

# SOUTHWEST FIBER NEWSLETTER

March and April 2024



This newsletter is dedicated to fiber arts in the Southwest. Joan Ruane and Julie Drogsvold sponsored several fiber workshops in Tucson at the Amphi Bible School where we held our classes in a lovely freshly refurbished classroom with great lighting. The winter season is over and so are the

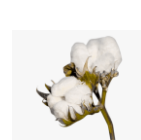


fall/winter classes at Amphi for this season. Be sure to check out Joan's website at: [www.cottonspinning.com](http://www.cottonspinning.com) & Julie's at; [www.fiberartclasses.com](http://www.fiberartclasses.com). For more information.

## 2024 Next season October-March 2024-25 At Amphi Bible Hall School in Tucson



Hoping to have Annie back with more inkle weaving and Wendy with her wonderful and useful baskets. Joan wants to get a lot of new four-harness weavers started and have you bring out your charkha wheels. Mel Duarte from Maine does wonders with longdraw wool fiber and color and would love to share her knowledge with us westerner!.



It would be great if LeRoy from Double G Alpacas in Sierra Vista would honor us with a day of learning all about Alpacas and the best way to spin its fiber. Need to hear from you jewelry makers if you would like for us to bring down Judy Walker from Oregon? Of course, we need Julie to bring up a couple bunny rabbits and show us how wonderful their spun fiber is and how to do it. She wants to show off the cotton she has grown and teach us to dye and spin it into beautiful yarns for weaving and knitting. Michelle Belson wants to come teach her weaving specialties; Amy Tyler is always ready to come back to Tucson. We just need to know who and what you want for classes next season. Contact either Joan at; [spincotton@yahoo.com](mailto:spincotton@yahoo.com) or Julie at: [tangledyarnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:tangledyarnfarms@gmail.com).

There are still a lot of fiber art classes and events going on in and around Tucson. Go to Joan's website to see the listing of events and classes:  
[www.cottonspinning.com](http://www.cottonspinning.com) Check on the Calendar page!!



**Julie Drogsvold** is out there traveling and teaching. Check out her schedule and you might like to follow her to some of these fun places!! When home she is willing to do private or small group lessons.



Joan has just finished her book

Basic wet felting with Carlyn, Tucson, AZ  
**March 30 AZ Fiber Fest Camp Verde April 5 -7**  
 Maker Festival Loveland Colorado April 10-13  
**Yellow Rose Fiber Fiesta, Seguin, TX**  
**April 25 - 27**  
 West 7th Wool, Fort Worth, May 4  
 Felted Pots and Vessels, Tucson, AZ May 11  
**Flag Wool June 1-2**  
 Olds Fibre Week June 17 -22  
**Convergence in Kansas July 13**  
 Copper K Festival, Whitehall, MT July 20-21  
**Prairie City Fiber Festival Prairie City, OR**  
**July 26 - 28**  
 Maker Festival Lancaster, PA July 30 - Aug 3  
**Sierra Vista Fiber Festival Sierra Vista, AZ**  
 Aug 31 - Sep 1 (not teaching, just local festival)  
**Wisconsin Sheep & Wool, Jefferson, WI**  
**Sept 6 - 8**  
 For details go to: [www.fiberartclasses.com](http://www.fiberartclasses.com).

**Spinning Off the Point** which is being streamed on [www.taprootvideo.com](http://www.taprootvideo.com) as an e-book; a companion to her video Spinning Off the Point that is also on Taproot Video. Joan has three spinning videos available on Taproot Video. Spinning Cotton Off the Wheel, Spinning on the Takli and Charkha and one on Spinning Hemp. All three can be purchased as DVDs or be streamed.  
**Check out the site, you might be surprised at all that is available.**

Teaching: **Florida Tropical Conference**  
 February 14 Mini Hemp Spinning Class  
 February 15-17 Cotton Spinning

**Majacraft Camp Australia New Zealand**  
 April 12-13-14 Melbourne, Australia Hemp  
 April 19-20-21 Papamoa, NZ Hemp Spinning

**2024 Summer...**Joan will be around Tucson much of the summer and would be happy to do some private or small group lesson in both spinning or beginning weaving; Inkle, rigid heddle or 4 harness.

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Julie teaching at Weavers and Spinners Society of Austin, in Austin TX in February