SPIN AND WEAVE

Luxury Fibers

Cashmere, Possum, Merino Blend: WoolWench

MENNORODE FEBRUARY 2014
OVERVIEW

Blending Exotic Fibers: Combing, Carding, Blending Board
Wheel Mechanics - Setting up your wheel for different Yarns
Spinning Exotic Fibers - Fine Yarns on any wheel
Yarn Construction - Plying
Surprise Challenge Game
Warping for Double Heddle Weaving
Weaving with Double Heddles - patterns
Free Weaving - the Woolwench approach

Cost: €265 inclusive full accommodation and meals with single room, materials, and workshop costs.

Location: Congrescentrum Mennorode, Elspeet
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WEEKEND (FRIDAY 3.00PM TO SUNDAY 4PM) 21-23 FEBRUARY 2014

Spinning and Weaving Exotic Fibers

PROGRAM

We will start on **Friday** by making our own blends of exotic and luxury fibers, including Yak, Cashmere, Angora, Alpaca, Silk, (and anything else we can lay our hands on!)

Friday evening - Fiber preparation using: combs, hackle, drum carding blending board.

We will explore different kinds of blending processes for mixing luxury fibers with ‘standard’ fibers, for spinning both fine and bulky yarns. The fibers will be a variety of pre-dyed and natural.

The rest of the weekend will be a program from which people can choose from either spinning or weaving (or do both)

**Saturday and Sunday**

Double Heddle weaving - warping and creating a pattern with two heddles, using a rigid heddle loom - this give the opportunity to create patterns and textures equivalent to those possible on a three shaft loom. Its fun and exciting to be able to do this on a simple rigid heddle!

We can also do some freeform weaving and design for those who want to stick with a single heddle. We will start with warping on Saturday morning. Those who choose to do the spinning can also join in if they want to later use their handspun yarns that they will make on Saturday.

Spinning: We will look at - wheel set up - tension and draw. Also twist (how much is needed to create the desired yarn), Spinning a single - fine/lace weight, thicker and chunkier - and which fibers are suitable for the desired yarn

and Plying - making a traditional two ply, plying for colour and plying for texture, using fine as well as chunky yarns.

There will be additional activities on offer throughout the weekend including circular weaving on the new Majacraft Circle Loom.

We will supply luxury and exotic fiber kits, and warp yarns will be on sale for those who wish to purchase, otherwise please bring your own yarns suitable for warping.

We will also have some looms available for use as well as extra heddles, please let us know well in advance if you wish to use one of our looms, and what kind of loom you have and if you will need a second heddle for the weekend (or wish to purchase one). Also bring any other spinning equipment you would like to use or share.

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