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Fleece & Fiber
FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 27-29, 2023

HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER, KERRVILLE, TX

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TEXAS FLEECE & FIBER FESTIVAL

Texas Fleece & Fiber Festival is celebrating its fourth year continuing the tradition of being Texas' Premier Fiber Festival, formerly Kid'N Ewe and Llamas Too! We celebrate 34 years of bringing together fiber artists, enthusiasts and producers together under one roof! Texas Fleece & Fiber Festival is an in-person event. Vendors from all over the Great State of Texas and beyond will offer their products and art over the course of three days. Teachers and speakers will offer classes from fiber arts to animal husbandry practices. There will be live demonstrations from pioneers, sheep herding to washing and dying of fleeces, exhibits and classes along with several smaller events: Texas Make It with Wool, TAGRA Jackpot Show and Texas Sheep Dog Association.

Texas Make It with Wool is the State Chapter of the National Make It With Wool. TMIWW will present sewing and fiber arts competition that is supported by the American Sheep Industry, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers and Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization. Winners of this year's contest will face off the winners from each state in Denver, Colorado, January 2024!

Texas Angora Goat Raiser's Association will hold its Annual Jack Pot Show on Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Arena. The angora goat was introduced to Texas in the late 1800's and has since surpassed wool as one of the most sought after animal fibers.

TEXAS IS THE LARGEST WOOL PRODUCER IN THE U.S.

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TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association promotes and advocates production agriculture throughout Texas and the United States. We seek out, as well as offer reference material for resource loan programs that promote and benefit wool, mohair, and meat producers. We also seek to teach future generations about the importance of sheep and goats to agriculture and our economy. We also contribute to the future of our industry by providing scholarships to agricultural studies majors. www.tsgra.com

HILL COUNTRY SHEEP AND GOAT ORGANIZATION

The Hill Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association was organized to help another group, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association, in the promotion of the sheep and goat industry. <https://txsheepandgoats.org>

UNICORN FIBER

Unicorn is the industry standard in fleece cleaning. Nothing is tougher on grease or more gentle on delicate fibers. Many mills have made the switch to Power Scour or Beyond Clean, because they save money, energy, and get higher yield results. Fiber artists and raisers of wool have turned to Unicorn for its environmentally friendly products. [/www.unicornclean.com](http://www.unicornclean.com)

Fun Fact to Share! Wool is a natural, renewable fiber with health benefits and luxurious enhanced comfort, proven to improve your sleep by 25%. How does it do this? When you cocoon yourself in wool, you're guaranteed a healthier, happier sleep, leaving you feeling fully rested and refreshed each morning.

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GULF BREEZE ALPACA RANCH and VACATION RENTAL

Lyn and Mark Christoph have owned and operated the Gulf Breeze Alpaca (and Sheep) Ranch at lake Corpus Christi near Mathis since 2007. They developed skills in processing their fiber, including shearing the animals, soon after welcoming their alpacas home. Lyn operates a shop and studio where she teaches spinning, knitting, and felting fiber arts. You can also find hand-made and commercially made items and yarn in her shop. Lyn has been part of the fabric of Kid 'n' Ewe and is co-founder of the Texas Fleece & Fiber Festival.

THE SHEEPWALK RANCH LLC

Established in 2014, The Sheepwalk Ranch has grown from 6 sheep to 60 sheep, varied breeds and types of wool, three llamas and George the Donkey. The Ranch is home to a fiber arts studio and shop, dye studio, livestock experiences, and the Bandera Fiber & Arts Retreat. Jenn Kulick chose early on to raise different breeds of sheep to have everything from fine to coarse wools with which to teach and create. She is Director for Texas Make It with Wool, a program that celebrates the wool and mohair industries. Jenn joined the Kid 'n' Ewe team in 2019 and is co-founder of the Texas Fleece & Fiber Festival. Newest news is the founding of The Sheepwalk Ranch Fiber Mill LLC

GO TEXAN

For over twenty years, the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN program has been dedicated to showcasing products and businesses made right here in the Lone Star State. Whether we are developing new sales and business opportunities for GO TEXAN Partners or encouraging consumers to look for the iconic GO TEXAN mark when making buying decisions, we will always strive to find new and meaningful ways to promote products and services that are Texas made and Texas proud. *From boots to salsa, GO TEXAN partners make the best stuff on earth!*

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

Vendor Hall OPEN 10 am - 6 pm

Classes & Seminars All Day

6:00 pm Deadline for Fiber Arts Entries (General Store)

7:00 pm Al Paca & Lester Longwool Murder Mystery Dinner....

