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Event Calendar for 2007-2008

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Spring Greetings, Fiber Friends!



Ahh, yes, Spring is finally on its way. This has been an unusually challenging winter for most of us — record ice storms and snow falls around the country! Spring is certainly welcome. But the weather is so sporadic. Temps last week into the high 80's — enough to bring out the red buds and the lilacs, but plummeting this week into the mid 20's for hard freezes! What have we humans done to upset Mother Nature so??

Carol Leigh's Specialties/Hillcreek Fiber Studio Celebrating 25 Years

We opened our doors officially, as Carol Leigh's Specialties, on December 12, 1982. I started by demonstrating at historic sites, by creating commissioned textiles, and in dyeing and spinning yarns for hire. Among the projects, a voyager's shirt, handspun, "dyed the color of a fair maiden's eyes", woven and sewn for "Avalanche Man" (ask me the story behind that!); tapestries for a restaurant and chiropractor's office, hand-woven curtains for a restaurant and for a museum, hand-spun nature-dyed yarns in quantities for projects, dog hair yarns, and much more, including a handwoven wedding dress for daughter Rebecca. I went full-time as Hillcreek Fiber Studio in 1986 when we added teaching to the Studio. Students need looms, spinning wheels, books, tools, and supplies, so we took on those supplies and more in the late 1980's. We started manufacturing our triangle loom in 1983, which developed into our patented adjustable feature, and now also adjustable squares and rectangles, and travel sizes of each shape. I received my Masters Degree in Textile and Apparel Management with a focus on historic dyes, have taught workshops for guilds, schools and conferences across the country on several subjects, and have written articles on dyeing. We vend at shows around the country, and ship our products throughout the states and some foreign countries. We offer a comprehensive supply of natural dyes, and have recently developed a method of weaving using a continuous strand of yarn in a rectangle shape, as well as our triangle and square shapes. A retail outlet for knitting was added in 2003. We engage six members of our family in the business, plus a couple paid staff, and send our newsletters to 9,000 fiber enthusiasts. Thanks to you, our customers, students, and friends, we've come a long way in the past 25 years. We appreciate your business, support and friendship. We will be celebrating all year.

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