

World Class Instructors

One of the best parts of the fiber world is that it isn't exactly a huge market, making the world class people that much closer to us. For the last two summers **Anne Field** has visited the store to teach spinning and weaving. Her *Wide World of Weaving* was such a hit that we are planning an encore performance in 2004 (Anne is taking next year off and staying home in New Zealand to write her next book). Pencil in that workshop – no matter what experience level or if you have previously taken this workshop, it is a wonderful learning experience and you will build a very nice book of samples.

Susan Halvorson, a liturgical weaver specializing in chenille, was here teaching weaving last month. We learned about working with chenille and came away with some very expensive scarves . . . okay, and a lot of great experience! The finished scarves are all lovely, mostly with double-weave insets. We'll be having a follow up class this spring in chenille learning the log cabin weave from warp to scarf.

This spring **Galina Khmeleva** is coming to the shop. At this writing the topics are not secured, but the dates are: April 12 & 13. We will definitely have knitting classes and may try to squeek in a Russian spindle spinning class. Galina is largely responsible for introducing the outside world to Orenburg lace shawls and the knitting of them. She has published several books which are available in the shop.

Is there a World Class fiber artisan you'd like to learn from? If so, let me know and I'll see if that is possible! Are you interested in taking a spinning class from **Celia Quinn** (comprehensive handspinning, color blending, silk,) or cotton charka spinning class from **Eileen Hallman**? If so, let me know so I can determine if it is possible to invite them to Heritage.



A lesson-filled scarf from Suzanne's class in November.

Heritage Spinning & Weaving News

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Yarns

New yarn comes in on a regular basis. We have just ordered non-wool sock yarn that will be coming in over the next couple of months. Snowflake yarn that is used to make quick baby gifts is here, including a beginners pattern for a baby sweater and blanket. In response to all of you who have been wanting to tackle a an afghan, we just received some colorful merino/acrylic, fully washable and very affordable. America's Alpacas yarns in a light sport weight in a variety of natural and dyed colors is now on the shelf as is their luscious rovings. We've got lots of knit samples on display to pique your interest, too. Also in is a nice variety of some very nice rayon chenille. Think rich color and cuddly finished projects. In cones for weaving (sizes vary), but can also be used for knitting. If you haven't been here for a while . . . we've got *plenty* of new choices to help you increase your stash.

Quick Tips

When you knit socks do you get "tracks" in your knitting between your double points? First off, know that it is a tension problem – either too much or too little. Experiment with your tension on the stitches before and after the join and try to keep your tension constant. It's worth "fussing" to get it right.

Weavers – having a problem with broken threads on the selvages? Try moving your weaving along more frequently to take advantage of your loom's "sweet spot" (remember, the turtle won the race).

Birthday Club

Do we have your birth month in our database? If not, please send us an e-mail or tell us next time you are in. Why? Our birthday club starts in January. You

can look forward to a special treat from us for your birthday . . . but only if you let us know when it is!

E-mail Specials

The cost of postage is becoming a burden, so you can expect fewer mailings from us. To make up for this, we have started a more or less monthly e-mail newsletter that includes tips, notification of new shipments, class listings and a special saving treat only available to list members. Do we have your e-mail address? If not, please forward it to info@heritagespinning.com and you can share in the news and savings. The program started in October, so if you haven't received one, send us your e-mail address to be on the "in" list.

Shop Notes

We've had fun this fall. We now have a knitting room and a whole new wall of yarn shelves. Although this isn't a fact based statement, it is the result of many of your comments when I say, "We have the best sock yarn selection in south-east Michigan." We recently added the Opal yarn line to the Regia, Heirloom and Mt. Colors sock yarns. Another area I've had lots of positive comments on is our books. We get most of the new releases automatically, which means by the time you read about the book in a magazine, it's already here.

Don't forget to put April 12 & 13 on your calendar. Galina of Orenberg lace fame will be teaching knitting and spinning at the shop. This is a wonderful opportunity you will not want to miss.

And we've added hours. We are now open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 5, Wednesday from noon to 7 and Saturday from 9 to 3.

Happy fiberling!

Joan

Classes

Register for classes by mail, e-mail, or calling the shop. Payment is via cash, check or credit card. A registration form is available on our website.