A sheepishly good time!

Location: YO Ranch Hotel Fee: \$45.00 PP

SATURDAY

Vendor Hall OPEN 9 am - 6 pm

Classes & Seminars All Day

8:30 am Registration starts for Texas Make It with Wool Sewing Contest (Check in at Class Rooms)

8:00 am Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Jackpot Show (Indoor Arena)

9:00 am Fleece Judging (Show Barn)

12:30 pm Texas Make It with Wool Fashion Show (Homestead) and Fiber Arts Contest Announcements

1:30 pm Knit Off! Fine Yarns (Homestead)

1:50 pm Crochet Off! (Homestead)

2:30 pm Spin Off! (Homestead)

3:00 pm Dog Herding Demo (Indoor Arena)

6:00 pm Dinner & Vendor Fashion Show (Homestead)

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 am - Noon

9:00 am Vendor Hall OPEN 9 am - 3 pm

9:00 am Sheep to Shawl (Homestead)

Team Greased Lighting vs. Team Lano-Lynns

Winding station located Dawn O. Designs booth in Homestead.

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Workshop Schedule

FRIDAY ALL DAY or LONG CLASSES

Wet Felt Alpaca Hats 2 Day Class

Broomstick Lace & Hairpin Lace

FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Weave Like a Viking!

Introduction to Rug Hooking

Beginner Macrame - The Feather (Fri., 10 - 12pm)

Beginner Spinning - Make Your Own Yarn!

Dyeing Cotton & Hemp Sliver for Fiber Arts

Free Form Hand Sewing - Abstract Wildflowers

Processing Your Fiber for Beginners

Scouring Your Fleece

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Luminous Felt Vessels

Proddy Flower

Plying 2-Ply: Techniques, Strategies, Tips

Repair, Refresh, Renew: Mending Basics

Make a Sheep Head Brooch!

Parasite Management

SATURDAY ALL DAY or LONG CLASSES

Needle Felt Landscapes

SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Working with Wool: Going from Sheep to Skein and Beyond

Beginner Weaving - Create a Mini Wall Hanging

Hedgehog Amigurumi

Afterthought Heels for Sock Tubes

Triangle Loom Continuous Strand Weaving Hat Making

Free Form Machine Sewing - Abstract Wildflowers

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Cast On Party

Intro to Punch Needle Punch Needle

Navajo Style Tapestry Weaving

Beginner Spinning - Make Your Own Yarn!

Beginner Appliqué

Harvest Gnomes

Seminar in Finishing Techniques for Wool Garments

Parasite Management

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Beginner Spinning - Make Your Own Yarn!

Introduction to Spinning Hemp Fiber

Beginner Appliqué

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Plying 2-Ply: Techniques, Strategies, Tips

