

# Support Our MSWF Instructors

## *Dyeing*

**Kimber Baldwin** is the owner of and 'head chef' dyer at Fiber Optic Yarns.. In 2005 she decided to combine her love of science with her passion for the fiber arts and left a job as a research scientist to set up a dye studio in the furnace room of her basement.

Items that she was planning to bring to Maryland Sheep and Wool can be purchased on their new website. They are expecting to release the Maryland Sheep and Wool colorways towards the end of May/beginning of June as they've been closed for the past 4 weeks.

She has a brand new website: [www.fiberopticyarns.com](http://www.fiberopticyarns.com)).

**Diane Ivey** is the mastermind behind Lady Dye Yarns, Diane also teaches fiber arts classes at the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, JP Knit & Stitch in Jamaica Plain, The Cambridge Center for Adult Education, and elsewhere. A knitter for the last 17 years, and dyer, spinner and crocheter for 12 years, Diane looks forward to expanding her business.

Find her on the web at: <https://ladydye yarns.com/>

## *Ecoprinting*

**M Theresa Brown** is a hand painter and ecoprinter on natural fibers. She uses natural dyes and low impact synthetic dyes and merges them into unique, beautiful designs on silk and wool, and even leather.

Her website is: [www.TheSilkThread.com](http://www.TheSilkThread.com)

Her shop within the website has the artisanal clothing and accessories that she makes and all the supplies that would have been available at her workshops.

There are also 3 PDF Tutorials on some of the techniques she teaches.

[\*\*DIY Ecoprint on Paper in Color and Natural\*\*](#)  
[\*\*How to Ecoprint on Leather in Color and Natural\*\*](#)  
[\*\*How to Ecoprint on Silk and Wool Naturally\*\*](#)

She also has tutorial and technique clips on [YouTube](#).

## *Felting*

**Patti Barker** is an award-winning felt wear designer, and teacher. She earned a BA in Studio Art at Western Washington University. All of her designs are produced with felted seams. The fabric

and garment are created simultaneously. Her first book, *Nuno Felt Wearable Art*, is at the publisher.

Patti has an Etsy site and sells 34 colors of silk chiffon scarves, nuno felt project kits as well as featuring 5 different downloadable PDF tutorials.

Her Etsy site is: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SurigirlFibers>

Find her on the web at:

[www.pattibarker.com](http://www.pattibarker.com), [www.facebook.com/pattibarkerfelt](https://www.facebook.com/pattibarkerfelt), and [www.pinterest.com/surigirl2](https://www.pinterest.com/surigirl2)

**Kristen Walsh** has been exploring fiber for many years – first knitting, then spinning and finally felting. She teaches out of her studio, at art centers and galleries, fiber shops and schools. She also gives lectures about the origins of felting with the hopes of getting more people ‘hooked’ on felting.

Her classes, kits, and upcoming book can be found on her website <https://scrapfelt.com/>.

She has set up a 15% off discount code for MDSW... plug in code MDSW15 when purchasing any kits to get the discount.

### *Knitting and Crocheting*

**Laura Barker** is a life-long knitter and former engineer and math teacher who enjoys combining the best of her experience in her favorite career, knitting design and education. Her designs feature innovative construction with clear instruction. She is the author of *Mitered Entrelac, Knitting Entrelac Around the Corner* which may be found on Amazon, <https://www.amazon.com/Mitered-Entrelac-Knitting-Around-Corner/dp/0692339612>.

She has published patterns with *Knitty*, *Vogue*, *Malabrigo*, *Knitter's Magazine*, *Knit Edge Magazine*, and on Ravelry <https://www.ravelry.com/designers/laura-barker>.

Her website is: <https://cathedralknits.com/>

Her work may also be found on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/cathedralknits/>), and Facebook as CathedralKnits <https://www.facebook.com/Cathedral-Knits-340502552738286/>

**Edie Eckman** is a designer, author and teacher who loves both knitting and crochet. She is the author of a number of best-selling crochet and knitting titles including *The Crochet Answer Book*, *Around the Corner Crochet Borders* and *How to Knit Socks: Three Methods Made Easy*.

Her website is: <https://www.edieeckman.com/>

Edie has set up a unique page she has everything in one place; go to [Virtual Sheep & Wool Festival](https://www.facebook.com/VirtualSheepWoolFestival) [#Missing Maryland](https://www.facebook.com/VirtualSheepWoolFestival)

**Franklin Habit** is a designer, teacher, author and illustrator. He is the author of *It Itches: A Stash of Knitting Cartoons* (Interweave Press, 2008) and *I Dream of Yarn: A Knit and Crochet Coloring Book* (Soho Publishing, 2016). His ongoing "Dolores Van Hoofen" collaboration with

WEBS, based his wildly popular series of short stories, is in its second year. published designs are available via Ravelry.com.