Heritage Spinning & Weaving hosts classes to expand skills, interest and awareness in spinning, weaving, knitting, felting and related arts and crafts for individuals of all skill levels. Our intent is to provide a nurturing, dynamic learning environment that sparks creativity and inspiration.

Location & Supplies: All classes are at Heritage Spinning & Weaving unless otherwise indicated. Supplies are available for purchase in the shop on the day of the class. No matter what class you attend, we recommend that you bring a notebook and pen for taking notes.

Payment: Must be made at time of registration!

Cancellations: Must be made 72-hours prior to a class. Cancellations made prior to this receive a refund less \$5 for processing. Most classes require a minimum of four participants. If a class is cancelled because of low attendance, you will be notified at least 48 hours prior and a full refund will be issued.

Meals: Day-long classes all have a 45 min. to one hour lunch break. Eat on the town or bring your lunch. Microwave and fridge available.

Recurring Events

Girls Nite In

7 to 10 p.m. First Friday of every month, September thru June

Join us for an informal working session. Bring your current project and enjoy the company of like-minded women. This is not the place to come to learn a new skill, but rather it is intended to be a nice time to get a little work done and enjoy some "girl time." No cost, dessert provided.

Spinning Classes

Beginning Spinning

Saturday, 1/11 – 9 to 3:30
Saturday, 3/22 – 9 to 3:30
Saturday, 6/21 – 9 to 3:30

Learn the basics starting with drafting on the drop spindle and graduate to the spinning wheel. You will learn how to make usable yarn, what makes a yarn good, how to ply, a little about different types of spinning fibers and basic wheel maintenance. Instructor: Joan Hoover. Fee \$70 includes all supplies and a drop spindle.



Spin for a Project

Thursday, 3/6 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Come with a project in mind and we'll help get you pointed in the right direction. How much twist? How many plies? How much wool? When do I stop spinning? Bring a pattern (knit, crochet or woven) and needles or hook that you want to work with or get what you need here. Bring the roving you want to work with or get it in class at a 10% discount. Bring your wheel and maintenance kit and be ready to spin! Instructor: Joan Hoover. Fee: \$20.

NEW! NEW! NEW!

Drop In Knitting Every Wednesday Night

Arrive any time between 6 and 7 and stay as late as 9. Cost: \$15 a night or pay for 8 nights and get the 9th free.

Need knitting confidence? Want to tackle a new project and aren't sure how to approach it? Ready to make that first pair of socks and aren't sure how to turn the heel? Do you always mess up the kitchner stitch? Just want to talk with other knitters? Can't make our beginning knitting class? Then this is the night for you!

Heritage Weavers

First Saturday • Noon to 3
First meeting • Sat. 1/4

This gathering is for anyone who would like: a little feedback about their weaving, to learn new techniques, to talk to other weavers. There is no charge, but we would appreciate it if someone would step forward to coordinate the group and get it moving in the right direction. Format of the gatherings will be discussed at the first meeting.

Knitting Classes

Beginning Knitting

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 – 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Now is the perfect time to stop procrastinating and learn to knit. If you've always wanted to learn, there is no time like the present. This class introduces the basics and you "graduate" with a completed, wearable hat or knitted, felted purse. Purchase supplies first night in class (cost vary depending on the project and yarn selected). Instructor: Joan Hoover. Fee: \$60.

Gloves/Fingerless Mittens

Thursday, 1/22 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Pat will take the mystery out of knitting all those little fingers on gloves. In order to get thru the finger-part of the class, you will need to come with your knitting started. Complete instructions when you register. A good prerequisite is sock or mitten knitting if you are unfamiliar with knitting on double pointed needles. Instructor: Pat Kreiling. Fee: \$25. Yarn and pattern available in the shop prior to class.

Daytime Knitting

Fridays, Six weeks starting 1/10 – 10 to Noon

Socialize or get help with your knitting project. We'll figure out the problems, learn from each other's mistakes, and cheer each other on. Facilitator: Joan Hoover. Fee: \$60. Limited to six knitters.

Mother Daughter Learn to Knit

Saturdays, 2/1 & 2/8 – 1 to 3 p.m.

How many times have you tried to teach your daughter a skill and both of you ended up flustered. This class helps you get around that. Beginning knitting will be taught, but if you are already a knitter, we'll have a special project for you, too. \$20 per person. Purchase supplies at first class session.

