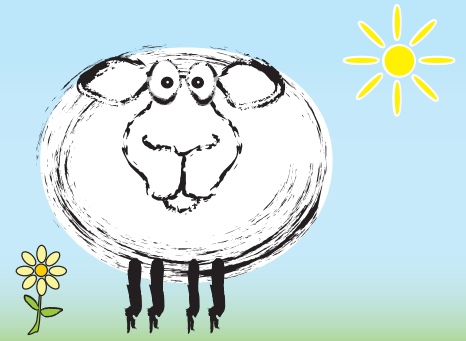


Good Karma Farm and Spinning Company



Fun with Needle Felting
with Marianne Dubois

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010
Hosted by: Good Karma Farm, Belfast Maine
Cost: \$45 plus \$6 materials fee

Intended Age Group: 12yrs to adult

Description:

Needle felting is a dry felting process whereby you can create flat or sculptural artwork using roving or batts of wool. This technique uses serrated needles to sculpt the wool into fantastic forms. In this class you will learn what to look for in materials (needles and wool), and how to use a needle to make three-dimensional shapes.

Participants will begin the class by making a small animal. This will teach you the basic "needling" techniques you need to know. After completing the first project there will be time for you to work with Marianne to start a second project of your choosing. The second project can be another type of animal, flowers or fruits, or you can learn how to make a human faces. This is a fun, portable, lightweight, and inexpensive technique with extensive design possibilities!

Materials:

Teacher will provide: Handout, needles, and wool.

Students should bring: Scissors, and a 2"-5" thick cellulose sponge or open-cell foam pad (like a pillow form), darning needle if you have one, and lunch.

Materials fee: \$6

Workshop length: 6 hours, 10 AM – 4:00 PM

Number of Participants: Up to 12

About the Instructor:

Marianne's early inspiration came from her mother who was an artist and inspired teacher. She has always been interested in nature, especially rocks and landforms. She followed these interests by becoming a geologist, this profession honed her eye for detail and dimension, and taught the precise execution required of a scientist.

While geology took her many places, Marianne never lost her early interest in the fiber arts. Marianne's interest in feltmaking include making clothing and accessories using techniques to produce lightweight drapable felt fabrics; she has been needle felting since the late 1990's and teaching since 2000. Marianne's needlefelted sculptures are sold under her Arcady Designs label. These sculptures include whimsical animals, dragons, human figures and many more designs. Marianne works in her studio in Woolwich on the coast of Maine.