



# Weaving & Fiber Arts Center

of the Weavers' Guild of Rochester, Inc.  
Course Listings for January-April, 2018

## Who We Are

The Weaving and Fiber Arts Center is the primary outreach activity of the Weavers' Guild of Rochester, Inc., a 501(c)3 charitable organization. The Center, opened in January 2002, is located in Piano Works Mall. Managed entirely by Guild volunteers, it is supported financially by course tuition and tax-exempt gifts. We offer classes in a variety of fiber arts media. Learn more about the Weavers' Guild at [weaversguildofrochester.org](http://weaversguildofrochester.org)

## Center Introduces Concept of Weaving Studios

Over the summer when we moved to our new space, we added looms, and, in the fall, introduced new courses for beginning weavers. Now is the ideal time for us to re-brand "core weaving" courses to help our Guild members and the public to better understand what we offer.

It has long been the case that it is difficult for new students to register online in a "core weaving" course at the Center because of an early registration system in place for current students. Because many students continue in core courses from semester to semester, we are changing the name of these offerings to "Weaving Studios" as they operate more like extended mentoring, similar to college art studios. **This is a name change only**; policies related to these courses remain the same.

Registering for an opening in a Weaving Studio will utilize a waitlist procedure, which is described on page 3. It still may take some time to be admitted to a studio because the Center has a limited number of floor and table looms. However, the management team believes this new approach will facilitate fair access when openings become available.

## The Center Online

Have you visited the Weaver's Guild of Rochester website recently? Over the summer, a new design was introduced which promotes easy access to the Fiber Arts Center from any electronic device. Besides learning about our history and Center resources (including biographies of our instructors), you can link to our online registration system. Check it out at [weaversguildofrochester.org/center/about-the-center](http://weaversguildofrochester.org/center/about-the-center)

Did you know we have an active Facebook Group? We post all of our classes in plenty of time to register, photos of completed work, and other items of interest. Find us at *Rochester Weaving and Fiber Arts Center*, and join! Don't do Facebook? Follow us on Instagram, at Weaving & Fiber Arts Center.

Finally, the Center sends out emails featuring news and upcoming courses about twice a month. You can join by clicking the Join Our Email List link on the home page of the Guild website ([weaversguildofrochester.org/](http://weaversguildofrochester.org/))

## Special Courses for Kids during School Vacations

Are you looking for an activity that promotes learning about the fiber arts for children or grandchildren? Whether it is felting, weaving, crocheting, or spinning, you will find a fascinating course, offered during the February and April school holidays. Instructors will provide great support for young fiber artists. Some courses encourage parents or grandparents to attend as well. See page 11 for a list.



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# WEAVING

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## Opportunities for Beginning Weavers

### Try Weaving

8101: Saturday, 1/27, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33  
8102: Sunday, 3/18, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

Is weaving for you? Find out! You will experiment with color and texture while trying a table loom, inkle loom, rigid heddle loom, frame loom, and kumihimo braiding disk. As you sample these techniques, the instructor will provide lots of individual attention and help you explore possibilities for future weaving adventures. You may discover a new love, and take home a treasure! This fiber-filled experience is fun and educational for all, an adventure for parents, kids and friends.

AGE: 8 & up

LEVEL: Beginners or some experience

INSTRUCTOR: Jan Hewitt Towsley

### Learn the Basics of Loom Weaving Table, Inkle or Rigid Heddle Loom

8103: Sunday, 2/18, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57  
8104: Sunday, 4/15, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Learn about and experience the process of "How to Set Up a Simple Weaving Project," and see if this is a hobby that you might enjoy. Students may use our table looms or bring their own table or rigid heddle loom to class. Students wishing to use our looms will plan, measure, prepare the loom and weave a 3-4" wide bookmark in this one-day workshop. Students who bring their own looms may begin a wider project (a scarf, table runner, or other simple item) for completion at home. This is a great way to get your project planned, measured and onto your loom! All participants will learn different methods, patterns and finishing tips. Instructor will contact students prior to class to discuss type of loom, project and yarn options. Beginners and those with some experience can repeat this class for continued learning opportunities. Bring bag lunch or purchase locally.

AGE: Teens & adults

LEVEL: Beginners or some experience

INSTRUCTOR: Jan Hewitt Towsley

### Weaving 101: 4 Shafts

8105: 8 Mondays, 1/8-2/26, 6:00-8:30 FEE: \$155

Over the course of 8 weeks, students will learn how to plan a project, make a warp, dress a loom, weave and finish 4-shaft samples. This class is a round-robin format; students will have the chance to weave on several looms, each threaded with a different structure. We will explore how yarns, tieups, and treadlings will give varied results. Students will come away from this course with reference samples, and an understanding of what is possible with a 4-shaft loom.