Make a Jiffy Bear

Saturday, 3/1 – 10 to 3.

This is a fun knitting project and a great introduction to double knitting. Bring worsted-weight yarn (one color or many), single point or circular needles size 6, 7 or 8, yarn darning and contrasting color to embroider the face of your jiffy bear. \$40 per person. Instructor: Pat Kreiling.

Steeking & Alterations

Wed., 3/26 – 7 to 9 p.m.

What??? Cut your knitting! No way! Yes, you can! Do it with confidence after spending the evening learning the ins and outs of how and when and why to cut your precious knitting (or purchased sweater that just doesn't fit right). Pat will be happy to answer specific questions about your project, but everyone should also bring two 4-inch square stockinette swatches knit of light colored, smooth worsted weight yarn on size 7 or 8 needles. Also bring the needles and yarn used for your swatches, a yarn darning and scissors. \$25 per person. Instructor: Pat Kreiling.

Weaving

Learn to Weave

Sat. & Sun. 1/18 & 1/19 – 9:30 to 4

Sat. & Sun. 3/15 & 3/16 – 9:30 to 4

Sat. & Sun. 6/14 & 6/15 – 9:30 to 4

This class uses Deborah Chandler's Learn to

Weave as a guide (purchase optional, but very helpful). By the end of the class you will be able to calculate yarn for a project, measure warp, dress the loom, and weave off your project. We will also discuss basic finishing techniques. Supplies: Scissors, notebook and pen, measuring tape. Instructor: Joan Hoover. Fee: \$110, includes weaving yarn.

Woven Amulet Bag

Thursday, 2/6 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Absolutely no experience required. You will learn how to weave in the round using only a stiff piece of paper and a yarn darning. The finished project will be a funky bag you can wear around your neck as a necklace. Please bring: scraps of things to be woven (embroidery floss, yarn, string, fabric scraps, ribbon, lace, etc.), cotton string such as Perle Cotton, yarn darning, scissors, a piece of smooth fabric 4 x 10 inches (silk works wonderfully), and needle and sewing thread to match your fabric. Oh yes, don't forget your sense of humour and creativity! Instructor: Claire Teagan. Fee: \$25. Minimum 5 students.

Log Cabin in Chenille

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 29 & 30 9 a.m to 4 p.m. on Sat. & 9 to 1 on Sunday. Inspired by our last chenille class, this class will progress from measuring the warp to dressing the loom and weaving your project. Bring your undressed 4H loom, a warping board, measuring tape, notebook, calculator and pencil. Limited number of looms available for use during the class. Fee: \$90, materials extra and available for purchase at class.

Crocheting Classes

Beginning Crochet

Saturdays, 2/1 & 2/8 – 10 to 12:30

There are some really wonderful crochet patterns out now . . . it's a great time to learn how to crochet. You will learn basic crochet stitches and how to read a pattern. Come away with a granny square that will be the start of your first afghan or a pillow or something else equally creative! Instructor: Joan Hoover. Fee: \$40.

Felting Classes

"Painting" with Wool

Saturday, 3/22 – 10 to 12:00

Our last needle felting class was such a success that we've scheduled Chris back again to share her wonderful way with wool. Participants (no experience needed) will make a spring-like project using wool and other embellishments. A sample will be on display in the shop after the first of the year. Bring: a cushion to work on (a soft foam cushion about 3 inches thick works best), scissors, and a fine sewing or embroidery needle. Instructor/Artist: Christina Parker-Darish. Class fee \$25. Materials fee payable to instructor of \$7.

Private Lessons

We've had requests for classes at times other than regular class times and for one-on-one lessons. We would be happy to accommodate your schedule at any level of instruction you need. The fee is \$15 per hour at the shop or \$20 an hour at your home. Call the shop to make arrangements for a mutually agreeable time.

Activities for Home Schoolers & Scout Troops

Bring your group in for a one-hour fiber encounter and come away with a new appreciation for the fiber arts, an understanding of different fiber types, and a project they've made. We will demo spinning and weaving, view finished projects, and see the difference between weaving, felting, knitting, and crocheting. Choose from making a piece of felt (with instructions for making the felt into a change purse or eyeglass case) and making a piece of rope that can be used for an animal lead. Per person cost is \$5. Please make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Topic classes also available (learn to spin, weave or knit).