Seminar in Finishing Techniques for Wool Garments

Karen Davis

Kristie Just

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Mary Berry

Darlene Curlee

Abigail Carter

Melanie Sanford

Susan Baker Logrbrinck

Sandra Lyda

Ellen Baize

Marti Swanson

Care Sharpin

Abigail Carter

Katy Turbeville

Joyce Hazlerig

Tammy Gallagher

Marti Swanson

Monica Kortsha

Darlene Curlee

Caré Sharpin

Katy Turbeville

Karen Davis

Susan Baker Logrbrinck

Martha Wissing

Mary Berry

Ellen Baize

Abigail Carter

Garent Wool Studio

Joyce Hazlerig

Isabel Ibarra

Tammy Gallagher

Abigail Carter

Melanie Sanford

Garnet Wool Studio

Abigail Carter

Isabel Ibarra

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Workshop Instructors

Melanie Sanford

Conserving Threads • www.conservingthreads.com

Marti Swanson

Marti Swanson Artisan • www.martiswansonartison.com

Ellen Baize

Baize Shetlands • www.baizeshetlands.weebly.com

Abigail Carter

Austin, TX

Karen Davis

Entwined Wire & Fiber • www.entwinedfiberandwire.com

Kristie Just

Kerrville, TX

Katy Turbeville

Yarn Adventure Truck • www.yarnadventuretruck.com

Care Sharpin

Sharpin Designs • www.sharpindesigns.com

Mary Berry

Mary Berry Fiber Art • www.fancyfibers.com

Monica Kortsha

Gothfarm Yarns • www.gothfarmyarn.com

Susan Baker-Logrbrinck

Susan Baker Arts • www.susanbakerarts.com

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Tammy Gallagher

Shady Paddock Farm • www.shadypaddockfarm.com

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Judges

ISABEL IBARRA

Isabel is the chairwoman of Handwork and Sewing with the Comal County Fair Association in New Braunfels, Texas and has judged crochet, sewing, and embroidery in Comal and Guadalupe counties. Teach sewing to youth and adults in and around New Braunfels has been one of her passions along with teaching adult serger classes, providing private consults in swing and teaching.

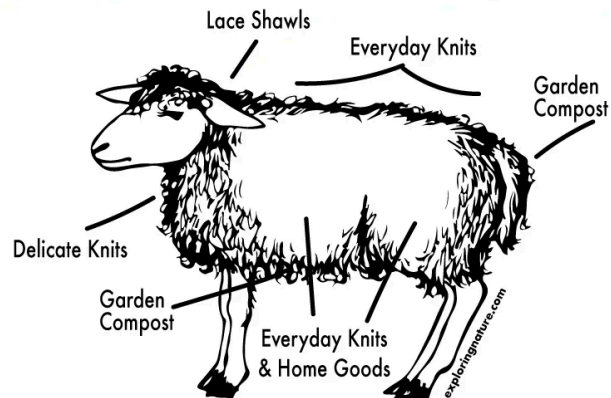
LAURA WOOLDRIDGE

Laura's first love these days is quilting. She has been making quilts, crafts, bags of every kind and even doll clothes for nieces and now for her granddaughters. She has shown her quilts in the guild shows in San Antonio and New Braunfels and has won ribbons and trophies on items she has entered in The Comal County Fair. She treasures wool work pieces she has been gifted and has made some pieces herself. Laura currently works and teaches at Stitched in Schertz, a quilt shop in far northeast San Antonio.

MELISSA STUCKER

Melissa has been sewing since the age of 12. She was taught by her favorite Aunt and took to the craft of quilt making immediately. In the 30 years since, Melissa has tried her hand at many techniques in the quilting world. Her favorite method is piecing, with no fear of small or numerous pieces. The more color the better! She has also made school clothes for her daughter, costumes for Renaissance Festivals and more tote bags than she can count.

FARMS & RANCHES



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What's our plan for 2024?

EXPANSION! Texas Fleece & Fiber Festival has room to spread our wings. Next year we will host vendors in the Expo Hall, the main entrance moves to the front of the building, and we will have more defined wool shows lead by breed associations. Education will get bigger and better for our farms and ranches.



TFF Volunteers and sponsors are always needed to bring life to the fiber arts and festival experience. Every year we strive to add more value to the experience for our customers, students, teachers, demonstrators and vendors. Contact Lyn Christoph or Jenn Kulick if you are interested in getting involved in the 2024 fiber festival.

Lyn Christoph, inquiries@texasfleeceandfiber.com

Jenn Kulick, director@texasmakeitwithwool.com

Special thanks to Kimberly Clark for this years cover and festival art!

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2023 Vendors

FIBER & ARTS VENDORS

11:11 Crafts
Soaps and Sundries

2JP Ranch
Harper, TX

Akua's Boutique
Baskets and Bags

Andrea's Studio for the Fine Arts
Felting and Fine Arts

Bashful Armadillo Fibers
Hand Dyed Yarns

Baskets by Kevin
Basket Weaver

Chaos Fiber Co
Hand Dyed Yarns

Conserving Threads
Cotton, Hemp, Flax, and Nettle
& Conservation

Crafter's Horde
www.craftershorde.com

Dawn O. Designs
Designer

Euphoria Knits
Hand Dyed Yarns

Ewe2Yarn
Yarns & Fibers

Fiber Fate
Hand Spun and Hand Dyed Yarns

Hipponeer
Herbs and Sundries

Garnet Wool Studio
Applique & Sewing Arts

John De Arment, Designs
Designer

Joy Harte
Felt Artist

KClark Photography
Artist & Photographer

Join us Sunday @ 9 am at The Homestead
Team Greased Lightning v. Team Lano-Lynns.

