



Spring Meeting - April 4, 2020
Eldridge Community Center – 400 South 16th Ave., Eldridge, IA Hosted by Valley Weavers & Spinners and Gateway Fiber Artists

9:00-10:00 Registration - \$20

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided

Hanging of Popular Choice Entries

Handknit or crocheted - handspun

Handwoven - handspun

Handspun skein - novelty

Handspun skein - regular

Felted articles

Shop

10:00 Spinning, aka: Sanity Maintenance - Kimberly Darling*

Kimberly will discuss her philosophy of Purposeful Spinning, even if that purpose is solely for sanity maintenance. She will also poke fun at the “spinning police,” since in her universe there are no mistakes, only yarn that is unfinished, or that may need a re-aligned purpose. Being a bit of a rule challenger herself, she will share a few of her spinning/life tenets. Come and discover your personal purpose of spinning.

11:00 Lunch - Shop - Vote

Lunch is on your own at one of the Eldridge restaurants, or bring a sack lunch.

Voting for Popular Choice

Officers and Guild Reps Meeting, time TBD

12:30 IA Federation Meeting, Popular Choice winners, Door Prizes

1:30 The Zen of Spinning with Color - Kimberly Darling*

Kimberly is a true chromophile, she LOVES color. Her first spinning wheel came with undyed Corriedale, and the first thing she did was dye it, there was no way she could learn to spin without color! Since that time she has immersed herself in spinning brilliantly dyed fiber. She will discuss a few of her favorite ways to spin hand-painted rovings, from fades to fractals. Come and listen to Kimberly, and find your own path to Color Enlightenment.

2:45 Shopping until 3:30

*Kimberly Darling is a native Iowan. She worked in a number of midwestern cities, then settled in the Quad Cities in eastern Iowa. She retired after 20+ years of teaching art and interior design at Eastern Iowa Community Colleges. She is a member of Quad Cities Fiber Arts and Valley Weavers and Spinners. Kimberly is a fiber artist, and a spinster, or maker of yarn, at heart. She loves the smell of a fresh raw fleece, and will wash, dye, card, and spin the wool into a beautiful yarn. She knits, crochets, and weaves with her handspun yarn. Kimberly does wet and nuno felting incorporating recycled garments and accessories into her artwork. She has won awards for handspun yarn and a hand knit, handspun Irish Diamond Shawl.

Minutes from Fall 2019 meeting.

I am afraid we have no minutes from the Fall meeting. I have searched through my computer files and cannot find any minutes. My apologies to all. Rebecca Roush

Treasurer's Report Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners

Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2019

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ASSETS

1000	Share Draft Account	4,071.24
1010	Savings Account	5.00
1050	Certificate of Deposit, Maturity 4/19/2020	4,137.70
1100	Petty Cash	0.00
	Total Assets	8,213.94
3010	General Fund	8,213.94
	Total Liabilities and Funds	8,213.94

Plan ahead:

Fall 2020 Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners

The Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild will host the Fall Federation meeting Saturday October 24th. Our guest speaker will be Kathrin Weber. This meeting will be held at Franklin Jr. High, 4801 Franklin Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310. We will have vendors and an opportunity to order in lunch. We will also have a list of local restaurants if you would prefer to go out for lunch.

We are having 2, 3 day workshops by Kathrin Weber. on Focus on the Warp (Controlling Creative Chaos). We do have 5 spots open for 26th, 27th & 28th. The cost is \$350 which includes snacks, drinks and lunch all three days. \$100 deposit is due at the time of sign up and the remainder due by July 1st. We will have a waiting list in case people do not pay.

We will have more information in August/September on how to order and prepay for lunch.

Spring 2021 Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners

Spring 2021 Iowa Federation Meeting Date Set

Please reserve the date of Saturday, April 17, for the spring 2021 meeting hosted by the Northeast Iowa Weavers & Spinners Guild. Well-known fiber artist Stephenie Gaustad will offer two presentations at the meeting and will also teach a one- or two-day workshop while she is in Waterloo. The Guild has reserved the Waterloo Center for the Arts and will invite vendors to the April 17 event.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild is hosting a 75th Anniversary Fiber Arts Celebration on April 24th & 25th. We will have vendors, food trucks, classes, demonstrations, presentations and a community art project. Friday evening will be a VIP night 5 - 8 pm. A \$10 advanced ticket or \$12 at the door. Saturday 9 - 4 is free. Please see our FB page for information or our website DesMoinesWeaversGuild.org

A note from our President:

I am not sure where the last 6 months have gone. I am hoping it has been a fast winter for everyone. We have a very exciting program for the Spring 2020 meeting and the previews of the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 meetings look to be just as exciting. Please be sure to get these on your calendars. We are electing new officers at the Spring 2020 meeting and would really like your input so we can have the best organization to help server all of Iowa's weavers and spinners.

Looking forward to seeing you at the April 4th meeting.

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Current Meeting Rotation Schedule

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Northwest Iowa	2019	Decorah
Quad Cities/Clinton	2020	Des Moines
Waterloo/Cedar Falls	2021	Iowa City
Cedar Rapids	2022	Northwest Iowa
Decorah	2023	Quad Cities/Clinton
Iowa City	2024	Cedar Rapids

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