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**Fayette County Fiber Festival
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by Kerri Habben Bosman

Come to the Fayette County Fiber Festival on Saturday, May 20, 2023 to savor a delightful and versatile experience. Between 10 am to 4 pm, you will enjoy demonstrations and discover a world of things made by hand. From small batch dyed yarn to carefully crafted tools, from special project bags and stitch markers to gentle lotions and wool washes, there is something to inspire everyone. Every vendor at this curated event is an independent maker creating their products with quality, loving care, and hands-on dedication.



Boss Mare Shearing offers shearing services, fleeces and will share their work. It is a wonderful way to learn how beautiful fibers are created. *The Loyalhannon Spinners* will provide a fleece to shawl demonstration to further inspire you.

Ex Libris Fibers, Vairy Tale Yarn Co, and *Fiberynymph Dye Works* presents uniquely inspired and whimsical color creations for your knitting and crocheting.

June Pryce Fiber Arts, Lazy O Ranch, Lippencott Alpacas, Liverpool Yarns, PhiFiber, Ten Mile Fibers, The Yarn Smith, and *Youghiogheny Yarns* all are bringing their yarn products, from fleeces to finished fibers with a diversity of textures, weights, and colors. All yarn is lovingly prepared in small batches.

Creations by Jay Kay, One Sly Fox, Dusty Tree Soap and Dyeworks, Rocky's Dream, and *Wren & Rita* present special fiber art items, such as project bags, notions, stitch markers, accessories, lotions, and more.

Yarn Bits and Bobs, LLC is a 14' mobile yarn boutique. It is a yarn store on wheels and sells commercial yarns, needles, and notions.

Shawn's Smokin' BBQ food truck is on site. There is ample parking. Admission is free, but they are collecting non-perishable items to donate to a local food pantry. Please bring a canned good or HBA item.

Keri Fosbrink of *Youghiogheny Yarns* is organizing the fiber festival. For every participant, the festival is an affirming way to foster a love of the fiber arts. Everyone involved is not only sharing their work, but also their passion and joy. A little of piece of each of them goes into everything they create. Through the sharing ideas and cultivating community, the heritage of fiber craft is kept thriving for the present and coming generations. Along the way creative connections and valued friendships emerge.

The Fayette County Fiber Festival is located with easy access from both sides of US 119 and is one hour from both Pittsburgh and Morgantown, WV. It is in the Morrell VFC Event Center at 1232 University Drive in Dunbar, PA.

For more detailed information, go to www.fayettecountyfiberfestival.weebly.com or call Keri at 724-961-3382. The event is also on Facebook.

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Late Spring—Early Summer

by Nancy Nash

In my corner of North America, scenery shifts from month to month in a kaleidoscope of colors and patterns. In spring, breath-taking clusters of pink and white blossoms cascade from the branches of apple and cherry trees. The light-green maple leaves of April unfurl and grow larger by early May, providing a lush, shadowy canopy of dark green over the quiet lane where we take evening walks at dusk. On a warm day in June, the full circle of shade under the big maple on the lawn beckons like a young mother gathering her children around her for a story.

Humans have always looked to nature as a source of wonder. A few years ago, as I did some research on the Oregon Trail, I discovered that the plants and animals encountered on the long, strenuous trek to the West coast held a fascination for those walking mile after mile behind oxen or horses. Adults as well as children delighted in observing living things they had never seen before, and native women sometimes helped pioneer women forage for unfamiliar edible plants growing wild. Family members wrote letters home describing extraordinary land formations they knew would amaze their kin.

May and June bring us outdoors, where we can revel in the exceptional beauty of late spring and early summer. Country lanes shine with buttercups, and meadows are embroidered with red and purple clover and pink ragged-robin. Listen for melodies from songbirds. There is nothing like them. Pick a flower, press it, and hide it in a book. You may discover it months later, faded and pale but still a source of wonder and satisfaction.

—2023 Nancy J. Nash. She is the author of *Mama's Books: An Oregon Trail Story* and *Little Rooster's Christmas Eve*, each available on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. She has a B.A. in English composition from Mount Holyoke College and an M.F.A. in Writing for Children from Simmons College.