AGE: Teen to Adult

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

### Weaving 102: 4 or More Shafts

8106: 9 Mondays, 3/5-4/30, 6:00-8:30 FEE: \$173

Over the course of 9 weeks, each student will plan and complete a project, weaving on 4 or 8 shaft looms as they are available. Scarf? Table runner? Placemats? Fabric for a vest? With the instructor's guidance, students will reinforce the basics learned in Weaving 101. Yarn selection, color, and weave structure will also be emphasized.

AGE: Teen to Adult

LEVEL: This class is the sequel to **Weaving 101**.

Students must know how to dress a loom, and be familiar with reading a draft.

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson



## Weaving Studios

Weaving Studios offer an opportunity for an extended experience in weaving. Instructors serve as mentors, guiding weavers to explore more complex skills and concepts. Students design projects of their own choosing in order to expand knowledge of methods and techniques. Beginning weavers are welcome to join a studio.

For each day and timeframe, two 7 to 9 week sessions run consecutively in each semester. Cost is \$138 to \$173 per session depending on session length.

To be admitted to a Weaving Studio, join the waitlist via our online registration system. Waitlisted students will be informed of openings in Studios on a first come, first served basis. You will remain on the waitlist until you are placed in a Studio or you request to be removed from the waitlist. It may take some time to be admitted to a Studio because the Center has a limited number of dedicated studio looms available. In the meantime, to expand your weaving experience, we encourage you to participate in any of our weaving workshops, or to suggest classes in specific structures or techniques you'd like to learn.

### Studio Schedule

Day	Time	Instructor
Mondays	10:00-12:30	Joyce Robards
Tuesdays	10:00-12:30	Joyce Robards
Tuesdays	6:00-8:30	Mimi Smith
Thursdays	10:00-12:30	Joyce Robards
Thursdays	6:00-8:30	Jan Hewitt Towsley
Fridays	9:30-12:00	Mimi Smith
Saturdays	10:00-12:30	Joyce Robards

## Weaving Workshops

### **Profiling Your Blocks**

8121: Sunday, 1/21, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Block weaves are fun to weave, but sometimes the threading is overly long and complicated. That is where profiles come in. In weaving profiling is a GOOD thing! We will discuss many different block structures and discover the great advantage of using profiles, not only for the threading but also the treadling. Using graph paper, the Center's computer, and a sample loom from the instructor, students will explore combining and splitting blocks, both in threading and treadling. A study of weave structures will include summer and winter, Quigley, Atwater Bronson, and multi-shaft twills. Students are not required to dress or bring looms. Bring lunch or purchase separately.

Age: Adult

Level: Advanced Beginner and beyond

Materials fee: \$3.00 for handouts payable to instructor

Instructor: Mimi Smith

## **Plan Your Weaving Project**

8122: Saturday, 2/24, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

Enjoy creatively exploring design, pattern and color study while calculating and preparing a weaving project for a floor, table or rigid heddle loom. Students can utilize the WaFAC library and the Fiberworks software program and receive inspiration and ideas from your instructor. Students may choose to measure a warp to weave at home or in another class. A variety of different projects and design ideas will be shared. This is a great chance to use some of your yarns. Bring yarn for intended project; warp and sample of weft yarn, if applicable. The instructor will contact students prior to class to discuss individual options.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Some weaving experience necessary

MATERIALS FEE: none

INSTRUCTOR: Jan Hewitt Towsley

## **Chasing Shadows**

8123: Saturday, 3/10 9:30-3:30, Sunday, 3/11 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$99

Shadow weave is one of those fascinating weave structures that excite the creative imagination. Variations in color and treadling abound. With just one tie-up one can often weave nine to ten different treadlings, each one with a different appearance. Students will come to class with looms dressed according to directions sent ahead by the instructor, and will weave on their own looms. Class discussions will include color selections, iridescence, parallel threadings, creating various drafts on the Center's compute, and the structure's relationship to echo weave. Marian Powell's book *1000 (+) Patterns in 4, 6, and 8 Harness Shadow Weave* has some nomenclature which is somewhat puzzling to understand. This class will demystify the confusion. Bring your own lunch or purchase locally.

AGE: Adult

LEVEL: Advanced beginner & beyond

MATERIALS FEE: \$4.00 payable to instructor

INSTRUCTOR: Mimi Smith

### **Extra Weaving Time**

Studio weavers may purchase extra weaving time to be used during a session in which they are registered. Prior approval of the instructor is required. The extra class must be a studio weaving class. Extra Weaving Time forms, available at the Center, must be submitted with payment and instructor initials indicating approval. Cost is \$15 per class.