The fastest time to shear a single mature sheep is 37.90 seconds by Ivan Scott (Ireland) in Castlepollard, County Westmeath, Ireland on 4 April 2010.

www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/fastest-time-to-shear-one-sheep



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wire. The end goal will be to complete a bracelet length of chain that will then be embellished with beads (if desired) and finished by adding fasteners. Adventurous souls may want to continue their weaving in order to make a necklace-length chain. \$45

Beginner Macrame - The Feather

Darlene Curlee • Woven 4 Ewe
Friday, October 27, 2023

Sometimes called a leaf, other times a feather, whatever you call them, they are fun to make. In this class you will be working with cotton cord and will learn the macramé knots to create your own leaf. Selecting the color cord of your choice, we will go through all the steps to create, finish, and attach your leaf to a stick so it'll be ready to hang. All materials included in class. \$55

Beginner Weaving - Create a Mini Wall Hanging

Darlene Curlee • Woven 4 Ewe
Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 9 am - 12 pm

In this class we will cover the basics of tapestry weaving as you create your own woven project. We will start by warping the table-top loom. You will then learn stitches and techniques and start weaving. We will complete the project by taking it off the loom, then attaching a rod so you have a completed project ready to hang. Each weaver will leave with a completed one-of-a-kind woven wall hanging, the loom and materials to continue weaving at home. This class is perfect for anyone wanting to get creative and enjoy a hands-on fiber experience. \$75

Make Your Own Woven Beanie! - Triangle Loom Continuous Strand

Karen Davis • Entwined Fibers
Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 10 am - 12 pm

In this class, you will learn how to use a triangle loom to create a wonderful beanie-type hat using continuous strand weaving and some special finishing techniques! You are welcome to bring your own special yarn, pompoms and/or buttons. Yarn will be provided as part of the kit fee. Pompoms and buttons will be provided for sale. Triangle looms will be for use in the class but also available for purchase. \$45

Navajo Style Tapestry Weaving

Ellen Baize • Baize Shetlands
Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 1 - 4pm

If you are a beginning weaver, Navajo tapestry is a great place to start. If you are an accomplished weaver and would love to learn more about Navajo weaving and special techniques please join us! We plan to make two mug rugs using authentic rug warp and weft on a simple prewarped cardboard loom designed specifically for this project. Weft yarns will be provided from our hand dyed yarns in natural colors and natural dyes. 17 You can pick a color scheme from prepared kits for the project when you

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Plying 2-Ply: Techniques, Strategies, Tips

Abigail Carter

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 2 pm - 4 pm

Have you just spun your first yarn? Wondering what the heck to do with your singles? Or do you just want to strengthen and bulk up a commercial singles yarn? Welcome to plying! This class will cover yarn management (the preparation for plying and during plying), two separate techniques for plying singles into a 2-ply yarn, and discuss the possibilities of yarn design & modification through plying. \$65

Introduction to Spinning Hemp Fiber

Melanie D. Sanford • Conserving Threads

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 9 am - 11 am

In this 2-hour session, we will discuss industrial hemp and introduce you to spinning this bast fiber. Using hemp as a source of fiber, feed and food is nothing new. Use by modern-day hand-spinners almost regard hemp as a specialty fiber due to the limited supply here in the US. It's only recently that the US laws to legally grow industrial hemp have changed. Let us look at this plant fiber, how it's currently being grown and processed, and spend a couple hours spinning both naturally grown and processed hemp fiber. \$55

Plying 2-Ply: Techniques, Strategies, Tips

Abigail Carter

Sunday, October 29, 2023 • 1 PM

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Weaving Classes

Weave Like A Viking!

Karen Davis • Entwined Fibers

Friday, October 27, 2023

In this class, you will learn the ancient art of Viking weave using a dowel rod and thin wire. Viking weave is an ancient form of circular wire weaving which is not actually made of links of chain but rather loops of woven

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2023 Vendors

Kocre's Crafts

Fiber Artist

Lazy Cat Yarn

Hand Dyed Yarn

Mary Berry Fiber Art

Rug Hooking, Dye & Fiber Arts

Noti Yarns

Hand Dyed Yarn

Paradise Mini Ranch

Angora Goat Breeders

Red Stag Fibre

Hand Dyed Yarn

Savvy Skeins

Hand Dyed Yarn

Scarlet Snaps

Jewelry & Novelty

Sharpin Designs

Hook and Fiber Arts

Sky Loom Weavers

Weaving & Spinning

Suzann Thompson

Designer & Conservation

Texas Salt Co.

