

NHA Ltd. Maine Special
Event Registration

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons
1 Center Drive, Belgrade, Maine
October 12, 2024

For those who may not already know, a special event is being held in Maine this October 12 in lieu of the New York Open House which was scheduled for this year. The NHA Board thought we should not let a year go by with no events, so the Maine Reps and members volunteered to fill that void and have worked hard to plan a gathering (not THE Gathering) that will hopefully draw NHA members from other New England states as well. The Maine Special Event is being held in the quaint town of Belgrade, Maine, about a half hour outside of Augusta, so hopefully close enough for many to attend. Also, we are very excited to have Linda Cortright as our featured speaker...Linda was the editor of Wild Fiber Magazine, an author, and world wide fiber adventure tour guide. Linda's bio and website is attached.

The Maine Special Event is free for NHA members. Anyone may join, including on the day of the event.

Schedule:

9:00 Welcome with coffee and tea

10:00 Speaker, including Q&A

11:00 Spinning and vendors//Board Meeting

12:00 Lunch/Annual Meeting

1:00-3:00 Workshops

3:00-4:00 Spinning and Vendors

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check your selection of class. There is limited space in each class, so it's first come, first served.

_____ Alice Seeger: Techniques of Spinning on Different Types of Hand Spindles. Hand spindles are simple, primitive tools that have been used to create yarn by indigenous cultures on every continent since the beginning of time. Supported spindles, drop spindles, hi or low whorl spindles, Mayan, Scottish, Turkish, Navajo and Russian spindles, as well as Takhli spindles from India. Each requires somewhat different techniques to produce yarn. In this workshop, various types of hand spindles will be demonstrated

and available for participants to give them a spin. Class will accommodate 12 attendees. All materials are supplied.

_____ Betsy Alspach: Fiber Preparation for Spinning and Felting. In this class, we will be using a variety of tools to prepare wool and other fibers to spin or felt, including flick cards, hand cards, hand combs, drum carders, a hackle, peasant combs and blending boards to create roving, batts, and rolags. We will discuss which tools to use depending on the qualities of the fibers and the type of yarn desired, i.e. worsted or woolen, how to combine colors and different types of fibers, and how to add in fibers such as those made from seaweed, bamboo, and roses. Participants will have the bulk of the time to prepare their own unique creations. All fibers and tools are provided, however, fibers brought from home to process and questions about those fibers are welcome. Tools are welcome as well. Class will accommodate 15 attendees. All materials are provided, but you may bring your own fiber if you wish.

_____ Sarah Wilde: Learn To Crochet. Crochet is having a big comeback. Not only are makers using crochet for making blankets and shawls, but also garments, socks...anything you can make with a hook and yarn! There are many beautiful patterns for grannie square sweaters on Ravelry. Sarah will not only teach the stitches you'll need, but also how to read a pattern, and how to tension your yarn. You will need to bring your own size H (5mm) crochet hook and worsted weight yarn to work with. This class will accommodate 10 attendees.

LUNCH

You may pre order or bring your own lunch. Day's Store will provide our lunch in the form of bagged lunches which will include a sandwich on their own store baked bread, wheat, white or gluten free, chips, an apple and a cookie from their bakery. The choices are below:

_____ Turkey, provolone, lettuce, tomato.... \$8.00

_____ Ham, Swiss, lettuce, tomato...\$8.00

_____ Vegetarian Greek Wrap with mixed greens, Greek Olives, Artichoke, Tomato, Feta, and Greek dressing...\$10.00

We need to put our orders in by September 27th so the deli can order their supplies. You may send your registration, and your food choice to Nancy Patrick, Secretary NHA Ltd., 395 Village Road, Jackson, ME 04921, and your check for lunch made out to Northeast Handspinners Association,