

HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF BOULDER

Spinning Workshops with Beth Smith

These workshops will be held at Shuttles, Spindles, and Skeins, 635 S. Broadway St., Boulder, CO 80305.

Workshop: All in the Fleece

Why would a spinner want to spin Southdown? What is the best way to prepare a Longwool for spinning? Why is Merino such a fussy fiber? This class demystifies the what, why and how of sheep breeds.

Luxuriate in 12 different sheep breeds and learn how to choose the best breed for any project you have in mind. You'll also learn the best preparation and spinning method for the type of yarn you want to make from the breed you choose.

We'll start with an overview of sheep breeds and their 5 categories. Then you'll get your hands wet learning to wash raw wool in several different ways. Next, you will try a variety of ways to process that fleece...or to not process it at all. Which methods work best for which breed types? We'll go over that too! It won't be long and you'll be spinning. We'll get super technical and you'll learn all the ins and outs of getting the best spin from your fleece.

When you finish with this class, you'll never look at a fleece the same way again!

Please Bring: Hand Cards, Flick, Hand Held Combs (if you don't have them a few will be available to lend) Spinning wheel in good working order or a spindle, pen, one empty bobbin, a lap cloth for flicking.

Spinning Level: Students must be able to spin a continuous thread.

Date: February 6th, 2016

Time: 10am-5pm with an hour lunch

Cost: \$195

Materials Fee: \$45 (To be paid in cash to Instructor at beginning of class)

Workshop: Snow White and the Four Drafting Methods

Snow White couldn't have survived without the Seven Dwarves by her side. As a spinner, it would be hard to make it without knowing all about about drafting. The Evil Queen may not have cast you out to your death but maybe you feel all alone out there in the big fiber world not knowing which drafting method is going to help you make the yarn you want. Beth is here to rescue you with the four drafting methods that will help you make the yarn you want for the project you are planning. Which draft is Doc? Which is Dopey? Which will keep your fiber shiny and strong? Which will give you loft? Simple changes will make all the difference to your spinning and we can whistle while we work. Hi-ho, hi-ho.

Please Bring: A spinning wheel in good working order, hang tags for labeling, and note taking materials. If you have them, hand cards may be useful but a few will be available to lend in class.

Date: February 7th, 2016

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: \$95

Materials Fee: \$15 (To be paid in cash to Instructor at beginning of class)

Workshop: All the Luxury

Cashmere, qiviut, yak, bison and others like them are the fibers from which dream projects are made. They seem a little daunting and they can be a little pricey. Come with me and touch and play with several of these fibers. We will learn the best ways to spin them and finish the yarns to get the most beautiful results. Let Beth help you move past your fear of these fibers. We will look at how much twist they need to make a strong yarn, drafting methods that work best with these shorter stapled fibers, plying methods, how to get more bang for your buck, and a surprising way to finish the yarns that brings out all of their glory.

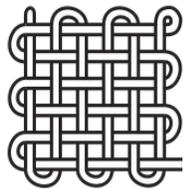
Students should be able to spin a consistent thread and have a spinning wheel in good working order or a spindle. Woolee Winders are not the best option for this class.

Date: February 7th, 2016

Time: 2pm-5pm

Cost: \$95

Materials Fee: \$25 (To be paid in cash to Instructor at beginning of class)



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Beth Smith Workshop Registration

Participant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Workshop Selection:

Enter the dollar amount for each workshop you are taking in the cost column, then put the total at the bottom.

Workshop	Cost
All in the Fleece - \$195	
Snow White and the Four Drafting Methods - \$95	
All the Luxury - \$95	
Total:	

Questions? Email vp1@handweaversofboulder.org.

Mail a check made out to "HGB" and this form to:

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Boulder CO 80304

Refunds will only be made if we can fill your space from the waitlist.