## **Introduction to Fiberworks**

8124: Two Sundays: 4/8 & 4/15 10:00-3:30 FEE: \$92

There are a variety of software packages, but Fiberworks is the friendliest and the one available on the Center's computers. This class is for the student who is just learning the software or for one who wishes a refresher. Participants will bring laptops to class with Fiberworks loaded on them, either as a purchased version or a demo. The first class will introduce the basics of setting up the drafts, colors, repeating sections, understanding the drop-downs, select, cut and paste. The second session will go on to more complex concepts such as block substitution, copying to word processor, overlays, and sketchpad. Bring lunch or purchase locally.

AGE: Adult

LEVEL: Beginners to software or above

MATERIALS FEE of \$4.00 payable to instructor

INSTRUCTOR: Mimi Smith

## **Tapestry Weaving**

### **Tapestry Day: Follow that Line**

8125: Friday, January 12, 10:00-3:30 FEE: \$54

We use lines to write and to draw, but weaving those lines may need some special techniques. Lines can add wonderful things to your tapestry...direction, movement, division, harmony, emotion. Lines can separate shapes, outline them, define them. And those lines can have many characteristics... smooth, curvy, sharp, jagged. We'll try horizontal, eccentric, full- and half-pass lines, oblique and vertical lines. Weave lines within shapes, around shapes, between shapes, even as lettering. Please bring your portable loom (a pipe loom, frame loom, rigid heddle or table loom) ready for weaving. Weft yarns will be provided, and warp yarns are available ahead of time if you need them; please contact the instructor. Bring your lunch or purchase locally.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Basic tapestry experience

MATERIALS FEE: \$6.00, includes weft, handouts \$2, additional for warp

INSTRUCTOR: Mary McMahon

## **Tapestry Day: Putting the Texture in Textiles**

8126: Friday: 3/16, 10:00-3:30 FEE: \$54

The very word "textile" means texture...a woven object with both visual and tactile content and appeal. We'll explore some of the techniques that are used to create texture in weaving. ...looping, knotting, fringing, wrapping, supplemental warps...lots of possibilities to add to the woven surface to create a more elaborate and more interesting image. Bring your portable tapestry loom...warped and ready to weave. Some wool weft yarns will be available in an assortment of colors, but please bring along any interesting textured yarns that you have in your collection. You can bring your lunch, or purchase lunch at a local restaurant.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Advanced Beginner and beyond (have woven some tapestry, can warp the frame loom)

MATERIALS FEE: \$6, includes handouts, yarns for warp and weft

INSTRUCTOR: Mary McMahon

### **Tapestry 101: The Woven Image**

8127: 5 Tuesdays: 3/27-4/24, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$103

Using a simple loom and beautiful yarns, try your hand at the ancient techniques of tapestry weaving to create an image in woven cloth. The word "tapestry" means something quite specific to a weaver...a design or image woven directly into the cloth using some specialized techniques to create lines and shapes, designs and pictures. Your hands are the tools that weave together strong warps with brightly colored wefts. A small, prepared, portable loom will be provided so you can begin weaving at our first class. You'll try a series of techniques to create a small sampler of color and methods. Then you are ready to move on to begin a design of your own, putting those techniques into practice. Small portable looms will be provided, and are available for purchase for \$10 additional.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$15 paid to instructor for all yarn and handouts; additional \$10 for loom

INSTRUCTOR: Mary McMahon

## ***Tapestry Weavers Recent Exhibit***

A number of tapestry weavers recently had an exhibit at Anthony Road Wine Company Tasting Gallery on Seneca Lake. You can see their outstanding work online in the gallery section of the Weaver's Guild of Rochester website ([weaversguildofrochester.org/galleries/tapestry-exhibit](http://weaversguildofrochester.org/galleries/tapestry-exhibit)) If you are an experienced tapestry weaver or want to explore this type of weaving, you will find a number of courses offered each semester at the Center, taught by Mary McMahon. See this semester's courses above.

## Bohemian Wall Hangings

8128: Tuesday & Thursday, 4/3 & 4/5, 1:00-4:00  
FEE: \$57

***Paid registration received by 3/26 allows time for instructor to prepare supplies.***

Using a simple loom and different types of yarn, students will learn the techniques to make a fun, textured and trendy tapestry wall hanging. Think fringe and loops and lumps and bumps! Students may bring their own tapestry loom or use one provided by instructor.

Instructor will email student supply list prior to class.

AGE: 10 & up

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10 paid to instructor for yarn and materials used during class. Looms will be available for purchase at an additional cost of \$15 (optional)

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

## SPINNING

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### Two-Step Spinning for Beginners

8129: 2 Sundays, 1/7 and 1/14; 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$50

This class is for those who of you who want to learn to spin and is designed to help you leave after the second session with enough knowledge and experience to progress on your own. In the first session we will practice on drop spindles to give you the basics and progress from there to spinning wheels in the second session. This approach has proven to be effective in helping students master the basics of handspinning.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience necessary

MATERIALS FEE: No fee; instructor will have basic drop spindles for use in class and available for purchase.

