

Creative Spirit Fiber Festival

Class Descriptions

All classes are free. Some have a small materials fee. Class sizes and seating capacity may be limited. When the seats are filled, the class is full. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Body Positioning for the Fiber Enthusiast — Learn how to put less stress on your body by a few simple tips and tricks of body positioning, as well as self-care techniques. Instructor: Rita Scholl, NCTMB, CLT

Brazilian Embroidery — Explore the world of Brazilian embroidery! Learn about EdMar thread weights, a variety of stitches, and see several finished projects. *Free pattern.* Instructor: April Zimmer

Crazy Quilting — Crazy quilting is not just for beds anymore! See the step-by-step process of making an adorable pin cushion and learn the basics of all those crazy stitches! *Free pattern.* Class limit: 12. Instructor: April Zimmer

Crochet — Learn to make a chain, single crochet and/or double crochet while making a coffee cozy or bracelet. *Free kit.* Class limit: 10. Instructor: Peggy Olson

Heritage Fleece — The English Leicester Longwool was the dominating sheep in the flocks of our founding fathers. Learn why this wool is worth preserving, a little of its history in the USA, current status, characteristics, and how to use it as a Fiber Enthusiast. Students will receive samples to take and try. Class limit: 12. Instructor: Trudy Delich

Peg Loom Weaving — Have fun learning how to weave on a small peg loom and make your own “mug rug.” Even the most inexperienced user can create useful and decorative items with this loom. *Materials fee: \$2.* Class limit: 10. Instructor: Aliza Novacek-Olson

Quilting the Applique Quilt — What should you discuss with your long-arm quilter before you applique? Whether its wool or cotton applique, Dolly will help you make the right decision. Instructor: Dolly McGrath

Rug Hooking — Have you ever wondered if a wool applique project can be rug-hooked? Our rug-hooking expert, Carol, will show you how easy it is to transfer a pattern. Instructor: Carol Edwards

Sewing with Cork — Learn how fun and easy working with cork is as Sandy shows how to make this simple, slim and functional wallet. *Free pattern.* Class Limit: 15. Instructor: Sandy Kalvig

Soap Felting — With a few bits of natural wool roving you can turn any bar of soap into a gently exfoliating and naturally cleansing soap “scrubby” for your skin. Just a little netting, some hot water, and your hands is all it takes to create colorful, unique felted soaps! *Materials Fee: \$5.* Class limit: 10. Instructor: Nancy Schmidt

Spool Knitting — Use this age-old technique to create a fun bracelet. Spool knitting, often called corking or French knitting, uses a wooden spool with nails around the rim to produce a narrow tube of fabric. This technique was historically used to make horse reigns. *Free kit.* Class limit: 15. Instructor: Julie Hendrickson

The Knitting Doctor Is In — Are you stuck? Bring your questions, pattern, or project to our resident knitting pro! Ongoing in the Fiber Lounge from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Instructor: Liz Towers.

Untangling Wool Applique Threads — There are so many threads on the market! Which ones are best for each project? Bonnie will have a mini trunk show of wool applique projects and answer all your thread questions. Instructor: Bonnie Lundorff

Weaving & Basics on the Knitting Machine — We will start with basic knitting machine casting-on, binding off, increases, decreases and cables; followed by an automatic fringe and knitweaving technique. Hands-on opportunity to make a knitwoven Mug Rug as time permits. Class Limit: 15. Instructor: Jason Wurst

Wool Feather Trees — Learn the basics as you make three branches that are adorable stuffed in a wool mitten or stocking. *Free kit/pattern.* Class limit: 12. Instructor: Debbie Strom

Woven Heart — Learn the basics of reed weaving as you create this 5-inch heart ornament. *Materials Fee: \$3.* Class limit: 10. Instructor: Monie Martin

Trunk Shows

A Quilt Walk — A trunk show highlighting quilts from the 1800’s to present. Guidelines in recognizing fabrics, patterns, quilting and techniques that help us date quilts. Includes tips on how to preserve your quilts. Featured presenter: Sue Harmon.

The Evolution of a Star — Karen will present information and samples of work from various Native American tribes and then look at how concepts around star quilts and blanket making have developed in this region. Featured presenter: Karen E. Goulet