



Free Fiber Lecture Series!



You are invited to attend a free lecture series with Fiber Expert and Instructor Susan Conover. The LOCO Guild, in collaboration with the Medina Guild, will be sponsoring a Tuesday night, 3-lecture series on Zoom starting in December. You are welcome to attend any and all of the talks. Susan will present the following topics:

December 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Understanding Loom Actions in Relationship to Drafts aka the differences between North American and European weaving drafts

Many North American hand-weavers have been indoctrinated into the weaving world of jack loom actions. But wait what about counterbalance and countermarch actions? And of course, there is the confusion of the weaving draft itself. Is the draft written for jack, counterbalance or countermarch looms?

During this one-hour introduction to understanding these different loom actions and how weaving drafts are written, Susan will shed some significant light! This is a lecture that all weavers, regardless of experience level, will gain more knowledge than imaginable.



Jan 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Fiber Burn Tests plus the Yarn Balance

If you have some yarns in your stash that are not readily identifiable, you may be able to ascertain their fiber contents by safely performing a burn test. Susan will burn cotton, linen, rayon, wool, silk and nylon. The Yarn Balance (aka the McMorrin Balance) is a handy device to measure the approximate yards per pound of a chosen yarn.

Feb 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Fiber Properties

Let's explore fiber properties which include absorbency, chemical reactions, elasticity, light resistance, resilience, strength and warmth. Susan will focus on wool, silk, linen, cotton and rayon.

Details:

- Each lecture is on a Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Susan will utilize PowerPoint presentations including short videos, drawings, and charts.
- A pdf of the handouts and a Zoom link will be sent to each member about a week before the talk.
- The lectures are approximately 45 minutes with another 15 minutes of question and answer time.
- If you cannot join the LIVE lecture, a YouTube video will be made available for 7 days afterward. Video or audio recording of the live talk is strictly prohibited.

Questions:

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