

**WESTERN RESERVE SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)
SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

Purpose: Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide supplementary areas of specialized, focused studies for Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers (WRSW) guild members. SIGs are not a replacement for the guild general meetings.

Why Join a SIG?

- A SIG enables a WRSW guild member to focus on an area of study with other members who are like-minded.
- A SIG is an excellent venue in which to encourage cross-pollination of ideas and challenges the participant to actually put the work into the learning of the skills needed to enhance their expression.
- A SIG provides the opportunity for a motivated member to nurture others and provides a way to encourage those with teaching abilities to teach/facilitate in a small group setting.
- A SIG can become the initial testing ground for exploration in the fiber art of choice by providing new perspectives and techniques.
- A SIG challenges the member to hone their craft outside of formal meetings with projects and goals.

For complete information on the SIG Guidelines please refer to the SIG Guidelines [here](#). You will need to log in to the Member's site to access it.

FOCUS ON FELT SIG

*If you were a member of the Focus on Felt SIG in the past year you are **not** automatically rolled over to the following, you must contact the Facilitator listed below to enroll in the 2018 schedule.*

Facilitator: Cheryl Laufer cherylaufer@gmail.com

The Focus on Felt SIG often plans their upcoming agenda and meeting place a few months ahead of time based on current interest, sharing of information from a class someone attended, and prior discussion of desired techniques to learn. Occasionally they explore other techniques that can be used with or compliment their felting.

January 9th, Hosted by Cheryl Laufer - Show and Tell Completed 2017 Items and book sharing

February 13th, Hosted by Cheryl Laufer - Silk Fusion presented by Linda Christopher

March 13th, Hosted by Cheryl Laufer - Spring Flowers (wet felt) presented by Cheryl

April 10th, Hosted by Jan Gibson – Needle Felting presented by Jan

May 8th tba

June 12th, Hosted by Darlene Smith, Needle Felt Flowers presented by Darlene

July 10th, Hosted by Sue Ingrassia - Cob Web Felting presented by Sue

August 14th tba

September 11th tba

October 9th tba

November 13th tba

December 11th, Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange – location tba

RIGID HEDDLE SIG

*If you were a member of the Rigid Heddle SIG in 2017 you are **not** automatically rolled over to the following year, you must contact one of the Facilitators listed below to enroll in the 2018 schedule.*

Co-Facilitators:

Linda Christopher linda102@twc.com

JoEllen Salkin joellenks@sbcglobal.net

The WRSW Rigid Heddle SIG is focusing its 2018 schedule on some of the basics of using the loom. The goal will be to have all members become comfortable with the use of color and texture in order to gain the maximum benefit for planning their final project for the year. We plan to follow *The Weaver's Idea Book, creative cloth on a rigid heddle loom* by Jane Patrick, and also to utilize her demonstrations from the DVD *Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom*, which parallels this book. It is not a requirement that SIG members purchase this book as copies will be made available for review.

January 14th, Exploring Color with Plain Weave, pages 24-29 of *The Weaver's Idea Book, creative cloth on a rigid heddle loom* by Jane Patrick

April/May-tba Exploring Texture, pages 16-23 *The Weaver's Idea Book, creative cloth on a rigid heddle loom* by Jane Patrick

September-tba Planning the year-end project, and October presentation

November-tba Year End Review and instructions for next year's first project

All meetings are held 2-4pm at the [Solon Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library](#), 34125 Portz Parkway, Solon, OH 44139. Not all dates currently available because we can only schedule our meeting location with the library six months in advance. Check the WRSW [Calendar](#) for more information.

SPINNING SIG

*If you were a member of the Spinning SIG in 2017 you are **not** automatically rolled over to the following year, you must contact one of the Facilitators listed below to enroll in the 2018 schedule.*

Co-Facilitators:

Susan Conover szc@conoverworkshops.com

Nancy Curtiss ncurtiss@truthforlife.org

The Spinning SIG is focused on fine tuning spinning skills. Members need to be able to make a continuous yarn in order to enjoy all the information shared.

March 10th (Saturday) Hosted by Sue Ingrassia – Two Ways to Work with Hand Painted Roving presented by Lisa Davis

June 2th (Saturday) Hosted by Suzanne Paquin – Creating Gradient Batts presented by Nora Eason & Nancy Curtiss

October 6th (Saturday) Field Trip to the Stramba Mini Mill in Wampum, PA (tentative date pending mill owner's availability) Early dinner at Nico Luciano's restaurant in Ellwood City, PA

December 8th (Saturday) Meeting location tba - Spinning Silk presented by Sally Vourlojanis

WEAVING SIG

*If you were a member of the Weaving SIG in 2017 you are **not** automatically rolled over to the following year, you must contact one of the Facilitators listed below to enroll in the 2018 schedule.*

Co-Facilitators:

Tammy Howell tamara_64@msn.com

Jean Mackenzie jeanniegoat@yahoo.com

There are many members who have made an investment in a floor or table loom over the years and often such pieces of equipment are collecting dust. This group offers a wonderful opportunity to fine-tune your skills and/or re-acquaint yourself with your equipment – all within the comfort of like-minded folks.

February 10th (Saturday) 1-4:30pm The Parkside Church – Learning to Read Drafts (European and North American) presented by Susan Conover

April 22nd (Sunday) 2-4pm Hosted by Jean & Bob Breitzmann – Gamps presented by Bob Breitzmann and Uarda Taylor.

September 16th (Sunday) 2-4pm Hosted by Jean & Bob Breitzmann and Nancy Curtiss – The Loom Crawl – visit a drawloom set up at Nancy's home plus visit the Brietzmann's home to view a doobby loom and vertical countermarch loom.

November 4th (Sunday) 2-4pm Hosted by Jean Mackenzie – Double Weave presented by Jean and JoEllen Salkin