

# VHWSG – 2022 Farm to Fashion Challenge

## Farm to Fashion – the brief

As an alternate to the judged 'Sheep to Shawl', this year we challenge you to a ***Farm to Fashion*** project. Our focus is to connect people with local fibre sources, to show and share the progress and end result of a project, have fun with a challenge, and possibly record the results for posterity.

Ideally, entries should have been created within the last year/ since Fibrations (Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

## Farm to Fashion - Details

### **Why**

To connect crafts people and local fibre sources (What is in your fibre shed?)

To encourage you to push your boundaries from what you know.

To promote community building and teamwork.

### **DATES:**

- Team registration deadline – \$10.00 due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to [jyd@shaw.ca](mailto:jyd@shaw.ca)
- Project completion date: September (15<sup>th</sup>?), 2022 - the September programme at the Victoria Guild's meeting. (*See questionnaire below to help you prepare information for your guild presentation.*)
- **Progress Picnic** event July 17<sup>th</sup> (tentative), 2022, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 at Cadboro Gyro Park  
See site map at <https://goo.gl/maps/p5TSqi7GbtA2> Current health and safety protocols in place. Public event – display, picnic, spin opportunity. Celebrate and share out-of-doors - work on your projects and share your story with others. Bring a picnic, chair, sun block, etc. for an afternoon of visiting, and show-and-tell of the work. As well as a social gathering, we can record your efforts for posterity.

### **Teams**

You may already have a team, or you might have an idea looking for a team. Encourage others to join your project with their knowledge, skills, and curiosity. Please feel free to include sewers, milliners, felters and well as spinners, weavers and other crafters in your team. All skill levels to encourage new artisans of any age. If you need help finding a team, Brenda ([nicolson@horizon.bc.ca](mailto:nicolson@horizon.bc.ca)) will help.

A team may be any group of people who wish to work together to produce a final project or projects using fibre from local fibreshed. You do not have to be a member of a Guild. How 'local' can you be?

Theme to draw each item or items together:

E.g. Fashionable hats, a collection

E.g. ensemble - sweater, hat and socks

E.g. Shawl

E.g. A specific colour

E.g. an experiment with natural dyes

E.g. skeins, yardage, etc.

E.g. a complete garment

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### **Questionnaire** – *questions you may wish to answer as part of your show-and-tell to the Guild*

What is your team's theme?

What is the name of the farm or farmer who supplied your fibre?

What fibre did you use and why?

What other sources/products did you use? Dye, notions (thread, buttons) Bragging rights for upcycled or local.

What did you learn?

What was most challenging?

What surprised you?

**Source list:** Use locally sourced fibre from our fibre shed to make an item, items, or set of items. The following list has been compiled from producers near Victoria, BC., who are interested in selling their fibre. We have not seen the fibres; buyers do your due diligence. See [VHWSG.ca](http://VHWSG.ca) for additions to this list.

## Local Fiber Contact List

<b>WOOL</b>				
<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact information</b>
Parry Bay Farm	John/Lorraine	East Fresian, Finn, East Fresian x Finn/Suffolk	Metchosin	<a href="mailto:contact@parrybaysheepfarm.com">contact@parrybaysheepfarm.com</a> <a href="mailto:parrybay@outlook.com">parrybay@outlook.com</a>
Tide View Farm	Jane Hutchens	Icelandic	East Sooke	tideviewfarm.ca
Crowing Hen	Raven Ranson	Cotswold	Saanich	crowinghen.ca
Pender Island Farm	Martha McMahon	Cotswold, Cotswold x BFL, Cotswold x Finn	Pender Island (comes to Victoria)	<a href="mailto:penderislandfarm@shaw.ca">penderislandfarm@shaw.ca</a>
	Lorrie Irwin	BFL, Gotland, BFL x Gotland	Saltspring Island	<a href="mailto:lorrieirwin@shaw.ca">lorrieirwin@shaw.ca</a> <a href="mailto:elfleather@shaw.ca">elfleather@shaw.ca</a> elfleatherworks.com
Small Bird Workshop	Catherine Knutson	Wide variety of breeds, some local, some from UK & US	Nanaimo	smallbirdworkshop.com Instagram: smallbirdworkshop <a href="https://www.facebook.com/theshmallbirdworkshop/">https://www.facebook.com/theshmallbirdworkshop/</a> <a href="mailto:smallbirdworkshop@gmail.com">smallbirdworkshop@gmail.com</a>
	Ellen Guttormson	Icelandic	Central Saanich	<a href="mailto:ellenguttormson@shaw.ca">ellenguttormson@shaw.ca</a>
<b>ALPACA</b>				
	Roxanne Underwood		Cowichan Station	250-661-7431
Sun Hill Orchard	Cathy Christopher			sunhillorchard.ca
Sea Dog Farm	Katy Connelly			SeaDogFarm.ca
<b>Llama</b>				
Woosterville Mini-llama Farm	Pat		Duncan	home phone: 250-929-5973; cell 250-815-0210; <a href="mailto:woostervillefarm@gmail.com">woostervillefarm@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mohair</b>				
Up a Creek Farm	Jen Sterckx		Qualicum	250-240-6668; <a href="mailto:Jennycm@live.ca">Jennycm@live.ca</a>
<b>Plant Fibres</b>				
Flax to Linen Victoria	Brenda Nicolson		Victoria	250-721-1873