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WELCOME TO THE FAIR

Welcome to the Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair! "Come Celebrate the Work of Your Hands." The Fair is about folks gathering from around the country to celebrate the "gentle arts" of fibers, and not just one fiber art, but ALL fiber arts. We know that if you do one fiber art, you most likely do six. So, we've collected fiber businesses from around the country and brought them here so you can fuel ALL your passions! We also believe that a Fair should delight ALL your senses, and so we have set out to do just that—with a Marketplace to tempt you, workshops to teach you, a fine art exhibit to inspire you, fiber arts guilds to demonstrate for you, a garment extravaganza to challenge you, a fleece competition to educate you, a handbag exhibit to delight you, animals to amaze you, college fiber arts scholarships to give away, great music, good food—you'll want to stay for awhile at the Fair and let the world slip on by.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 22



- 9:00 AM Music on the Veranda: Kent Rose
- 9:30 AM Workshop Check-In in the Lobby for All-Day and Morning classes ONLY
- 10:00 AM Morning and All-Day Workshops begin
- 10:00 AM The Fair OPENS— Marketplace opens
Demonstrations begin—Fleece Competition
Judging begins in Section 3
- 10:30 AM Mini Classes begin : "Flying Felt! Needle Felted Birds", and "Attached I-Cord", sign up in FairWear!
- 11:00 AM Exhibitor Demonstrations begin
Indoor Music begins
- 11:00 AM On Main Stage (outdoors): TRILLIUM
- 12:00 PM Fleece Sale begins (when judging concludes)
- 12:30 PM On Main Stage (outdoors): COMPASS
- 1:00 PM Fleece Competition Winners announced in Handworker's Hangout
- 1:00 PM Alpaca Halter, Open Showmanship, and Obstacle Classes begin outside in the Barn
- 1:30 PM Workshop Check-In in the Lobby for Afternoon Workshops
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Workshops begin
- 2:30 PM Mini Classes begin: "Button, Button, Whose Got the Button?" and "Weave a Dishcloth", sign up in FairWear!
- 6:00 PM The Fair CLOSES for the night. See you tomorrow!

Saturday, June 23



- 9:00 AM Music on the Verandah: The Georgia Rae Family Band
- 9:30 AM Workshop Check-In in the Lobby for All-Day and Morning classes ONLY
- 10:00 AM Morning and All-Day Workshops begin
- 10:00 AM The Fair OPENS—Marketplace opens
Demonstrations begin—Fleece Sale Continues
- 10:00 AM Llama Halter, Open Showmanship, and Obstacle Classes begin outside in the Barn—Walking Fleece Competition follows.
- 10:30 AM Mini Classes begin: "Kumihimo for Beginners", and "Learn Portugese Style Knitting", sign up in FairWear!
- 11:00 AM Exhibitor Demonstrations begin
Indoor Music begins
- 11:00 AM On Main Stage (outdoors): MACYN TAYLOR
- 12:00 PM On Main Stage (outdoors): SMALL POTATOES

Saturday, June 23 (cont.)

- 1:00 PM Garment Extravaganza Runway Presentation in Handworker's Hangout, sale to follow in FairWear booth—sale ONLY Saturday afternoon!
- 1:30 PM Workshop Check-In for Afternoon Workshops in the Lobby
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Workshops begin
- 2:00 PM Announcement of Garment Extravaganza Awards and 2012 Fiber & Textile Awards in Handworker's Hangout
- 2:30 PM Mini Classes begin: "Multi Wrap Bracelet with Leather and Beads", and "Learn Portugese Style Knitting", sign up in FairWear!
- 6:00 PM The Fair CLOSES for the night. See you tomorrow!

