



2023 Winter/Spring Classes



SPINNING

Spinning Club

First Monday of each month (1 – 3 p.m.)

No charge

Advisor: Suzanne Kelly

This is a drop-in class. Join us to sit, spin and relax with your wheel or spindle once a month. We'll share techniques, tips, and conversation. All levels are welcome. Participants will receive 10% OFF spinning fibers the days the club meets..

Beginning Drop Spindle

Minimum 3 participants, max 6; one 3-hour class

Thursday (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) February 23*

OR Thursday (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) March 16

\$50 includes materials

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

Love fiber? Love yarn? Learn to make your own yarn from commercially prepared wool fibers using a drop spindle. Spinning with a drop spindle is relaxing and portable. Students may bring their own drop spindle, borrow one from the instructor, or purchase one at the shop. Each student in this half-day class will go home with a small skein of handspun yarn.

** The February class is during School Vacation Week. Students over 12 are welcome to join the class.*



Beginning Spinning on a Wheel

Minimum 3 participants, max 5; one 4-hour class (with a break for lunch)

Saturday (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) April 1

OR Monday (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) April 10

\$75 *includes materials*

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

Do you want to be able to spin your own yarn for knitting, weaving or gifting? Do you want to try different wheels to see what works best for you? Do you want to understand the difference between roving and top, and how to use them? Students will learn to spin from different types of commercially prepared fiber and try several types of wheels. Equipment and fiber will be provided for use in the class. Students may bring their own wheel in good working order if they have one.

NEW! Spinning for Math Nerds

Minimum 3 participants; one 3-hour class

Monday (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) March 20

\$50 *includes materials*

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

This is for spinners who want to understand the technicalities of spinning. We'll look at ratios and how to use them to get the yarn you want to make. We'll also take a close look at fiber to learn how to assess what the yarn the fiber wants to make.

Prerequisite: Participants must have a basic knowledge and ability to spin on a wheel. Bringing your own wheel in good working order is recommended, but a limited number are available for use during the class. *Please let the shop know when you register if you plan to borrow a wheel.*



Great Wheel Spinning

Minimum 3 participants; one 2.5- to 3-hour class

No date is set yet.. If you are interested in taking it, please call to put your name on the list.

\$45 includes materials

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

Are you interested in learning to spin on a Great Wheel/Wool Wheel/Walking Wheel? This is a rare opportunity to learn to use the wheel that was left in your grandmother's house, or the one you picked up at an antique store, or the one at the historic house where you volunteer. Students will practice different techniques with a variety of fibers. Learn to dance with the wheel!

Prerequisite: Students must already know how to spin. Being able to bring your own great wheel is preferred, but arrangements may be made to rent one.

WEAVING

Weavers' Study Group

Tuesday mornings (10 a.m. - noon)

\$5 per week

New members welcome anytime (we will prorate the fee)! This is an ongoing group who meet weekly to explore various weaving topics. The members collectively decide upon the subjects to be studied and participate in the research of applicable reference materials. All levels of expertise are invited. Members receive a \$5 merchandise credit for each week in attendance PLUS 10% OFF all yarn.



Beginning Weaving

Minimum 3 participants, max 5; two 6-hour classes (with a break for lunch)

Monday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) February 6 **AND** 13 (snow date February 20)

OR Saturday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) March 4 **AND** 11 (snow date March 18)

OR Thursday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) April 13 **AND** 20

\$200 plus materials (includes loom rental fee)

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

This 2-day class is a start-to-finish beginning weaving experience on a 4-shaft loom. The first day, students are guided through measuring out a warp, beaming the warp, sleying the reed and threading the heddles. The first few rows of weaving will be complete before the end of the day. The looms go home along with students with instructions for weaving a sampler between the classes. Support is available between the classes. On the second day, the samplers are completed and we take a step back to get an introduction to project planning and drafting. Portable 4-shaft tabletop looms are provided for use during and between the classes as part of the class fee. An additional materials fee covers the yarn used for the sampler. Materials fee: cost of 6-9 oz perle cotton (~\$2 per ounce) and the optional purchase of *Learning to Weave* by Debbie Chandler.

Special offer for Beginning Weaving only: Take the class with a friend for just \$30 more! You'll work on one loom and make one sampler, but you will both learn just as much!.

Advanced Beginning Weaving Series

Minimum 3 participants, max 5; two 6-hour classes (with a break for lunch)

Monday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) February 6 **AND** 13 (snow date February 20)

OR Saturday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) March 4 **AND** 11 (snow date March 18)

OR Thursday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) April 13 **AND** 20

\$200 plus materials (includes loom rental fee)

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

Anyone with some basic experience may opt to join the Beginner class but weave a different project. If interested, please contact the instructor to arrange for an appropriate project for your level. Students may bring their own loom or borrow one from the shop for the duration of the class.



Inkle Weaving

Minimum 3 participants, max 5; one 5-hour session

Wednesday (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) February 22*

OR Saturday (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) March 25

OR Monday (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) April 24

\$75 (includes borrowing a loom during the class if needed)

Instructor: Penny Lacroix

Inkle weaving is a simple and inexpensive way to weave narrow bands of fabric. There are limitless possibilities of color design. Participants will learn to make heddles and efficiently warp the loom in different color patterns and will weave a narrow band, bookmarks, or shoelaces. *When signing up, please indicate whether you have an inkle loom or not.* Some looms are available to borrow for the class and will be available for purchase at a discount following the class. There will be a break for lunch.

** The February class is during School Vacation Week. Students over 12 are welcome to join the class.*

Scarf in a Day

One participant at a time

Call to schedule a date – allow 4 hours

\$75 includes materials, instruction and use of the pre-warped loom for a day

Come in and weave a rayon chenille scarf on a pre-warped loom. You will receive personal instructions on how to wind bobbins and weave the scarf. You'll weave the scarf on your own, but someone will be available for questions. When you are done weaving, you cut the scarf off the loom and take it home for finishing. Fringing and washing instructions will be provided. No need to invest in a loom, warping, or materials. Let us do that for you!

PRIVATE LESSONS

Want to take a class but can't make the scheduled session? We offer **private spinning** or **4-harness weaving lessons** at \$35 per hour by *Penny Lacroix*. Our **private rigid heddle weaving lessons** are \$35 per hour and are taught by *Ann Murphy*. We also offer crochet and knitting private lessons for \$35 per hour. Give us a call at 978-456-8669 for more information or to set up an appointment.

THINGS TO KNOW

We accept Master Card, Visa, Discover, and American Express, as well as checks and cash. Phone registration accepted with credit card. Tuition for classes will be charged 4 days prior to a session. No refunds after that time. Tuitions will be refunded if class is cancelled.

All materials can be bought at the Fiber Loft, either ahead of time or the day of the class.

Unless otherwise noted in the class listing, the cost of materials is additional. While enrolled in a class at the Fiber Loft, students receive a *10% discount* on yarns and fibers. Teenagers are welcome in all adult classes. **Please plan on either bringing your lunch or buying it elsewhere for those classes that run all day.**

If the weather is bad, check our Facebook page for information on either the shop closing for the day or opening late.

