

FIBER WORKSHOP

ROBIN & NEYSA RUSSO

SPINNING TECHNIQUES &
TAPESTRY NEEDLEFELT TECHNIQUES

MARCH 5, 2016 FROM 9:30-3:30

Snow date is March 12th, same time and place.

WEYBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
210 QUAKER VILLAGE ROAD
MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

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Check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in taking both spinning & felting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in taking a day of spinning with Robin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in taking a day of felting with Neysa |

Please complete this application and provide payment by March 3, 2016. Applications and payment will be accepted on a first come first serve basis for the workshop. If you've sent in payment already, please fill out the application and below just mention you sent payment last month.

You'll need to bring your wheel and a lunch to the event. All other supplies will be provided.

Application and payment of \$25 for members (\$60. For non-members) can be sent to Sharron Bigelow, 230 Drake Woods Road, Bristol, VT 05443. **Please make the check payable to Twist O'Wool Guild.** If you have questions, please email Sharron Bigelow at sharron.bigelo@gmail.com

ROBIN RUSSO has found in her many years of teaching, that old and new spinners alike want a refresher on spinning techniques. She will try to keep it simple enough that people don't get hung up on terminology and the fear of not knowing what it all means. She will start by discussing the things that make up a yarn, including fiber, fiber prep, spinning technique, twist and grist. She will talk about woolen and worsted, how they come about, how they look and feel and how they wear. Once these components are understood then spinners can look at the way they spin, analyze what they are doing and understand what they need to do to change the way their yarn looks and feels. You will explore numerous spinning techniques and view the differences in the yarn as you continue sampling. The goal will be to see which techniques are best suited to your spinning comfort and the yarns you would like to create.



Tapestry Needle Felting with Neysa Russo

Needle felt is a simple needling technique that uses barbed needles to decorate a felt surface with design. Whether you have some needle felting experience or not, you will find this class offers many fresh ideas for fun and interesting projects. There will be an abundance of small project ideas that are perfect for people who just want to sample this technique and more complex projects for those who would like a challenge. Along the way, you will build your needling skills, gain design experience and experiment with color. Simple design shapes combine to create beautifully unique and personal folk art tapestries. While we needle, we can talk about inspiration, composition, color choices, needle varieties, fiber and many techniques and tricks are offered to keep your felting moving forward. You will also gain insight into the basic principles of wet felting in a way that is straightforward and accessible using readily available equipment.