Local Tastes

The Natural Twist

Natural Dyes & Fibers

Twenty 8 North

Hand Dyed Yarn & Custom Soaps

Unraveled SA

LYS - Yarns, Notions and More

Virginia Prairie Mysteries

Storyteller and Author

Wyatt Wheels

Custom Spinning Wheels

Woolly Designs

www.woollydesigns.com

Woven 4 Ewe

Macrame & Weaving

Yarn Adventure LLC

Mobile LYS - Yarns and Notions

Yarn Matter

Hand Dyed Yarns

You're So Crafty

LYS - Yarns, Fibers and Notions

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FARMS AND RANCHES

Baize Shetlands

Heritage Shetland Sheep

Barkanic Ranch

Mohair and Cashmere Goats
West Texas

Debra Monks

Fine Wool Shetlands

Entwined Wire & Fiber

Huacaya Alpaca

Farmy McFarmplace

Awassi/Karakul/Afrikaner
and Karakul Sheep

Great American Alpacas/Alpacas

Huacaya Alpaca

Gulf Breeze Alpaca

Alpaca & Gulf Coast Sheep

Honey Lane Farm

Heritage Shetlands

Hummers Homestead

Huacaya Alpaca

Marlin Farms

Goats, Shetland & Gulf Coast

Naumann Angoras

Angora Goats

Paradise Mini Ranch

Angora Goats

Rowdy Ranch

Angora & Nigora Goats & German
Angora Bunnies

The Painted Alpaca

Huacaya Alpaca & Fine Wool Sheep

FIBER MILLS

Colorado Wool Co. LLC

coloradowoolcompany.com

The Sheepwalk Ranch Fiber Mill LLC

www.thesheepwalkranch.com

Wandering Gypsy Fiber Mill

FB: @wanderinggypsyfibermill

Winterstrom Ranch Fiber Mill

www.winterstromranch.com

FOOD VENDORS

Buzzee's BBQ

Church Bake Sale

Juancho's Monster Grille

Nobilitea

Veronica's Sweet Treats

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Rug Hooking/Punch Needle Classes

Intro to Rug Hooking

Mary Berry • Fancy Fibers

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 9 am - 1 pm

In this class I will teach you how to pull up loops and turn them into a small mat that you can use as a wall hanging, part of a pillow, or a hot pad. It's a simple craft -- pulling a fabric strip up through a backing fabric into a loop (many, many times) until the backing fabric is completely covered -- that can produce many different styles of art. \$70

Proddy Flower

Care Sharpin • Sharpin Designs

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 1 pm - 4 pm

If you are just dipping your toes into rug hooking or proddy hooking, this is a great way to see if you like it. These are addictive to make, so you'll have a garden-full in no time. Care will show you how to add a pin to the back so they can be worn on a purse, hat, scarf, etc., or show you how to display it in a shadow box for display in your home. All materials will be included, but feel free to bring your own Rug Hook and Proddy Hook if you have one. \$90

Intro to Punch Needle

Mary Berry • Fancy Fibers

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 1 pm - 4 pm

Punch needle is the "upside down" version of rug hooking. It's fun, fast, and worked primarily with yarn (although other things can be used, too). Learn the basics of Punch Needle as you work on a small (9" x 9") piece. Punch needles and Punching Frames will be provided for use in class. A wide variety of yarn will be available. \$55

Spinning Classes

Beginner Spinning - Make Your Own Yarn!

Abigail Carter

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 10 am - 12 pm

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 2 pm - 4 pm

Are you ever frustrated by not finding the perfect yarn for your fiber project? When you learn to make your own, you can create your own perfect yarns! This class will teach the beginning spinner how to spin yarn from prepared woolen fibers, covering the basics of staple, micron count, drafting, twist, and ergonomics. \$60

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Knitting Classes *Feature Designer*

Cast On Party & Class

Martha Wissing, Designer

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 1 pm start

Please welcome Martha Wissing as our special guest designer for the year 2023. This cast on party and class is a first for Texas Fleece and Fiber Festival. Students will be sent on an adventure to see the dyers choices. Samples will be on display at the vendor booths and then at class for discussion. Color is always as important as technique. Martha will walk you through the nuts and bolts of her pattern design. Make new old friends! \$25

