

Silver City Fiber Arts Festival

Free Demonstrations Schedule

Friday November 11, 2011

11am -12noon: Bed Turning - Quilts

Come join in the fun and the “ooh’s and aah’s” as one by one, the locally made quilts on the “bed” are “revealed” and their stories told!

1-1:45pm: Overview of Basket Weaving

See what’s involved in making your own baskets in this demo by Bev Larson, The Basket Lady. Supplies, tools, resources for materials, a demo of the step by step making of a small basket, and examples of some of her other baskets will be shown.

2-2:45pm: Cotton Spinning

Cotton Spinning using the easily portable tools, the Takli Spindle and Charkha Wheel, will be demonstrated by Joan Ruane of Southwest Corner. She will cover the history and benefits as well as processing the cotton from the cotton boll to the finished product. Also learn how to make special blended cotton yarns.

3-3:45pm: Accucut Fabric Die Cutting Machine

Save injury to your wrist from repetitive cutting of fabric with this machine! Judy Billings, of Aunt Judy’s Attic, will show how easily it works to make strips, triangles, die cut shapes, and other traditional or contemporary quilt pattern shapes. See quilt blocks and quilts made from some of the die cut shapes!

4-4:45pm: Beading on Textiles

Karen Rossman, of A Bead or Two, will provide an overview on types of beads, different fibers to work on with beads, techniques, tools, and more! She will show specialty beading technique examples of Bead Weaving, Kumiho Braid, and Closed Coiling on Gourds.

Saturday November 12, 2011

10:30-12noon: Yucca Fiber Spinning and Ancient Fur/Feather Blankets

This demo and hands-on time will give you up close and personal experience with this old and fascinating art of spinning yucca fiber and the making of fur/feather blankets.

Program led by Dr. Eric Blinman, Director of the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies.

1-2pm: Bed Turning - Quilts

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3-5pm: Japanese Embroidery Lecture

Kathryn Elms, one of 25 teachers in the US, and owner of Azumi Japanese Embroidery Studio, will show examples, and discuss history, traditions, materials, tools, techniques, and the process.