Sunday, June 24



- 9:00 AM Music on the Verandah: Big Fish
- 9:30 AM Workshop Check-In for Morning classes
- 10:00 AM Morning Workshops begin
- 10:00 AM The Fair OPENS— Marketplace opens
Demonstrations begin
- 10:00 AM Fleece Sale Continues (if not sold out)
- 10:30 AM Mini Classes: "Flying Felt! Needle Felted Birds", and "Attached I-cord", sign up in FairWear!
- 11:00 AM On Main Stage: OPEN MIC
- 11:00 AM Exhibitor Demonstrations begin
Indoor Music begins
- 2:00 PM Fleece Sale ends
- 2:30 PM Book Signing with Jayce Boggs, Nancy Bush, and other authors in Handworker's Hangout—Come meet the authors!
- 4:00 PM The Fair CLOSES. See you next year!

Be Inspired!

NEW! DOOR PRIZES!
Sign up for our Fair E-News at the Information/Reception Desk and you might get a door prize!

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Off Square Music sponsors two Open Mic Nights each month at the Stage Left Café next to the Woodstock Opera House, usually on the second and fourth Friday of the month. We are proud to present a wonderful variety of folk and acoustic music performers in an intimate setting, with one of the finest sound systems around.

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Off Square Music also co-sponsors the First Saturday Open Mic at the Unity Spiritual Center, 225 Calhoun St., Woodstock. Visit unitywoodstock.org/firstsatursday for details.

Woodstock Harvest Fest Sunday, Sept. 16



Join us in the Woodstock Square on Sunday, Sept. 16, from noon to 5PM, for Harvest Fest and Fair In The Square with family fun for everyone! See craft demonstrations as well as musical events: banjo, guitar, fiddle and mandolin contests, acoustic jam, and featured artists.
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For reservation information, contact Keith Johnson at (815) 338-5164 or email offsquare@gmail.com. Off Square Music is a Woodstock not for profit organization; visit our website at offsquaremusic.org to find out more.



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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FAIR

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

NEW THIS YEAR! Sometimes there is a wait to get into the Fair in the mornings, before we officially open. We want you to enjoy your ENTIRE time at the Fair, so we have music on the veranda outside to entertain you while you wait. :)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:00–10:00 On the Veranda: Kent Rose
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- 10:00–11:00 Lillian Reasor
www.lillianrosereasor.weebly.com
Dean Milano
www.toys-n-cars.com/my_music.htm
- 11:00–12:30 **TRILLIUM– FEATURE**
www.trilliumtheband.com
- 12:30–2:00 **COMPASS–FEATURE**
- 2:00–3:00 Mim Eichman
www.trilliumtheband.com/aboutus.htm
Mark Hobbs
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- 3:00–4:00 Lillian Reasor
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The Beaumonts
beaumontsusa@ameritech.net
- 4:00–5:00 Mim Eichman
www.trilliumtheband.com/aboutus.htm
Mark Hobbs
www.markhobbsmusic.com

- 11:00–12:00 **MACYN TAYLOR–FEATURE**
www.myspace.com/macyntaylor
- 12:00–2:00 **SMALL POTATOES–FEATURE**
www.smallpotatoesmusic.com
- 2:00–3:00 Mary Lai
maryelai@msn.com
Merv Collins
myspace.com/mervcollinsfingerstyleguitarist
- 3:00–4:00 Mary Lai
maryelai@msn.com
Bear Creek
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- 4:00–5:00 The Beaumonts
beaumontsusa@ameritech.net
Big Fish
kent.fishburn@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:00–10:30 On the Veranda: Big Fish
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- 10:00–11:00 Guyz with Bad Eyez
don.humbertson@gmail.com
Olivia Kaspryk
olivia-harp@hotmail.com
- 11:00–2:00 **OPEN MIC** featuring Alex Fayer
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- 2:00–3:00 Olivia Kaspryk
olivia-harp@hotmail.com
- 3:00–4:00 Courtney Reinhard
reverbNation.com/courtneyreinhard