Afterthought Heels for Sock Tubes

Katy Turbeville • Yarn Adventure Truck

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 10 am - 12 pm

Does the thought of knitting a whole pair of socks make you cringe? It takes an average of 36,000 stitches to make a pair of socks so why not take advantage of those cranked sock tube services and then make perfect socks with you in a fraction of the time. Katy will show you how to calculate desired length based on shoe size, pick up stitches, and build afterthought heels for a pair of socks in a fraction of the time a fully hand knit pair would take. There will be advice and recipes for toes too!!! \$60

Multi-Media Classes

Repair, Refresh, Renew: Mending Basics

Katy Turbeville • Yarn Adventure Truck

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 2 pm - 5 pm

A snag on your favorite sweater? Holes in a beloved tee? Are socks threadbare? Another rip in those perfect-fit jeans? Sashiko-style mending, darning, and other techniques can save the day! Most repairs take a fraction of the time than making or even purchasing a new item would. So let's learn basic mending! In this three-ish hour class, Katy from Yarn Adventure will provide hands-on instruction with sashiko stitching, felting, embroidery as a mending tool, and darning using a loom. Kit costs include a tiny Katrinkles Darning Loom and embroidery scissors plus lots of materials to try including wool to felt, some fabric, interfacing, sashiko thread, needles, stitching guide, etc. \$60

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Vendor Booth Locations

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Baize Shetlands	8 Marlin Farms	26
Barkanic Ranch	58 Martha Wissing, Design	43
Bashful Armadillo Fibers	2 Mary Berry Fiber Art	6
Buzee's BBQ	55 Naumann Angoras	38
Care Sharpin	65 Nobilitea	53
Chaos Fiber Co.	5 Noti Yarns	30
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Conserving Threads	10 Savvy Skeins	35
Crafter's Horde	32 Scarlet Snaps	48
David Ciambrone, Author	41 Sky Loom Weavers	24
Dawn O. Designs	49 Suzann Thompson, Designer	42
Debra Monks	60 Texas Fiber Shed	61
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Euphoria Knits	31 The Natural Twist	3
Ewe 2 Yarn	4 The Painted Alpaca	19
Farmy McFarmplace	59 Twenty 8 North	29
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Garnet Wool Studio (Hillys)	9 Wandering Gypsy Fiber Mill	27
Great American Alpacas	14 Winterstrom Ranch Fiber Mill	39
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Texas Make It with Wool

Celebrating Texas Wool, Mohair, Alpaca & Llama

The Texas Make It With Wool competition is open to all Texas residents and is for anyone interested in fiber arts fashion and creative design using wool or wool blend fabrics. Through personal creativity, contestants create sewn, knitted, crocheted, woven or felted garments and novelty items that promote the beauty and versatility of wool.

Texas Make it With Wool is sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the Auxiliary, Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization and is guided by the National Make It With Wool Program (www.makeitwithwool.com).

Winners of the Junior & Senior divisions go on to compete in the National Make It With Wool Competition in Denver, CO, January 11-13, 2024. They receive a cash prize, wool fabric for future use and a portion of travel expenses to the destination. The Adult winner will receive a cash prize to help cover the cost of shipping the garment for judging at the National Contest and wool fabric for future use.

October 28, 2023 Timeline

Check in for Sewing Contest is 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Judging is from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Lunch break 11:30 - 12:00 pm

Rehearsal at 12:00 - 12:15 pm

Fashion Show 12:30 pm start

Winners are announced after each age category shows.



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always stunning! Kit includes materials for project. Students will receive a confirmation receipt from TFF and email from their teacher. ALL classes are taught at Texas Fleece & Fiber. \$98

Make a Sheep Head Brooch!

Joyce Hazlerig • Gypsy Harte

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 1 - 4 pm

Learn how to needle felt your favorite sheep into a charming brooch to wear! You could also make a llama or alpaca as well! Materials and felting pad all included. \$65

Wet Felt Alpaca Hats

Karen Davis • Entwined Fibers

Friday & Saturday, October 27-28, 2023 • 1 pm - 4 pm

Make your own wet-felted alpaca wool hat! Materials and various colors of fleeces will be provided for you to be able to wet-felt your own unique alpaca hat. Instructions and materials for finishing the hat will also be provided. TWO PART CLASS.