Fiber is provided by the Center.

INSTRUCTOR: Valerie DeVries

### What a Card! Working with Hand- and Drum-Carders

8130: Saturday, 1/13, 1:00-3:00 FEE: \$29

Throw caution to the wind and combine fibers of many kinds—wool, bast, and even synthetics—into combinations that will make your spinning, felting, and weaving SING! Perhaps you tried hand-carding in the past and gave up in frustration? Come find out how inspiring and SAFE it can be to add these tools to your toolbox, from simple blends to wild novelty batts. Bring your own fiber, or dive into the rainbow that will be available in class.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$4.00 paid to instructor for each ounce of fiber used in class

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Building Your Spinning Skills

8131: 3 Sundays, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$68

Advanced beginner and intermediate handspinners who want to learn more about twist “science”, spinning consistent yarns and planning yarns for specific projects will enjoy this class. Work on samples or spin for a special item and hone your spinning talents. Bring your own spinning wheel, if possible. It is usually better to work on the wheel you’re familiar with. The Center has wheels for class use only. Also, bring your own fiber if you are working on a project. For samples you can bring some of your own or the center will provide fiber for class. The instructor will also bring small amounts of different fibers for students to purchase at cost.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Basic spinning experience on a wheel

MATERIALS FEE: \$3.00 for yarns supplied by instructor

INSTRUCTOR: Val DeVries

### Drop Everything!

#### Beginning Drop Spindling for Kids

8132: Wednesday, 2/21, 1:00-3:30 Fee \$33

Did you know that it’s possible to make your very own yarn, using just a stick and some wool? In many places around the world, kids start practicing this skill before they are kindergarten age! Come learn what they know: it’s easy and fun to use a twisty-stick to make yarns unlike any you can find in a store!

AGE: 12-18, parents welcome, too!

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$5.00 paid to instructor for fibers and handouts. Drop spindles available from instructor for \$15.

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

### Worsted vs. Woolen:

#### The Long and Short of It

8133: Sunday, 2/25, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

8134: Sunday, 4/29, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

You’ve learned the basics of spinning, but you wish you had more control over the softness, drape, consistency and smoothness of your finished yarn. You’ve heard about “long draw” vs. “short draw,” about “woolen” vs. “worsted” spinning, but you’d really like to have someone show you how they differ, how they’re done, and what it means for you and your wheel.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Basic spinning skills required (able to spin a stable yarn)

MATERIALS FEE: \$5.00 paid to instructor for fibers and handouts

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Fit to be Plied!

8135: Saturday, 3/3, 1:00-4:00

FEE: \$36

Your yarn is all spun—but what happens next at your wheel can make your finished item sparkle or sag. Let's explore all the ways that plying can affect color, durability, texture, and ease of completion—whether you're spinning to knit, crochet or weave! We'll learn Andean plying, chain- or Navajo-plying, and how to make and use a tensioned Lazy Kate for 3- and 4-ply yarns and MORE!

AGE: Teens & adults

LEVEL: Basic spinning skills required (able to spin a stable continuous yarn)

MATERIALS FEE: \$0-15.00 paid to instructor for yarn and other materials

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Fleece to Garment

8136: 4 Sundays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25 1:00-3:30

FEE: \$85

Experienced spinners have often asked about the process of working from raw fleece to a finished product. This class will teach students how to sort and wash a fleece, pick it, card it, and spin it. The first class will concentrate on working with the raw fleece and the best ways to clean it for processing. The second session will teach students to use drum carders to prepare their own roving and begin the spinning process. The third class will continue this process and allow discussion about how to best use the yarn being produced. If time allows, dyeing of yarn is also possible. The fourth session will complete the planning of the finished product.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Experienced spinners

INSTRUCTOR: Valerie DeVries

## Keep Your Pets Close to You:

### Spin Their Hair

8137: 2 Tuesdays, 4/3 & 4/10, 6:00-8:30 FEE: \$50

We love our pets! Now you can keep part of your pet with you whenever you want. Learn to spin their hair for knitting or weaving. If your pet has hair about 2" or longer, you can actually make a textile from it. Just start collecting their hair now to have enough for some handspun yarn and bring it to class or use handpainted Samoyed hair provided by the instructor. Bring your own wheel or spindle; use the Center's wheels in class, pet hair available for \$.50/oz.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Some spinning experience

MATERIALS FEE: For Samoyed dog hair only (\$.50/oz)