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- 9:00–10:30 On the Veranda: The Georgia Rae Family Band
www.georgiaraeamilyband.com
- 10:00–11:00 Merv Collins
myspace.com/mervcollinsfingerstyleguitarist

FEATURED PERFORMERS, MAIN STAGE

FRIDAY

TRILLIUM—www.trilliumtheband.com
Trillium's eclectic repertoire ranges in style from Celtic to folk to ragtime to swing to bluegrass, and appeals to all ages and most musical tastes! " ... new CD is one of the best recordings I have heard in a while...it's really top-shelf."—Lilli Kuzma, WDCB Folk Festival

COMPASS—Compass is composed of five men in search of a direction. It is commonly known that men never ask for directions. Members of The Lake County Folk Club, Jerry Thiel, Dave Borton, Chuck VanderVennet, Tom Bradfish, and Diccon Lee formed this quintet from a mutual desire to unleash their passion for acoustic adventure music. "(Compass) presents a veritable folk festival..." Dave Humphreys, Two Way Street Coffee House

SATURDAY

MACYN TAYLOR—www.myspace.com/macyntaylor
Macyn Taylor is an accomplished guitar player and singer. She is an undergraduate student at the UW-Milwaukee majoring in finger-style guitar performance. Performing since she was seven, Macyn was given an award for "most promising new talent" by Acoustic Guitar Magazine in 2009.

SMALL POTATOES—www.smallpotatoesmusic.com
"Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso combine cleverly witty with powerfully poignant songs...to present an unusually entertaining and involving repertoire engagingly delivered. Prezioso's song "1000 Candles, 1000 Cranes" is one of the most outstanding songs of the past 50 years." Rich Warren, The Midnight Special - WFMT Radio, Chicago, ILS.

OFF SQUARE MUSIC

Thanks to the efforts, generous donation of time and equipment, and dedication of Off Square Music, we have a wonderful selection of musical artists to entertain you at the Fair this year!

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Artist: Janice Sollenberger

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Crocheters of the Lakes

Meets the second Monday of the month. Contact crocheterslakes@aol.com with questions and for meeting locations.

Crocheters of the Lakes will have yarn and hooks to do mini how-to for anyone interested in trying crochet, and are collecting donated handmade hats for Haloes of Hope, www.halosofofhope.org

Foxy Lady Rug Hooking Guild

Meets on the second Saturday of each month (except Dec) 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at historic Beaubien Tavern, 921 School Street, Lisle Station Part, Lisle, IL.

During each day of the Fair guild members will display rugs in a variety of styles, demonstrate rug hooking to the public, and

provide one-hour "getting started" instructions to Fair visitors wanting to learn basic rug hook techniques.

Hollow Tree Spinners

Meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at The Fold, 3316 Millstream Rd., Marengo, IL.

The Hollow Tree Spinners welcomes spinners, would-be spinners, and people who don't even understand centrifugal force, during the Fair to sit and spin with them. Members will also teach spinning on drop spindles and wheels.

Windy City Knitting Guild - 219, 220

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:45 to 8:45 PM, at the Sulzer Regional Public Library, 4455 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago IL. Membership meetings usually include: refreshments, meeting and greeting, Guild

Business, a program/mini class, and Show & Share. Website: www.windycityknittingguild.com.

Learn to Knit - whether you are new to knitting or just need a refresher, stop by at our booth and one of our knitting guild members can help you! If you are already a knitter and just want to sit and knit, stop by and spend a little time with us! You will find the guild in booth 219, 220 in the Marketplace

Woodstock Weaver's Guild

Meets Sept. – Dec. on the first Wednesday of the month at the McHenry County Farm Bureau, 1102 McConnell Road, Woodstock. Jan. – Jun. meetings are held at the Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock, IL. Website: www.woodstockweaversguild.org

The Woodstock Weaver's Guild will demonstrate various kinds of weaving, including inkle loom weaving which is great for creating camera straps, holiday bookmarks, and belts.