Find him on the web at: <http://franklinhabit.com/>

## *Spinning*

**Sue Blacker** manages The Natural Fibre Company and Blacker Yarns, a UK-based commission spinnery with branded range of knitting yarns. The company specializes in spinning fiber from rare and regional British sheep breeds, also mohair and alpaca along with full organic processing accreditation if required.

Sue has written *Pure Wool*, available at

[https://www.amazon.com/Pure-Wool-Guide-Using-Single-Breed/dp/081171103X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=pure+wool&qid=1587577152&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Pure-Wool-Guide-Using-Single-Breed/dp/081171103X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=pure+wool&qid=1587577152&s=books&sr=1-1) and also via several second-hand outlets – this edition is now nearly out of print so a good option is [https://www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?sts=t&cm\\_sp=SearchF--home--Results&an=Sue+Blacker&tn=Pure+Wool&kn=&isbn=](https://www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?sts=t&cm_sp=SearchF--home--Results&an=Sue+Blacker&tn=Pure+Wool&kn=&isbn=) for both UK and US editions.

Find her on the web at:

[www.thenaturalfibre.co.uk](http://www.thenaturalfibre.co.uk) –advice/ information page for help & advice on of fiber processing  
[www.blackeryarns.co.uk](http://www.blackeryarns.co.uk) – for British breeds and blended wool yarns.

**Heavenly Bresser** is the owner and founder of Heavenly Knitchet. Not only is Heavenly a well-rounded fiber artist, but she is also a jewelry maker and loves to work with polymer clay. She currently sells various prepared fibers including batts, rolags, handpainted braids of fiber, handspun yarn, accessories as well as jewelry for fiber artists and enthusiasts

My website shop link: <https://www.heavenlyknitchet.com/shopupdate>

She also has a *Fleece Washing Journal*, which was originally published as a free download with tinyStudio CreativeLife magazine. It will be available as a hardcover soon and can be preordered.

**Maggie Casey** was co-owner of *Shuttles, Spindles & Skeins in Boulder, Colorado* for many years, She is the author of *Start Spinning, Everything You Need to Know to Make Great Yarn*. She also has several Interweave DVDs.

**Judith MacKenzie** is the ultimate textile artist and teacher. She has an in-depth understanding of every aspect of spinning, weaving, knitting and dyeing. Judith is the author of *Teach Yourself Visually: Handspinning* and *The International Spinner*. She often writes for Spin-Off, Knits, and Handwoven.

**Jillian Moreno** is the author of the best-selling spinning book *Yarnitecture: A Knitter's Guide to Spinning: Building Exactly the Yarn You Want*. She is passionate about exploring the structure of yarn and color, and using them in an intentional way in knitting, stitching and weaving.

*Yarnitecture* can be found at: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/yarnitecture-jillian-moreno/1122273768?ean=9781612125213>

Her online class, Ply to Knit, is found at: <https://shop.mybluprint.com/spinning/classes/ply-to-knit-spin-the-yarn-you-really-want/35182>

Her other videos can be found at Longthread Media here: <https://learn.longthreadmedia.com/>

Here is her web presence:

Her website is: <http://www.jillianmoreno.com/>

Her blog is found at: <http://www.jillianmoreno.com/journal>

Her newsletter is found at <http://www.jillianmoreno.com/stalk-me>.

She is on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jillianmoreno/>

**Esther Rodgers** known for her creative art yarns, and her unique fiber preparation. She loves to design and spin concept yarns from an inspiration and tell stories with her yarns. Esther is also a SAORI weaver and creative knitter which gives her the perspective of how these extra special yarns can be used. She wants students to know she misses them and to watch her Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JazzTurtleCreations/>) and Instagram @jazzturtle for info on upcoming ZOOM workshops and how to book one on one ZOOM workshops.

Shop her Etsy website-[www.jazzturtle.etsy.com](http://www.jazzturtle.etsy.com) for yarn, fiber and some spinning kits, as well as indigo goods and the last 2 dozen of each of her DVD's in her Etsy shop.

Find her on the web at: <https://jazzturtle.com/>

Online classes and downloads-

<https://shop.mybluprint.com/spinning/classes/fiber-preparation-for-spinning/51758>

<https://shop.longthreadmedia.com/products/how-to-spin-art-yarns-download>

<https://learn.longthreadmedia.com/courses/expressive-weaving-on-a-rigid-heddle-loom>

<https://learn.longthreadmedia.com/courses/color-blending-for-spinners-with-esther-rodgers>

<https://learn.longthreadmedia.com/courses/card-wool-for-color>

## ***Weaving***

**Angela Tong** i designs knitting, crochet and weaving patterns for numerous magazines, books and yarn companies. She also teaches knitting and weaving classes online for [www.mybluprint.com](http://www.mybluprint.com) and at yarn stores and fiber retreats. You can find dvd's and videos of her pin loom weaving and knitting workshops on [Interweave.com](http://Interweave.com). In 2019, she became a brand ambassador for Mirrix Looms. Currently she is working on her first weaving book.

Find her on the web at: <https://www.facebook.com/AngelaTongDesigns/>