INSTRUCTOR: Valerie DeVries

Learn about our talented instructors at  
<http://www.weaversguildofrochester.org/instructors.php>

# KNITTING & CROCHET

## Monday Courses

### Knitter's Choice

8138: 4 Mondays: 1/8-1/29, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$85

8139: 4 Mondays: 2/5-2/26, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$85

8140: Mondays: 4/2-4/30, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$85

This is an opportunity for the student to try a new project, work on an existing project or perhaps just enjoy knitting with friends with expert help at hand.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Any level of experience

INSTRUCTOR: Lynne Sherwood

### Reversible Knitting

8141: 4 Mondays 3/5-3/26, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$68

How can knitting be in one or two colors and be the same on both sides? It's called reversible knitting and it's fun and fascinating to do.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Any level of experience

INSTRUCTOR: Lynne Sherwood

## Wednesday Courses

### Learn to Knit

8143: 2 Wednesdays: 1/3 & 1/10, 6:00-8:00 FEE: \$43

Learn the simple skills required to make anything you imagine, using just sticks and string. We'll cover basic skills: casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off—and discuss what all the next options are, including patterns.

AGE: 8 & up

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

STUDENT SUPPLIES : Smooth worsted-weight yarn, a pair of knitting needles (size 6 to 9)

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

### Freeform Crochet!

8144: 2 Wednesdays: 1/17 & 1/31, 6:00-8:00 FEE: \$43

You've seen those gorgeous and funky "scrumbles" on everyone's Pinterest feed, and would love to know how to make the magic happen. We'll explore some basic shapes and experiment with joining techniques to make your unique creations ruffle, sparkle, flip and fit together!!

AGE: Teens and Adults

LEVEL: Need to be comfortable with basic crochet stitches: chain, single, and double crochet stitches

STUDENT SUPPLIES : One crochet hook, any size or material, size F to I, and smooth worsted-weight yarn (variegated yarn can be helpful while learning)

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Choose Your Project: Spin, Knit, or Crochet!

8145: 3 Wednesdays: 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 6:00-8:30

FEE: \$68

8170: 2 Wednesdays: 3/7, 3/21 6:00-8:30 FEE: \$50

8171: 2 Wednesdays: 4/4, 4/18, 6:00-8:30 FEE: \$50

How often have you wished, mid-project, that you could have a knowledgeable instructor standing by to help you through the tough spots, help you (sometimes literally) untangle errors, and encourage you to the finish line? Now you can! Bring in your latest spinning, knitting, or crochet project and let Marcia Weinert help you solve mysteries, spot problems before they start, and aid you in finishing techniques for your handcrafted treasures!

AGE: Teens & Adults.

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: NONE

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Kids! Learn to Crochet!

8142: Wednesday & Friday, 4/4 & 4/6, 1:00-3:00

FEE: \$43

A hook and some string—what could be simpler? Come learn the easy skills needed to make a basic chain or loop, and form single- and double-crochet stitches. We'll explore reading patterns and graphs, and experiment with stylish freeform crochet. You'll be on your way to creating the handcrafted work of your dreams: baskets, blankets, mittens, hats and shawls!

AGE: 8 & up, parents welcome!

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

STUDENT SUPPLIES: One crochet hook, any size or material, size F to I, and smooth worsted-weight yarn (variegated yarn can be helpful while learning)

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Thursday Courses

### Flying Duchess Shawl

8146: 8 Thursdays 1/4-2/22, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$155

Who or what is the Flying Duchess shawl? It's a lovely, unusually shaped garment that is fun to make and a joy to wear. Join us to see how it's made.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Any level of experience

INSTRUCTOR: Lynne Sherwood

### The Dazzle Hat

8147: 4 Thursdays 4/5-4/26, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$85

What could be better than a colorful lightweight hat perfect for spring. And there are a couple of clever new techniques to learn as well.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Any level of experience

INSTRUCTOR: Lynne Sherwood

## Knitter's Choice

8148: 5 Thursdays: 3/1-3/29, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$99

This is an opportunity for the student to try a new project, work on an existing project or perhaps just enjoy knitting with friends with expert help at hand.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Any level of experience

INSTRUCTOR: Lynne Sherwood

### Extra Help for Knitting with Lynne Sherwood

a 2 1/2 hr. walk-in class during Knitter's Choice

Check the website

[weaversguildofrochester.org/center](http://weaversguildofrochester.org/center)

for more details

## DYEING

### How to Dye the Colors You Want

8149: Saturday, 1/6, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$43

Were you good in chemistry lab? No worries! Students will learn how to use a basic palette of fiber reactive dyes to create custom colors. This workshop will focus on keeping records as students mix the colors and create a recipe to get repeatable results. Students will learn how to see what goes into mixing dyes to get just the right color. Different colors of dyes behave differently when mixed, and students will learn how to predict results. Using cotton fabric swatches provided, each student will mix dyes to create a color wheel as a resource. Then, there will be time to experiment and create lots of custom color swatches as inspiration for future projects. Students should bring a pen and paper for note taking and a photo or image from a magazine that inspires them.