GARMENT EXTRAVAGANZA!

For over 30 years Fine Line Creative Arts Center in St. Charles, IL has offered classes in everything from weaving and textiles to painting, ceramics, glass and metals.

Fine Line Creative Arts Center holds several events each year including: Raku Day and Open House in June, Uncommon Threads Wearable Art Runway Show in October, and Christmastime at the Fine Line in December. www.fineline.org. Create. Yourself.

The Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair is proud to partner with Fine Line Creative Art Center this year to create and present our first Garment Extravaganza!

The Garment Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, at 1pm, beginning with the Runway Presentation of 25 garments in the Handworker's Hangout. The Runway Presentation is staffed and modeled by Fine Line CAC. Immediately following we will present awards for Best of Show, Most Creative Use of Materials, and Best Use of Color. Then, head on over to the FairWear Booth, where we will offer some of the garments, patterns, and kits for sale. We hope you'll join us and enjoy this celebration of the work of many hands!

This year's entrants are: *Gwen Blakley Kinsler, Roberta Bragg, Jane K Brown, Kim Hirschman, Susan Infante, Stefania Isaacson, Margaret Rauhut, Liz Tekus, Inna Voltchkova, and Maria Vonderheide.*

OPEN LLAMA/ALPACA SHOW

Join us Friday and Saturday out in the barn as we hold our first Open Llama/Alpaca Show! We've partnered up with Barb Parsons of Animal Acres Llamas to present several class competitions. Friday is for Alpacas and Saturday Llamas take center stage.

Halter: Designed to evaluate the animals on Body Conformation, proper foot and leg placement and movement. The animals' presence and style will be taken into consideration.

Obstacle Course: Both animals and handlers navigate a pre-assigned course of obstacles. The animal and handler will be scored on their ability to perform these tasks in the proper order with a loose lead line to show the trust, confidence, and the bond the animals and handlers have developed, which can be seen vividly during this event.

Showmanship: This class highlights the handler's ability to show the animal to best advantage. The halter class evaluates the individual animals; showmanship evaluates the handler. A question may be asked of each participant during the class to allow the judge to evaluate the handler's basic knowledge of the animals.

Walking Fleece: (Saturday only) The judge evaluates the fleece of each llama/alpaca individually on the animals (not shorn). Several criteria are used to score the fleeces and the highest overall score wins.



Animal Acres Llamas



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Many thanks to show superintendent Barb Parsons of Animal Acres Llamas, and her assistant Fran Soukup of Sugar River Llamas.



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INFORMATION

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EXHIBITS



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"Handworker's Hangout"

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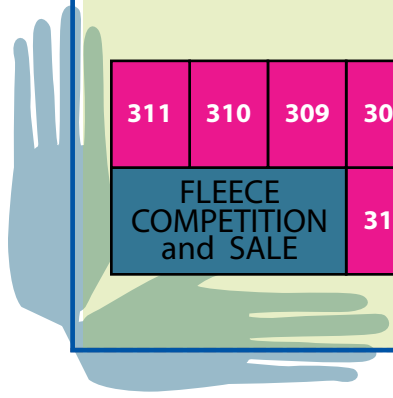
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2012 FTAA AWARDS

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Caroline Kipp
MA School of Art and
Design
BFA - Fiber Program



Brooke Peterson
Kansas City Art
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The **Northwest Area Arts Council** is pleased to again present the Fine Fiber & Folk Art Exhibit.

NAAC is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit agency, established in 1983 and dedicated to connecting artists of all ages with the community at large and to fostering creativity in all areas of life. This mission is accomplished by educating, informing, and inspiring the community through programs and events that encourage appreciation, participation, and support of the arts. **NAAC** presents fine art exhibitions and other programs, including Women's Works (25 years in 2012), and Little Women's Works (16). Visit www.naac4art.org to learn more.

THE FINE FIBER & FOLK EXHIBIT

Be Inspired!



