

Workshop Instructors

Eileen Esterly

Has a love of weaving and fiber arts. Her goal is to make the fiber arts fun and accessible to everyone. She has a master's degree in education and 15 years experience teaching hands-on classes. Eileen works with her husband Mike, in their fiber arts-tools business "Millpoint Emporium". Her home is in Amsterdam, NY.

Jim Holzchuh

Along with his wife Ellen, Jim Holzchuh owns Yellow Dog Farm in South Hero, VT. He has been spinning on a drop spindle for several years. Jim grew up on a farm in western NY where his parents raised sheep, beef cattle and border collies and as such, the addition of fiber animals in his life was a natural transition after retirement from the corporate world. Yellow Dog Farm markets both handspun and millspun mohair and mohair/wool blend yarn from their Angora goats as well as knit items. Jim is also an accomplished wood turner who turns tools for fiber artists such as drop spindles, niddynoddies, nostepindes, turns-per-inch counters, as well as other functional and decorative woodturnings like bowls, plates and vases. Yellow Dog Farm's products can be seen at www.yellowdogfarmvt.com or at many of the Vermont and nearby state craft and wool festivals.

Chris Murray Morgan

Is a fiber artist in central Connecticut who spins yarn, knits and makes fine felt products using a wet felting process. She specializes in soft luxury fiber blends, using angora from her own pet angora rabbits in most of her fiber blends. Chris teaches spinning, felted scarf and mitten techniques and angora rabbit grooming and care.

Beth Brown-Reinsel

Has been involved in many facets of the fiber arts as a spinner, basket weaver, dyer, knitter, former yarn shop and mail order business owner, author, and knitwear designer, but teaching is her passion. She has worked in production as well as in creating and teaching courses and workshops both locally and nationally. She developed and implemented the correspondence course "Traditional Ganseys" for The Knitting Guild of America for 11 years. Beth has authored the book Knitting Ganseys, published by Interweave Press. Her articles have appeared in *Threads*, *Vogue Knitting*, *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*, *Cast On*, *Interweave Knits* and *Knitters* magazines. She continues to design for yarn companies, magazines and for her own pattern line.

Barbara Tonnissen

Is the owner of "The Wool Shed at Frostbite Falls Farm" in Worcester, VT. She has been knitting longer than she likes to admit and spinning since 2000 and has won the "Best of Show" award for hand-spun yarn at the Vermont Farm Show for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006. She runs popular spinning and knitting workshops at her farm studio. She raises Cormo sheep and angora rabbits. Barbara is an adventurous spinner, experimenting with methods of fiber preparation, color and fiber combinations.