AGE: Adult

LEVEL: Some dyeing experience helpful, but not required

MATERIALS FEE: \$15.00 paid to instructor for materials used during class

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

### *Attention Dyers!*

The greatest safety concern when dyeing is inhalation of powders and fumes, which can be lung irritants. While the powders may not be toxic, inhalation can cause respiratory distress or allergic sensitization for certain individuals. Instructors will advise students about sound safety precautions.

## Dyer's Choice

8150: Wednesday, 1/24, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

8151: Sunday, 3/25, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Here is your chance to do dye painting and/or immersion dyeing with fibers and synthetic dyes of your choice. We will begin by looking at examples and discussing basic dyeing options, classes of dyes and how to choose which class to use. Dyeing procedures and techniques, and differences between immersion and painting will be covered. Next you will be guided through your dye project: design, fiber and dye preparation and introduction of dye to fiber. The instructor will contact you prior to the start of class to discuss your specific interests. All dyes and auxiliaries will be supplied. You'll need to bring your fiber, gloves, particle filtering mask, and lunch.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Beginner to experienced

MATERIALS FEE: \$15.00 paid to instructor for handouts, all dyes and auxiliaries

INSTRUCTOR: Joyce Robards

## How to Dye MORE Colors You Want

8152: Saturday, 2/10, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$43

Now that you have a basic palette of custom colors, you will have even more time to experiment and create more unique custom color swatches for your dye notebook and future projects. Students should bring a pen and paper for note taking and any photos or images that inspire them.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Some dyeing experience helpful, but not required

MATERIALS FEE: \$15.00 paid to instructor for materials used during class

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

## Painting a Warp

8153: Saturday, 3/17, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$43

Students will bring a photo or image from a magazine to serve as color inspiration for their project. They will also bring their own warp of cellulose fibers; cotton, linen, rayon, bamboo or silk and dye it during the workshop. The instructor will provide dye, chemicals, latex gloves, plastic wrap, towels, and cleaning supplies. Each student will create their own one-of-a-kind painted warp.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: Students will need to know how to wind and prepare a warp

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for materials used during class

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

## Painting a Sock Blank

8154: Sunday, 4/22, 1:00-4:00 FEE: \$36

Knit cozy socks, shawls, or hats from your own hand dyed yarn! These quick projects are jazzy and colorful and fun to knit. Students may choose to bring a photo or image from a magazine to serve as color inspiration for their project. They will also bring their own wool sock blanks to dye during the workshop. The instructor will provide dye, chemicals, and all supplies used during class. Each student will create their own one-of-a-kind blanks that they will then be able to knit into fabulous socks, shawls, or hats!

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: No experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for materials used during class

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

## FELTING

### Create your Perfect Hat

8155: Saturday, 1/20, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Are you always on the lookout for the *perfect* hat? Now you can make it for yourself! In this class you will learn to apply the basics of wet felting to create your own unique and beautiful hat. Emphasis will be on exploring shape and using prefelt to create whimsical designs. We will use a resist method and you will learn to layer wool top and use silk and contrasting colors of wool to embellish your chapeau and make it a piece of wearable art. Bring lunch or purchase locally. Bring a bucket, scissors and three or four bath towels. Wear clothes and shoes comfortable to work in – felting is a physical activity. Please contact the instructor with your color preferences as early as possible.

AGE: 16 & up

LEVEL: No prior felting experience needed, beginners gladly accepted

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for fiber, template, instructions, embellishments

INSTRUCTOR: Marie Brate

### Patchwork Prefelt Scarf

8156: Saturday, 2/3, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

When working with prefelts, your work is half done! Use colorful shapes to make a unique "patchwork" woolen scarf in no time: just add soapy water and elbow grease. This breezy, all-season scarf makes a great gift for yourself or someone else!

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for each scarf made, for prefelts

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## Felted Flowers

8172: Friday, 2/9, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Come learn to make flowers using merino roving. Perfect for Valentine's Day, to wear on your lapel, or embellish your favorite hat!

We will start with a simple flower and then move into a multi layered, more complicated type of layout. If time allows we will make a simple leaf to compliment your creations. Supply list will be sent prior to class.

