

Class Schedule for The Fold-Summer 2018

Dyeing

Roadside Weeds-Queen Anne's Lace – Toni Neil

Saturday-June 23, 1-5pm

Cost-\$20

Right after World War II, when my mom & dad got married, this sweet flower was the core of Mom's wedding bouquet. Lovely and lacy white as the flowers are, who would ever guess that it gives a clear bright yellow to the fibers in the dyepot? Join us for this class and we will cover natural dye basics as we learn to use roadside vegetation to decorate our yarns and spinning fibers.

Roadside Weeds-Goldenrod – Toni Neil

Saturday-August 11, 1-5pm

Cost-\$20

August is owned by the Goldenrod-it's everywhere this month. Varying shades of yellow and gold are the dyed result depending upon when the flowers are picked. Come join us in this class so that we can see what we come up with. Natural dye basics, including mordanting yarn and preparing a dye bath, will be covered, and you'll learn everything you need to know to harvest nature's bounty for your own dye adventures.

Roadside Weeds-Sawtooth Sunflower – Toni Neil

Saturday-August 25, 1-5pm

Cost-\$20

The Sawtooth Sunflower is indigenous to the local area. You may have noticed it as you drive in the country-a pretty, daisy look-alike that decks our roadsides. When you stop the car and get out to pick some, you discover that the plants are huge, much larger than they look from the car, and when used to dye, they give a lovely salmon color. In this class we'll discuss the natural dye basics while our fibers are mordanting, and then we'll ask the sunflower to share its color with us.

Spinning

Handspinning Basics – Toni Neil

Thursdays–July 12, 19, 26, 1–4pm

Cost–\$90

We'll start out with the drop spindle to discover the secrets of spinning loose fiber into yarn, and when we've mastered that, we'll move on to the spinning wheel. By the end of the third session, you will know how to spin and ply fiber for yourself. All materials are provided in class.

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Saturdays–July 14, 21 & 28, 1–4pm

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Weaving

Beginning Weaving – Rita L. Hagenbruch

Dates–June 11, 13, 18, 20 & 22

Time–9am–4pm–Bring your own lunch

Cost–\$100

Learn what weaving is all about in a beautiful pastoral setting. For a beginner project, students will weave a scarf, shawl, or runner. They will learn how to calculate warp and weft yardage and prepare for weaving. Looms will be available for use or you may bring your own loom. Choice of yarns suitable for weaving will be discussed and may be purchased at The Fold's yarn shop. Students will learn how to "dress" a loom and read a weaving draft. They will also learn the process of properly finishing their handwoven.

Participants need shuttles, scissors, tape measure, calculator, graph paper, pencil/pen, threading hook, and a large eye tapestry needle. If you have a warping board, bring it along, too. Let Rita know if you need weaving equipment.

Weavers with some experience are welcome to sign up for the class to get help on more difficult projects.