree for the best quality yellow is tedious and time consuming.

One-of-a-kind Adjustable Tri-looms: We have two very special one-of-a-kind Spriggs custom Adjustable Tri-looms, one with matching stand. One is called “Bubbles” inspired by my grandson Vincent’s fascination with bubbles. The other is called “Golden Thread” inspired by a Pete Seager folk song from the 1960’s shares both a musical and a textile theme. These designs will never be duplicated. They are signed by Carl Spriggs and are works of art. See page 7 for the story and page 10 for pictures.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival: Daughter Rebecca Oliger and her business partner Shella Watson will be with us again at Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival May 1-3, 2009 showcasing True Blue Fiber Friends knitting supplies. They’ll be featuring yarns and trunk shows for Frog Tree alpaca yarns, Fiesta yarns, Ozark Handspun, and Rebecca’s new knitting patterns. Come by our outdoor marquis (canvas tent) in the northeast part of the Howard County Fair Grounds, just 20 miles west of Baltimore on Interstate 70. We’ll be showing off our adjustable and travel tri-looms, squares, and rectangles, as well as a plethora of other spinning and weaving tools, supplies and books.

New DVD for the Continuous Strand Weaving Method on the Rectangle Loom: Weaving on the rectangle loom is a little more challenging than on the triangle or square looms. For you new rectangle continuous strand weavers, daughter Rose Brack-Kaiser and I have produced a 35-minute instructional DVD for that weaving method on the rectangle frame loom. Just \$15. And don’t forget the highly acclaimed 90-minute DVD, “Triangle Frame Loom Weaving Magic for Shawls, Blankets, Jackets and More” by Carol Leigh Brack-Kaiser produced with Victorian Video, \$34.95.

Scholarship opportunity: Following a recent workshop two students decided they would love to offer the opportunity for others who might be hard pressed financially to enjoy a workshop at Hillcreek Fiber Studio. If you would like some assistance to attend a workshop, please inquire about the T & A (named after the two initial anonymous contributors) Scholarship Fund. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact me at Hillcreek Fiber Studio. What a blessing, and an opportunity!

Shows Throughout the Year: Please check our calendar on page 5 to see if we are coming to a show or workshop in your area. If you would like for us to bring a loom or other items for you, give us a call in plenty of time before we come.

Have Looms, will Travel: Carol Leigh is scheduling workshops on the Continuous Strand Weaving Method on Triangles, Squares, and Rectangles throughout the country. If you can not make it to Hillcreek Fiber Studio in Columbia Missouri for a scheduled continuous strand weaving workshop, check out our schedule for workshops throughout the country, page 10 — we may be coming to your area.

If you would like to host a workshop in your area, please contact Carol Leigh at 573-874-2233. **Traveling Workshops:** We bring all the adjustable and travel looms, tools and yarns needed for a workshop with guilds, yarn shops, and conferences. All you provide is the meeting