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 for merino etc.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience required

INSTRUCTOR: Deb Bolcko

## Felting for Kids:

### Beads, Snakes, Patches and Balls

8157: Friday, 2/23, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$33

Come play with a rainbow of unspun wool and some soapy water to discover how some of the very first fabric was made! We'll see how you can turn wool into jewelry, toys, clothes, and household decorations in a sloshy whirlwind of fun: four projects in just two hours!!

AGE: 9 & up, parents welcome, too!

LEVEL: no prior experience required

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

### Stained Glass Window Scarf

8158: Saturday, 2/24, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

***Paid registration received by 6/10 allows time for instructor to prepare supplies.***

Create a beautiful nuno felt scarf with inlaid panels of silk fabric that give it the look of illuminated stained glass.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes; felting is a physical process. Instructor will email student supply list prior to class. Bring lunch or purchase locally.

AGE: 12 & up

LEVEL: No prior experience needed, beginners welcome

MATERIALS FEE: \$18.00 paid to instructor for silk base, fiber, silk inlay, instructions

INSTRUCTOR: Marie Brate

### Nuno Felted Scarf or Shawl

8159: Saturday, 3/24, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

A lovely, floaty fall scarf or shawl made by felting?

Yes, it is possible! Make this dream a reality by creating an intriguing textured silk gauze and superfine merino nuno felt scarf or wrap. Make it for yourself or as a special gift. Maybe even add some ribbon or glitter! Bring lunch or purchase locally. Student equipment list will be emailed prior to class.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No previous experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$15.00 paid to the instructor for dyed silk scarf blanks, merino fiber, locks, yarns & angelina glitz

INSTRUCTOR: Marie Brate

## Felted "Scribble Scarf"

8160: Saturday, 4/7, 1:00-4:00 FEE: \$36

You don't have to know how to weave, knit or crochet in order to turn a single skein of mohair yarn into a fashionable, unique all-season scarf! We'll just add soapy water—and some elbow grease! Come see how the miracle happens...

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$5.00 paid to instructor for fibers, if needed. Grip mats may be purchased in class, if desired, for \$10 each.

INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Weinert

## OTHER FIBER WORKSHOPS

### Ply-Split a Zig-Zag Necklace or Bracelet

8161: 2 Tuesdays, 1/9 & 1/16, 1:30-3:30 FEE: \$43

8162: 2 Thursdays, 3/8 & 3/15, 1:30-3:30 FEE: \$43

In ply-splitting the cords do not wrap around one another as in knotting, nor go over/under as in weaving, but with the help of just one simple ingenious tool, a cord actually splits, or goes through another. This creates a stable but flexible band that allows for free shaping and exciting color play. The zig-zag patterns you'll work with can create dramatic statement neckpieces, wide cuff bracelets, or less formal/ casual necklaces and bracelets to stack or wear alone. Materials cost will be dependent on your choice/size of project--chocker length or longer necklace, wide cuff bracelet, or...range should be \$17 - \$40. Class fee includes use of the grip-fid tool during the course. You may also choose to purchase the tool and you may choose to bring your own large-hole beads to add to the design.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: Novice to Experienced

MATERIALS FEE: varies (see course description)

INSTRUCTOR: Joyce Robards

## **Beginning Chainmaille: Helm Weave Bracelet**

8163: Sunday, 1/14, 1:00-4:00 FEE: \$36

Perfect for beginners or chainmaille weavers looking to learn a new weave, in this class you will learn to weave a two-tone helm weave bracelet. Helm, or Parallel, Weave is a flat chain made with two sizes of rings. The small rings fit easily within the inner diameter of the large jump rings. Helm is one of the most popular beginner chainmaille techniques. This technique is adaptable and fun to do. All rings are hypoallergenic bright aluminum and anodized aluminum. Students will have 3 different color kits to choose from with extra kits available for an additional fee.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for work mat and kits containing: bright and anodized aluminum rings, clasp, instructions. Extra bracelet kits will be available for \$5.00 each.

INSTRUCTOR: Cassie Gill

## **Color is...**

8164: 6 Sundays, 1/28-3/4, 1:00-4:00 FEE: \$141

***Paid registration received by 1/21 allows time for instructor to prepare supplies.***

...everywhere! It's inspiring. It's fun to play with. But it can sometimes be challenging to work with! Each class meeting will focus on one of the six basic colors and explore its characteristics, quirks and capabilities.

There'll be a tad of history about its "discovery" and use, and even a bit of color psychology. Maybe we'll even "eat our greens" or sing the blues together. The focus, however, will be on using fiber related media--thread, cloth, yarn, fabric dyes—in hands-on "experiments" as you discover how each color and its many permutations will interact with its neighbors and its opposites.