Register Now for the Fiber Lover's Retreat On Rustic Bois Blanc Island

in the Straits of Mackinac

April 25 - 28

(the weekend after Easter)

October 10 - 13

(Columbus Day weekend)

Complete info on back cover!

I wouldn't miss it for the world!

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Special dietary requirements (including I really hate . . . – hey, this is YOUR weekend!): _____

I am registering for the APRIL OCTOBER retreat.

- I will be arriving on Friday and leaving on Monday \$260
- I will be arriving on Friday and leaving on Sunday..... \$210
- I would like a private room (limited number available)..... add \$75

Please bunk me with (some rooms accommodate 3):

- In order to accommodate everyone, you may have to share a bed. If this is not acceptable..... add \$50

April

- I will be taking part in the dye workshop on Saturday.
- I'd like a skein of alpaca for dyeing (enough to make a pair of socks)..... Add \$22.
- I want to learn to spin..... add \$20 for supplies
- I want to learn to knit..... add \$20 for supplies

October

- I will take part in the spinning yarn for a pattern workshop on Saturday.
- I want to learn to spin..... add \$20 for supplies
- I want to learn to knit..... add \$20 for supplies

Travel

- I am interested in carpooling
- I am willing to drive _____ (no.) others.
- I'll meet you at the dock in Cheyboygan at 4 p.m. on Friday unless I hear otherwise

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Payment

50% due upon registration. Balance two weeks prior to the retreat. \$25 cancellation fee up to two weeks prior. Refunds after that time only if there is a waiting list or you arrange for someone else to take your place.

Visa/MC: _____

Exp. _____ Charge Amt. _____

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2003 Fiber Retreats

Hosted by Heritage Spinning & Weaving at Insel Haus on Bois Blanc
Island in the Straits of Mackinaw

April 25 - 28

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Relax (really *relax*) • Knit if you want • Spin if you like

Take a nap or sleep in • Eat well

DO NOTHING! No dishes, no clean up, no laundry, no kids

Take a brisk walk • Explore the island • Discover the house

Please yourself • Sip hot chocolate or wine by a fire

Slip into the Jacuzzi • PLUS! Enjoy the wonderful company of
others who are also fiber lovers

Registration Form Inside

Getting there: You are on your own to get to the island. A ferry runs from Cheboygan and you leave your car on the mainland. The cost for the ferry and car parking is less than \$20. Carpooling available.

Eating: Expect to eat well. Not quite gourmet, but almost. Good home cooking – nothing boxed here.

The Accommodations: These vary, but all are quaint, comfortable and fairly spacious. It is hard to describe this delightful retreat house, but consider that it is an eclectic home and we will be a family for three or four days. There are some individual rooms available. Some of us will share beds with our friends, most will share rooms. We can accommodate 20 people in all.

What to bring: your fiber projects, spinning wheel if you like, toiletries, sturdy shoes and warm clothes, perhaps a book to read and possibly your favorite beverage. Don't plan on shopping on the island as there is only one store a healthy walk from Insel Haus.

What to do: Mostly we don't plan anything but meals times, which will happen around 8 or 9 a.m., 12 or 1 p.m. and 7 or 8 p.m.. We're pretty flexible. On Saturday each weekend we will have an optional workshop (no additional charge) for those who wish to participate:

APRIL: Dip it in the Dye Pot. We will use chemical dyes to dye roving, wool (washed or raw) and yarn. We will do one-color and rainbow dyeing. Bring your own fiber and have fun with color.

OCTOBER: Spinners can opt to take part in a day-long spinning adventure. Bring your roving and pattern of your choice (suitable for the wool) and you will learn how to spin the right size wool to do the job. Also bring knitting needles in the size the pattern calls for. Need help? Stop in the shop prior to the workshop and we'll point you in the right direction.

ARE YOU A FIBER LOVER THAT DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO KNIT OR SPIN? For the cost of materials we will teach you how to spin or knit (or both!) during the retreat.

Why stay until Monday? Because at our first retreat that we found we were just starting to relax by Sunday morning and we didn't want to leave. Treat yourself!