Harvest Gnome

Joyce Hazlerig

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 1 pm - 4 pm

A harvest gnome to grace your table bring abundance and good luck to your hearth throughout the season! These gnomes reflect the autumnal mood dressed in browns and gold and green just like the changing leaves! Shows off their red bushy beards to best advantage. Fiber and felting pads provided! \$65

Needle Felt Landscape

Marti Swanson • Marti Swanson Artisan

Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 9 am - 2 pm, includes a lunch break

We are elevating the felt experience by including more detail about wool fibers. Students will paint with wool! Learn the basics of 2-d needle felting while creating your own original landscape. We will be making 6"x6" mini landscapes using a variety of wool types, silk, nepps and other embellishments. Students will be immersed in to a world of fiber types, best uses for each fiber type and how to bring it all together. Bring a couple of photos for inspiration. You will be amazed at the results! \$125

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paced sampler swatch in each category, we will go on to explore a variety of tool ideas and scrutinize a mini-trunk show of finished items to WIP's, edgings to wearables, cotton crochet thread to bulky yarn, "reading" the stitches and patterns created. Both Broomstick Lace and Hairpin Lace are a rewarding and fantastically fast way to showcase your favorite yarn. Come join the fun and jumpstart your own amazing creation now! \$80

Hedgehog Amigurumi

Care Sharpin • Sharpin Designs

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 9 am - 1 pm

Who doesn't love hedgehogs? Would you like one for yourself? Bring your yarn and let Care take you through creating this adorable creature. You may even learn a new stitch. Skills Required: Basic crochet – SC, working in the round, increases, decreases Length of Class: 2 hours Teacher Supplies: safety eyes, pattern, stuffing Students Bring: Hook Size G, Embroidery needle, Worsted weight yarn as follows: 50-100 grams for the main body, 25-50 grams for face, legs and ears, black weight yarn for nose. \$85 + Kit

Dye Class

Dyeing Cotton & Hemp Sliver for Fiber Arts

Melanie D. Sanford • Conserving Threads

Friday, October 27, 2023 - 9 am - 11 am

Join us for a morning of learning to dye cotton and hemp fibers using direct dyes for cellulose fibers. A combination of submersion and direct application techniques to color ginned and combed fibers will be used during the session. You are welcome to bring a 1-ounce example of your own bast fiber to dye with during the class; please make sure it is properly scoured. It is recommended that each attendee bring a dust mask and gloves to wear as we are working with the powered dyes. No previous experience necessary. \$50

Felting Class

Luminous Felt Vessels

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Friday, October 27, 2023 • 1 pm - 4 pm

This year, bring light to the festivities with a luminous felt vessel. Learn the basics of wet felting with a resist, layout of wool, embellishments and more to create a unique piece of art. Wet felting on a resist allows for making 3D sculptural pieces. It takes a bit of effort, but the results are

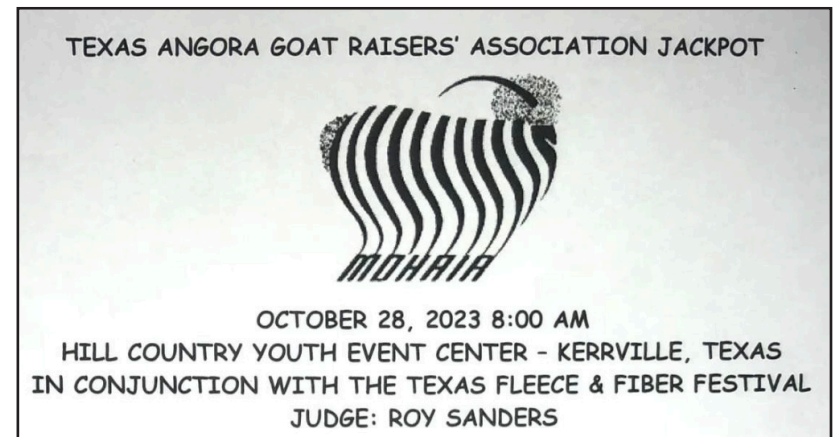
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Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association JACKPOT SHOW

The Angora goat has a rich history in Texas starting as far back as the 1880's. They were quick to out number the sheep as the popularity in their wool and meat grew. By the 1970's, mohair replaced wool as the primary animal fiber making Texas the largest producer in the U.S.

