

## Workshops Offered at Hillcreek Fiber Studio

Nestled in the Little Bonne Femme Creek Valley amidst woods and pastures in view of a major state park Hillcreek Fiber Studio offers the serenity for a true get-away. Let someone else do the cooking. Just focus on learning a new skill or on exploring an older one. Cuddle up with a book from over 800 titles on the shelves. Relax. You deserve some quiet time for yourself.

Workshops at Hillcreek Fiber Studio allow the student to immerse her or himself in the study and exploration of a number of textile-related subjects. We offer sessions in Spinning, Natural Dyeing, Four & More Shaft Weaving, Navajo Weaving, and Continuous Strand Weaving. We periodically add classes in Spinning Special Fibers, Spinning Designer Yarns, Children's Fiber Weekend, Inkle & Tablet Weaving, Felting, Knitting, Dyeing with Lesser-known Ancient Dyes, among others, as the demand warrants. In the past we've added special workshops with guest instructors in subjects such as mushroom dyeing, and kumi-himo. Let us know what subjects interest you!

*See Page 8 for Fiber Arts classes at True Blue Fiber Friends.*

**FIBER FURLOUGH ONE, Spinning, Dyeing, Felting: Five and one-half days, July 17 - 22, 2011.** Focus on Spinning: beginning, designer yarns, and/or special fibers; Nature Dyeing, immersion of fibers and yarns, and/or fabric and yarn painting; and Felting, both wet and dry needle techniques, for vessels, wearables, and/or whimsical sculptures, Locker Hooking. Dye and spin your own designer yarns.

**FIBER FURLOUGH TWO, Weaving of all Types: Five and one-half days, July 24-29, 2011.** Focus on what you can do with yarn: Rigid heddle, Four and more-shaft structures, Navajo, Continuous strand on triangle, square or rectangle, Tapestry, Inkle, Tablet, Kilim, Pile Carpet, Fingerweaving, Kumi-himo braiding, Lucet cordage, Macrame. Obviously, no one person can explore it all, but you may choose one, two or three types to explore during the week. And what you don't have time to explore yourself you can observe others doing.

Students may choose both **Fiber Furlough** weeks for a **10% discount** on both tuition

and B&B for both weeks. Create a true heirloom by designing the whole textile process - weave something the second week from the yarn you created the first week!

**NATURAL DYEING, MISSOURI PLANTS: Two-day weekend, Sept 10 - 11 2011.** A full color spectrum will be obtained from foraged plants within walking distance of Hillcreek Fiber Studio — red from pokeberries, blue, lavender and green from elderberries, yellows and oranges from flowers, browns and blacks from trees. Students will go home with over 60 dye samples on wool, cotton, and raw silk fabric. They may bring items of their fiber medium to dye: fiber, yarn, fabric, basket reed, quills, buttons, etc.

**CONTINUOUS STRAND WEAVING METHOD ON TRIANGLE, SQUARE, OR RECTANGLE LOOMS Two or three days Nov 5 - 7, 2011.** In two days students can complete a full 7-foot Triangle Shawl using the simple, unique continuous-thread method. Or choose to stay three days, take your time and learn a few intermediate or advanced techniques, such as twill, leno lace, and double weave, plus color patterns such as log cabin, tartan plaids and color blending, or create wearable and household textiles on the square or rectangle loom.

**BEG, INTERMED & ADVANCED NAVAJO WEAVING: Five and one-half days, Nov 13 - 18, 2011.** Guest instructor Sarah Natani has become family. This will be her fifteenth visit to Hillcreek Fiber Studio. Sarah's focus will be on Intermediate and Advanced Navajo Weaving techniques, including twills and two-faced structures (different design on each side) by using 4-shed techniques. Carol Leigh will assist beginning weavers. Sarah shares stories and traditions of her culture.

**BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE FOUR TO EIGHT-SHAFT WEAVING: Four days: Not offered in 2012.** Beginning students will warp their loom twice, complete two projects, learn threading and weaving techniques and how to read and understand pattern drafts and basic weaving theory. **Intermediate students** will work independently on projects with guidance from the instructor. They may choose to weave a "Colonial Weave Structure Sampler," "Tartan Dancing Shawl" or another project of their choosing.

**BEGINNING SPINNING/ SPINNING DESIGNER YARNS/ SPINNING SPECIAL FIBERS.**

**Not offered in 2012.** Beginning students will learn basics of spinning, choosing and skirting fleece, cleaning, carding & combing techniques, spinning on spindles and on a variety of spinning wheels.

**Not offered in 2012.** Designer Yarn students will learn color & fiber blending and Navajo 3-ply techniques. They will create novelty yarns such as slubs, knop, marl, core-spun, loop, and feather yarns, among others.

**Spinning Special Fibers** students will dress distaffs and spin Flax, unwind cocoons & spin Silk from several preparations, spin Cotton and other Fine Fibers on charkas & taklis, and will Comb Wool.

**ANCIENT DYES: Two-day weekend, Not offered in 2012.** Explore the more commonly used Ancient Dyes of Brazilwood, Indigo, Madder Root, Cochineal, Logwood, Osage Orange, and Cutch. Premordanting and altering color with afterbaths are covered. Obtain a full color spectrum and go home with dozens of colors on wool roving, raw silk, and cotton fabric.

**BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE NAVAJO WEAVING: Four days: Not offered in 2012.** Students will warp their looms and learn basic Navajo weaving techniques and color joins. The experience will include readings and discussions of the Navajo/Diné culture. Most students will finish a sampler, learning finishing techniques for the tight ending.

**Private Spinning Lessons, Two three-hour sessions are recommended for beginning students. \$25 per hour. Dates and times To Be Arranged.**

**Tuition:** Two days, \$130; three days, \$185; four days, \$240; five and 1/2 days, \$325. Guest instructor tuition \$425 for Sarah Natani's class. Tuition includes a hot, nutritious lunch every day. Deposit of one-half tuition will hold a space for you. Bed & Breakfast is available at the Studio: \$45 per night. Airport shuttle service available from St. Louis, Kansas City, and Columbia Regional airports to our front door. Call toll free to reserve space in a class or two: 1-800-874-9328 (TRI-WEAV).