Through wrappings and color mixing activities you will almost certainly come up with color schemes or arrangements you can put to immediate use in your work, but the long term goal is your developing comfort, confidence and a personal color "palette" that will mark your work as uniquely yours.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$15 to 25

INSTRUCTOR: Joyce Robards

## **Weaving on a BOX!**

8165: Tuesday & Thursday, 2/20 & 2/22, 1:00-3:30 FEE: \$50

***Paid registration received by 2/16 allows time for instructor to prepare supplies.***

YES! You can use almost anything to weave on! In this class, we will put our warp on a small box and weave around it using different types of yarn. Students will learn the techniques to make a trendy purse or vessel. Students may bring their own small box, or use one provided by instructor. Come learn how weaving can be portable and affordable. Instructor will email student supply list prior to class.

AGE: 10 & up

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for yarn, and materials used during class

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Olson

## **Knotless Netting with Waxed Linen**

8166: Saturday, 3/24, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$43

Knotless netting or looping is an ancient technique that creates a mesh without using knots. In this class we will use waxed linen to enmesh a stone, polished or unpolished, to create a unique pendant. \$10 paid to the instructor will cover handouts, wire, and embellishments. You may bring stones of your choice or there will be some available to purchase.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for waxed linen, a stone, embellishments, findings, instructions

INSTRUCTOR: Melita Gill

## **Digital Photography for Your Textile and Craft Creations**

8167: 3 Fridays, 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27, 9:00-12 FEE: \$78

Whether you are using a single lens reflex camera or just a smart phone, learn how to produce publication-quality images of your creations. This course covers the basics of photography, including lighting, focus, and exposure to assure that your work is presented in the most flattering way possible. You will also learn how to transfer the images to your computer and "process" them for publication on the web. Between classes students can practice their new skills and participate in a constructive review the following week.

A book written especially for this course will be available with all the basics presented in an easy-to-follow format. If you have been baffled by technical photo terms in the past, you will be pleasantly surprised how simple photography can be in this digital age.

AGE: Teens & Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for book

INSTRUCTOR: Tom Barker

## **Knotless Netting with Wire**

8168: Saturday, 4/28, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$43

Knotless netting or looping is an ancient technique that creates a mesh without using knots. In this class we will use fine wire to enmesh a stone, polished or unpolished, to create a unique pendant. \$10 paid to the instructor will cover handouts, wire, and embellishments. You may bring stones of your choice or there will be some available to purchase.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for wire, a stone, embellishments, findings, instructions

INSTRUCTOR: Melita Gill

## **Wire Woven Bracelets**

8169: 2 Saturdays 4/14 & 4/21, 1:00-5:00 FEE: \$71

Learn wire weaving techniques as you create wire bracelets for yourself or as gifts! Using two colors of wire weave a pattern in fine wire onto thicker wire base. This two-week course will cover two techniques: Step-up and Fan weaves.

AGE: Adults

LEVEL: No prior experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00-15.00 paid to instructor for colored wire

INSTRUCTOR: Melita Gill

## **Felted Flowers**

8172: Friday, 2/9, 10:00-4:00 FEE: \$57

Come learn to make flowers using merino roving. Perfect for Valentine's Day, to wear on your lapel, or embellish your favorite hat! We will start with a simple flower and then move into a multi layered, more complicated type of layout. If time allows we will make a simple leaf to compliment your creations.. Supply list will be sent via e mail to each student prior to class.

AGE: Adult

LEVEL: No prior felting experience needed

MATERIALS FEE: \$10.00 paid to instructor for merino

INSTRUCTOR: Deb Bolcko



## **Special Offerings during School Breaks !**

### **Drop Everything! Beginning Drop Spindling for Kids**

8132: Wednesday, 2/21, 1-3:30 FEE: \$33  
See page 5

### **Felting for Kids: Beads, Snakes, Patches and Balls**

8157: Friday, 2/23, 1-3:30 FEE: \$33  
See page 9

### **Weaving on a BOX**

8165: Tuesday & Thursday, 2/20 & 2/22, 1:00-3:30  
See page 10 FEE: \$50

### **Kids! Learn to Crochet!**

8142: Wednesday & Friday, 4/4 & 4/6, 1:00-3:00  
See page 7 FEE: \$43

### **Bohemian Wall Hangings**

8128: Tuesday & Thursday, 4/3 & 4/5,  
1:00-4:00 FEE: \$57  
See page 5

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If you have any special or medical needs, please specify

List all courses you wish to attend. **For core weaving courses, alternate choices are strongly recommended.** Mark alternate choices clearly.

All materials fees are paid directly to the instructor. Please do not include these with your payment of course fees

Course #	Course title	Mark as Alternate	Fee
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**Register early.** Classes are filled in the order in which paid registrations are received.

Course refunds are given if a course is canceled due to under enrollment or if you withdraw 10 days before the first class.

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