

SOUTHWEST FIBER NEWSLETTER

January/February 2024



Joan Ruane and Julie Drogsvold have teamed up to bring together some fiber art classes here in Tucson. We also hope to keep you informed about other fiber classes that are being taught in southern Arizona. We will be using Joan's web site to list all the area classes and her activities. Julie has set up a new website listing her classes through out 2024 . So go to Joan's at; www.cottonspinning.com & Julie's at; www.fiberartclasses.com.

2024 Coming up!!!

At Amphi Bible Hall School in Tucson



Saturday January 27th 9 am-4pm

Advanced Inkle weaving with Annie MacHale

Horizontal Bar Background Pickup

Annie is from Santa Fe NM and is an international instructor who has written three books on inkle weaving and designs inkle belts and straps for many well- known musicians .



Wednesday February 7th 9:30-4:30

Market Basket with Wendy Webster

This is a great basket to learn about weaving with basketry materials. Get your feet web with this basket so you can go on to more advanced basketry. Besides this is a handy basket for many uses. Materials fee is estimated to be approximately \$25.



February 1-2-3, 2024, 9:30-4:30

Beginning –basic four harness floor loom workshop with Joan Ruane

Weave a sampler and a scarf learn to read drafts and lots of tricks to make warping easy.



Continue...More workshops

February 10, 2024, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Spinning Cotton Off the Point....with Joan

This class will include spinning off the book charkhas, takli, quill spinning wheels, including the electric wheel and even the great wheel. This class is for spinners who feel comfortable with their wheel but want to explore the thrill of spinning off the point of a quill. Cotton will be used in this class but any short staple fiber like camel down or cashmere can be spun off the point of charkha wheels. Charkhas of many types will be available in class, but we welcome you to bring YOUR charkha or quill wheel to class. Limited enrollment. Material fee; \$10



February 16 9:30-4:30

Basic Beginning & Refresher Class

Lynn Ruggles will be teaching the fundamentals of spinning on a wheel. This is a great class for both the beginner and those who need a refresher course.

Learn how your spinning wheel works and how to adjust it to spin the yarn that you want. This class will teach you the parts of a wheel, and how they all work together. You will learn how to control your wheel and drafting to give you an even yarn in bulky, medium and fine weights. You will also learn how to ply your singles, wind the yarn off the wheel and wash it to make a finished yarn. Material fee: \$10

February 21-22 9:30-4:30

Cotton Spinning Made Easy

This class is a basic introduction to cotton spinning and is designed to give the spinner an understanding of both cotton and how and why to adjust their wheel for this fine, short staple fiber. Students will learn how to card and make punis from ginned cotton as well as blending dyed lint for creating designer yarns. Learning first the techniques of spinning cotton from a puni, students will move on to spinning from the cotton boll to spinning from sliver. Plying and finishing their skeins of yarns. Material fee: \$30

**Instructors:
Joan Ruane &
Julie Drogsvold**



*Wishing you all a good
year. Happy Spinning*



Remember to go to www.cottonspinning.com. for details regarding the above classes and where you can check out other fiber art classes in Southern Arizona. Each class has a line under the title of the class, and it will bring you to the registration form and more details.

You can also text Joan at 520-335-4113



Julie Drogsvold

will be traveling and teaching starting the first of February. Check out her schedule and you might like to follow her to some of these fun places!!

Feb. 1-3, Yellow Rose on the Coast, Port Aransas, TX

March 5-10, Texas Wool Week, Bandera, TX

March 22-24, Nome Schoolhouse, Nome, ND

April 5-7, AZ Fiber Fest, Verde Valley, AZ

April 10-13, Maker Festival, Loveland, CO

June 1-2, Flag Wool, Flagstaff, AZ

July 13 (for me) at Convergence

July 20-21, Copper K Festival, Whitehall, MT

July 26-28, Prairie City Fiber Festival, Prairie City, OR

July 31-Aug 3, Maker Festival, Lancaster, PA

Aug 31-Sep 1, Sierra Vista Fiber Festival, Sierra Vista, AZ

Sept 6-8, Wisconsin Sheep and Wool, Jefferson, WI

October 25-27, Texas Fleece & Fiber, Kerrville, TX

For details go to: www.fiberartclasses.com.

If you would like to subscribe to our Southwest Fiber Newsletter, send your email address to Joan at spincotton@yahoo.com or to Julie at tangledyarnfarms@gmail.com. We are also happy to answer any questions regarding our classes or just questions about spinning.