

Children's Fiber Workshop

This spring we re-introduced our Children's Fiber Workshop. We used to offer this years ago before we took on vending at so many shows and ran out of weekends. I believe it's important for every child to have the experience of knowing how yarns and colors are made, and then to make something useful. Children between the ages of 8 and 12 may choose any adult to share the weekend with them. The first year we offered this we had 3 dads and daughters and one grandmother/grandson team. This year we had 7 children with grandmothers, mothers, and an adult sister. Saturday morning we paired each child with an adult to spin a skein of yarn on a drop spindle. In the afternoon we gave each child two more small skeins of yarn, so each child had three skeins, to dye one in each of the three primary colors: onion skin yellow, cochineal red, and indigo blue. We talked about the dyes and how to prepare each one. They had fun dyeing, then over-dyeing for secondary colors. Sunday each child wove a small project with their yarns using mini-mod triangles and squares and/or inkle loom and/or potholder loom. The girls made friendship bracelets or little purses, the boys made potholders (the boys were actually 6 and 7 years old).



Sarah Natani Navajo Weaving, November 16-21, 2014

For one last time, Sarah will be gracing us with her wisdom and wit regarding the Navajo Weaving Way. This will be the 18th year she has shared a week with all of us. She has been family, but we're both ready to slow down. Let's make this a special gathering/reunion for past students as well as new. Register early for a very special week.

Dyer's Study Group

The Dyer's Study Group of the Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild meets the first Sunday afternoon of each month. Bex is the coordinator. It will meet here at Hillcreek Fiber Studio May 4, 1 to 5 p.m. This meeting we'll explore the three primary natural dye colors of indigo, cochineal, and osage orange. If you would like to join us, please contact Bex (573-825-6130) or HFS (573-874-2233). Bring small skeins, fabric swatches, or whatever medium you would like to dye. We may explore after-baths and over-dyeing, depending on the interest of the group.

Down the Missouri River with Brack Clan

Ready to take that kayak down the River again! Now that our folks have passed, our family gatherings will probably move around the country with each of us (all 7) taking turns to host. This is the year of the "0's" (I'll be 70 in August, one brother is 60, son is 50, a nephew is 40, a grandson is 10), so we're planning to celebrate by kayaking/canoeing down the Missouri in August. This time I'll take a working camera, so we should have some pictures to share!

Using the HFS WebStore

Missing us at shows? We miss you, too. You may still order supplies through our comprehensive online web store www.hillcreekfiberstudio.com. If you have questions about any supplies and/or how to place an order, please call our toll-free number: 1-800-874-9328 (TRI-WEAV).