"The most important features that determine the value of the fleece are length, density and fineness. The fleece should be even throughout, with a good balance between style (the twist of the staple) and character (the crimp of the staple). The mohair should have good lustre and a soft handle.... Texan-type fleeces tend to be dense and more greasy with long staples, leading to high fleece-weights, and the most wonderful lustre." (<https://angoragoats-mohair.org.uk/the-breed-standard/>)

The TAGRA Jackpot Show is a great opportunity to see some of the best angora goats in our region.



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Shepherds' Workshops

Scouring Class

Ellen Baize • Baize Shetlands

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 9 am - 10 am

Are you tempted to buy that beautiful fleece but do not know what to do with it once you have it in hand? Join our scouring class where we will consider different fibers and problem fleeces and discover the best options for scouring them. We will do my favourite cold water scour with a variety of fibers and then talk about why hot water scouring would be better in some cases. Bring a notepad and pencil for notes and plan to drop by to see a display of dry samples later in the day when they are dry. \$30

Processing Your Fiber for Beginners

Sandy Lyda - Honey Lane Farm

Friday, October 27, 2023 - 10 am - 11 am

You have a clean fleece, but how do you prep it for spinning?

This class will teach you how to use hand carders, and a flick carder for prep. If you own carders, please bring them. There will be a limited number of hand carders for use in the class. You'll receive 3 ounces of clean fleece to practice with. \$30

Working with Wool: Going from Sheep to Skein and Beyond

Monica Kortsha • Gothfarm Yarn LLC

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 9 am - 11 am

The class will start with a live shearing demonstration from sheep shearer Chloe O'Rourke and her wooly assistants. Monica will then discuss the basics of wool evaluation, preparation, and commodification, working with the freshly shorn fleece in real time. Learn how to treat wool once it's off the sheep and in your hands. This includes sheep raisers interested in getting more value out of their wool and crafters interested in working with quality fleeces. \$50

PARASITE MANAGEMENT & FAMACHA CERTIFICATION

Tammy Gallagher • Shady Paddock Farm, LLC

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 1 pm - 5 pm

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Trying to save sick animals with dewormers and blood transfusions, one after another, is a losing battle. It's time to take control of the war by learning worm management strategies that you will customize to YOUR farm and YOUR animals. \$75

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Applique/Sewing Class

Free Form Machine Sewing - Abstract Wildflowers

Susan Baker Logrbrinck • Susan Baker Arts

October 27, 2023 • 9 am - 12 pm - Freehand

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This class is a zentanlges for your sewing machine. Students will be creating a smaller version of the piece pictured-abstract wildflowers. This class will explore machine stitching and the places you can go without a set pattern. Students will first create their wildflower backdrops then push forward with the sewing designs. This is a great way to break free from what you think you know and truly do peaceful piece work. Class fee includes your supplies. PLEASE BRING YOUR SEWING MACHINES with basic thread and bobbins to fill. \$70

Beginner Applique

Garnet Wool Studio

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 1 pm - 5 pm

Sunday, October 29, 2023 • 9 am - 1 pm

When you purchase a bunch of flowers at the grocery store, they do not have anywhere to be safe for the ride home until now. This small tote is perfect to keep that bunch of tulips or sunflowers contained from the store to the kitchen. The design for the tote will be coneflowers and some leaves. This is a project for beginners and intermediate sewers to undertake. Teacher will supply the wool, needles, floss, and iron. Students will need to bring their own scissors. \$55

Seminar in Finishing Techniques for Wool Garments

Isabel Ibarra

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 3 pm - 5 pm

Sunday, October 29, 2023 • 1 pm - 3 pm

Tis 2 1/2 hour seminar will provide sewing techniques suitable for beginner or intermediate seamstresses showcasing finishing techniques for wool materials. Handouts will be provided along with hand sewing techniques for hems, tacking, linings and finishing seams to achieve clean finishes in completing a garment. \$55

Crochet Class

Broomstick & Hairpin Lace

Kristie Just

Friday, October 27, 2023

10 am - 12 pm Broomstick, Lunch, 1 pm - 3 pm Hairpin Lace

Join Kristie in discovering the joy of Broomstick and Hairpin Lace. Once you learn this easy and rewarding form of crochet your yarn stash will become a new treasure trove of inspiration. After completing a fast