



**Northern Fibres Guild**  
**Winter Fibre Workshops – February 24 to March 25, 2018**

The Northern Fibres Guild (NFG) is running a series of fibre arts workshops led by local artists. There are 5 workshops running over the course of 5 weekends. Members of the NFG receive discounted rates on registration, and an additional \$5 off each workshop when members register for more than one workshop.

For more information or to register for a workshop, you can email us at [northernfibres@gmail.com](mailto:northernfibres@gmail.com). Registration closes for all workshops one week (7 days) before the workshop date. Registration will be opened to the public (non-members) after the NFG monthly meeting on February 13. Your space is not guaranteed until payment is received. You can pay by cheque or cash at the NFG meeting, or mail a cheque to NFG at B3-302 Steele Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C5. The cost of an individual membership in the NFG is \$45/year.

Most full day workshops will run from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Specific details on workshop locations, times, and materials will be sent out separately to participants prior to the workshop.

The NFG acknowledges support for these workshops from the Yukon Tourism and Culture Arts Operating Funds, Minister Jeannie Dendys, and Lotteries Yukon.

**Skein painting – Feb. 24** (will extend to Feb. 25 if class fills)

This one-day workshop will focus on the technique of using acid-dyes to create a multi-colored skein of wool. Students will learn the basics of mixing dyes and calculating dye amounts, painting dyes onto the fibre, and post-processing to set the colors. Each student will leave the workshop with their own painted skein of sock-weight yarn (wool-silk blend; materials provided). All materials are provided, although participants should bring their own apron and rubber gloves. The workshop is led by Janice Brodie, an experienced spinner, dyer, and weaver.

- Registration limit: 8-10 people
- Venue: basement studio in Porter Creek
- Registration fee for NFG members = \$40
- Registration fee for non-members = \$65
- Materials fee = \$25

### **Introduction to loom weaving – March 3** (will extend to March 4 if class fills)

This one-day workshop will introduce participants to weaving on one of the NFG table looms. The looms will be pre-warped and the focus will be on experiencing the weaving process. All materials are provided. The workshop is led by Jean Carey, who has many years of weaving experience and has taught several beginner workshops.

- Registration limit: 4 people
- Venue: Downstairs boardroom of TC Richards Building (downtown)
- Registration fee for NFG members = \$65
- Registration fee for non-members = \$90
- Materials fee = \$30

### **Spinning – March 10 (1:00-4:30 pm)**

We invite both beginner and experienced spinners to join us for a half-day, social spinning workshop. An introduction to basic spinning techniques will be provided at the start of the workshop by Sarah Overington. Novice spinners will then work individually with more experienced spinners to practice their technique. There will be NFG spinning wheels and drop spindles available to practice on. The emphasis here is on experiencing spinning as a rewarding, relaxing, and social activity. Experienced spinners are encouraged to join us (with their own materials and equipment) at no cost. Beginner spinners are asked for a small contribution to workshop and materials costs, and to bring treats to host an afternoon tea for all of the participants.

- Registration limit: ~16 people
- Venue: Upstairs meeting room at Alpine Bakery (downtown)
- Registration fee for NFG members = \$10
- Registration fee for non-members = \$35
- Materials fee = \$10
- Experienced spinners have no fees for the workshop but are asked to register ahead of time so we know who is coming.

### **Felted landscapes – March 17**

This one-day workshop will teach participants basic techniques of needle-felting and wet-felting to create an image of a landscape suitable for hanging on a wall. Each participant will fashion an image of their choosing, based on pictures or other inspirations. The workshop starts with a piece of pre-felt backing and ends with finish felting of a self-created landscape. All materials are provided. The workshop is led by Susan Ross, who has experience with creating various types of fibre art from the live animal to the finished product.

- Registration limit: 8-10 people
- Venue: Vista Activity Centre, N. Klondike Highway
- Registration fee for NFG members = \$60
- Registration fee for non-members = \$85
- Materials fee = \$30

**Braided rugs – March 24-25**

This two-day workshop will get you started with the fundamental techniques of creating a braided rug from wool fabric. Participants will learn how to start the center of a rug, techniques for joining strips and rows together, and finishing the rug border. Two days will be used in creating a small braided rug suitable for use as a centerpiece or chair mat. Braiding materials, including the wool fabric strips and braiding tools, are provided. A partial refund of materials costs will be given if braiding tools are returned at the end of the class. The workshop is led by Lise Merchant, who has several years of experience with rug braiding and hooking.

- Registration limit: 8 people
- Venue: artist's studio, McPherson Road
- Registration fee for NFG members = \$85
- Registration fee for non-members = \$120
- Materials fee = \$80