

Fleece to Hat Readiness

Weaver's Guild of Miami Valley
Saturday afternoon demonstrations
John Bryan Center, Crafts Room, 1-3:45 PM

14 JANUARY 2012

HOW TO SELECT A FLEECE

with Lois Pelekoudas

Lois had a flock of Blue Faced Leicester sheep for many years and has been a spinner for even longer. She will share and show what to look for in a fleece you plan to hand spin. She will share where to buy some fleeces. If you want to purchase fleece at this time call ahead (Lois or Karren) and we will try to have them there for you.

28 January 2012

HOW TO WASH A FLEECE

with Karren K. Brito

Karren has been washing alpaca and sheep fleeces, 10 since last May. Washing fleece is a fairly simple operations once you sort it. Sorting is the key to having a nice clean fleece for spinning. Sorting is throwing out the parts that are too dirty to ever get clean, too short to spin or already damaged in some way. The good parts of the fleece are then just put to soak in several changes of water and then put to dry. We will sort and wash some sheep and alpaca fleece.

4 February 2012

PREPARING WASHED FLEECE FOR HANDSPINNING

with Diana Nelson

Diana is an excellent carder and is thus frequently picked for Sheep to Shawl demos. How well the fiber is prepared for spinning determines the ease of the spinning and the type of yarn you produce. You can tease, flick, comb or card the wool in preparation for spinning. Come and see these different techniques from the hands of a master.