



**Monday, September 12, 2022 - PAWS General Meeting  
Program: Extended Show and Tell, Fibre Arts Market  
progress**

Our PAWS Meeting will be in Program Room 1, Surrey Museum.  
Arrive between 10:00 and 10:30 – Program will start at 10:30.

Remember, the museum is closed to the public on Mondays. We will have a member stationed at the door until 10:30.

**President's Message September 2022 – President Terry Hadford**

It's great to be enjoying warm weather in September, isn't it? We had a busy and fun summer at the Drop-Ins and Interest Groups and the time has truly flown by. Thanks to everyone who participated and a big thanks to Janice, Mary C. and Mary E. for leading sessions. And to Elly for the treats.

The Spin-In at Stewart Farm was really enjoyable and the vendor had irresistible fibre for us. Thanks Cathy and helpers.

We won't be having the Hooser Lecture at the Sept. meeting but we can look forward to it, hopefully in Oct.

We are really missing the sound system in the Program Room where we are meeting now. The high ceiling and larger space are making it more difficult for some of our members to hear what's said during meetings and presentations. We have the headset and are now looking for the amplifier. Please mention this to any former members who might be storing it for us and have just forgotten about it. If anyone remembers the last time it was used or any other information, please let Terry know.

The executive would like to get feedback about the Retreat. As you may have heard, Edenvale is changing its organization to provide residential accommodation so Doreen has been looking for other options and it would be helpful to know what members are willing to pay etc. Please complete the survey that will come this weekend and we'll discuss it at the meeting.

Terry

**From the Editor – Barbara Mitchell**

It was a busy summer for PAWS, and I especially enjoyed our Spin-in in July. It was so nice to see all the friendly faces as we sat in the sun to spin.

Thanks to Jeanette and Cathy for sending photos and information for the newsletter.

Barbara

**PAWS Spin In 2022**

July 23 was another fine day for the 2022 PAWS Spin-In at Historic Stewart Farm. After two years of greatly reduced attendance, no access to Stewart Hall, and no vendors, we enjoyed a partial return to this tradition.

Joanne Baxter of Lyndhaven Farms brought an extensive and colorful array of batts, roving, locks and hand-spun yarn from her flock. She and her daughter shared anecdotes about their sheep, described the fibres from individual animals, and some of the challenges of caring for their livestock.

30 spinners attended from our Guild and five others. One identified as a Free Agent! Most gravitated to a grassy area around a huge maple, where we enjoyed spinning and socializing. The fresh air, choice of sunshine or shade, and a welcome breeze in beautiful surroundings made for a lovely day. Several draws were held for small prizes, and the final draw of the day was a bag of carded wool donated by Joanne, won by Arica of the Mission Spinners and Weavers Guild.

Guests were invited to share “The best spinning advice I ever received.” Responses included comments on attitude: “relax”, “enjoy the process”, “it’s all beautiful.” More detailed advice included “relax your shoulders,” “slow down and remain calm; don’t treadle too fast”; “check tension each time and watch bobbin speed”; “strive for evenness”; “aim for one continuous thread”; “try another wheel if you’re having problems” and “hold your fibre like a bird—no death grip!”

To sum up: “don’t listen to too many people”—“just do it”. For beginners: “keep at it—it will get better,” and then “enjoy for as long as you can.”

Special thanks to Terry, who persevered with the paperwork required to rent the hall when the computer wouldn’t accept me; Carol, who brought her lemonade dispenser; and Jeanette who contributed ideas, obtained door prizes, helped with all the details at the event and found time to help many of us choose colors of fibre!

Submitted by Cathy Sendeki, Committee Chair



## **Sheep to Shawl**

Our Sheep to Shawl demonstration at the Surrey Museum was an enjoyable weekend. Our



finished shawl had colour and drape. After spending time at the Museum exhibit “Untangling Textiles, the shawl went on to our Library Display. Thanks to all participants.

## **Summer interest groups**

Thanks to everyone who taught and participated in the Summer interest groups.



Cathy said “Knitting 2 socks on one circular needle is a challenge; on 3 needles even more so! But Terry helped us figure it out!”

## **Show and Tell, June 2022**

Barbara displayed some shawls she wove as part of Jane Stafford’s lesson on overshot.



And a placemat woven in Summer and Winter weave.



Janice created these name tags in Summer and Winter weave. They will become part of the friendship coverlet woven by 12 weavers a few years ago. The name tags will identify which weaver wove which square. Janice finally finished the coverlet and it is stunning. I hope she will bring the completed coverlet to a future show and tell.

And a shawl woven from Janice's handspun stash.  
 Ruth also finished off some shawls from her unfinished list and handspun yarns.

And September brings the growth of the natural dye plant garden at the Museum and a call for volunteers to help care for the garden.



The plants are Japanese Indigo, Marigolds, & Madder.