



Fiber Prep: February 9, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hollymead Fire Station

For Worsted Spinning – Kimberly Radcliffe, 9 a.m. – noon, For Woolen Spinning – Candy Hargett, 1 – 4 p.m.

The morning workshop For Worsted will be with Kimberly Radcliffe. This fiber prep session is all about how to prepare your fibers for worsted spinning. Kimberly will start with which fibers are best for worsted prep, then she'll show you what she's found to be the best ways to wash fleece to maintain lock structure. You will learn how to flick and comb fibers to keep them all parallel for the easiest to spin, smoothest yarns. Kimberly will also go over fiber blending on the hackle. There will be several different breeds of fleeces. Any fibers you prep for worsted will be for you to take home and spin your own samples with. All materials will be provided.

The afternoon workshop For Woolen will be with Candy Hargett. Explore methods of carding wool into batts for spinning woolen yarns including gradients to textured and in-between. Batts, pulled roving & rolags will be covered. Each student will make some of each to take home. Please bring some fiber (natural or dyed) to use and share – washed fleece, roving, top, anything goes. Candy will have an assortment of fiber, natural and dyed, locks and silk to work with.

When you bring any of your own fiber to work with on the equipment, please be sure it's well-scoured and dry.

There will be combs, a flicker, a picker, a drum carder, several Diz, a Blending Board and assorted brushes to learn about and play with.

Please bring any tools that you have to work with, there will be tools available at the workshop, but you may find it more satisfying to work on your own, at your own pace. Mark your tools with your name and bring them along. Suggested: Combs, Picker, Drum Carder, Diz, Blending Board, Dowel Rods, Brushes for packing fiber.

It may be helpful to bring either a comfortable chair or cushion to help you be at a comfortable height for combing.

If you have fibers you have questions about, feel free to bring them.

There will be something for everybody! You will find that knowing how to prep fiber will help in many aspects of your fiber arts. This workshop is open to the public, feel free to invite your friends.

Members: Each session will be \$25 or take both sessions for \$45.

Non-members: Each session will be \$30 or take both sessions for \$55.

There will be an additional materials fee of \$15 for each session, paid to the instructor.

If you are attending both sessions, please bring a sack lunch. There are also a few food venues fairly close to the Hollymead Fire Station if you want to run out and pick something up.

Please sign up by contacting Melanie at programs@cvfg.org. Note: We now take PayPal payments!