Our Fine Fiber & Folk Exhibit is the inspiration part of the Fair. This year we will proudly present the works of artists:

Faith Agostinone, Jean Apgar, Linda Bender, Marianne Biaggi, Cynthia Boudreau, Roberta Bragg, Jean Brueggenjohann, Bettina Donaghy, Tammy Duensing, Bronwyn Elkuss, Envision Arts, Anne Goetz, Jennifer Haydn, Barbara Heike, Terry Jones, Charlotte Kaplan, Patty Koenigsaecker, Natasha Lehrer, Sandra May, Ann Mayes, Pat Doyle Mikrut, Maggy Rhein, Susan Sieber, Inna Voltchkova, and Crystal Woolsey.

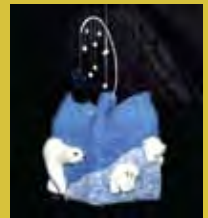
THE VINTAGE HANDBAG EXHIBIT

This exhibit is very special, indeed. Registrants take an antique pattern, courtesy of Coats & Clark, and create their own interpretation, in any manner of fiber art. It creates a very interesting display and will be located in the exhibit area of the Fair, along with the Fine Fiber & Folk Exhibit.

We will be displaying the work of:

Jean Apgar, Marianne Biagi, Sue Blaine, Roberta Bragg, Jane K Brown, Erin Burke, Carol Cassidy-Fayer, Pat Dillon, Judy Good, Kathy Johnson, Linda Johnson, Cassie Jones, Mary Kohlmeier, Holly Koltz, Mary Lokay, Jayna Marrinan, Anne Niemann, Carol Perenchio, Karen Rasmussen, Nancy Redden, Judith Reilly, Karen Reinhard, Roberta Kasnick Ripperger, Patricia Roberson, Nancy Roozee, Susan Singh, Bonnie Whitmore, Linda Wiemerslage, Elizabeth Zafiris, and Monque Zobel.

Special thanks to NAAC for their help and support with the exhibits!



2011 entry
"Polar Bears" by
Roberta Ripperger

THREE BAGS FULL FLEECE COMPETITION & SALE



Begun in 2011, the Three Bags Full Fleece Competition & Sale has three goals:

- 1) To provide feedback and a market for our fleece producers
- 2) To provide top quality fleeces for our spinners
- 3) To inform the public about different animals and breeds, the fleeces they produce, and uses for different types of wool

There are three divisions: Sheep, Llama, and Alpaca, and three awards per class.

Join us Friday morning to watch the judging and afterward, you can purchase your favorite fleece (or three). They may even be award-winning! This year you will find the Fleece Competition at the back of Section 3 (see the map on page 9).

Special thanks to The Fold and Animal Acres Llamas for organizing the whole thing!

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Our Vision for the Fair

In planning for the first Fair, I set out to create an event that was different. Our Fair is based on two central themes:

First: The Fair is inclusive rather than exclusive providing a broad spectrum of fiber arts. Having a larger spectrum of disciplines represented at the Fair allows us to appeal to more people and introduce more aspects of fiber to those who attend.

Second: The fair is presented in a way that elevates and celebrates the work of our hands. Many of us take our skills for granted. We don't think of them as art, or even skills. It's just "something we do." Anything we create with our own hands has the beauty and uniqueness that reflects ourselves – "us."

Because all fiber arts are functional objects, we often overlook their beauty and uniqueness, and we don't think of them as having more value than a similar, utilitarian item bought in a store.

If you take the acronym "E-I-E-I-O" (Empower, Inspire, Enrich, Introduce and Opportunity) and add the phrase "through the work of our hands" you will know what went through my mind as I planned this event!

Thank you for attending the fair, and all of us who are involved in producing this event sincerely hope that you experience a bit of "E-I-E-I-O" as you celebrate the work of your hands with us.

Carol Cassidy-Fayer
 President
 Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair



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