

It's almost time again! Would love to have more of you join us. Hope this answers all your questions.

As usual The Fiber Network has two retreats scheduled each year, March and September, at Hawks Nest Lodge in Ansted, WV. I am the Chair/Info person.

The February/March Retreat begins on Thursday 2/28 and ends Sunday March 2. Participants are welcome to attend all or any part of the event.

Business Stuff

1- The room rate is \$ 59.30 (including taxes) per room, per night- based on single or double occupancy. There may be a minimal fee nightly for each additional adult. The rate applies to Standard Rooms and the "Mini Suites." Reservations are made directly with Hawks Nest 304 658 5212. Advise them you are with The Fiber Network (the rate we are charged is less than standard). They also need to know # of rooms, names of those attending and the nights you will be staying.

2- There is a "retreat fee" of \$15. per participant, to cover the Conference Room Rental and miscellaneous expenses..paper goods etc. For those not staying for the entire event the fee is \$5. per day.

3- Meals are on your own. You may choose to eat in the Lodge Restaurant, somewhere else or some rooms have small refrigerators and microwave ovens & you can opt to eat in your room or join some of us that gather in the Hospitality Suite(my room) We can no longer eat meals or snacks, not purchased in the Restaurant, in the Conference Room. There will be a pot of coffee and a pot of hot water for tea etc in the suite- a travel mug is helpful.

4- Happy Hour is held each evening at 5 PM in the Hospitality Suite. Bring goodies, snacks, munchies and beverage of YOUR CHOICE to share. Please bear in mind that we are dealing with a mini refrigerator, coolers and a microwave oven. Paper plates,napkins and plastic ware are provided. Some utensils, a corkscrew, plastic wrap etc. will be available. Some wine glasses will be available but bringing your own will prevent you from drinking from styrofoam.

**** 5- We have discovered that more and more of us are sensitive to fragrances. Please avoid perfumes, oils etc. Keep in mind that garments, tote bags, etc. retain fragrance.**

The Fun Stuff

The intent of our Retreats are to relax and share our "fiber addiction" with friends old and new. We spin, weave, knit, crochet, needle felt or whatever else we are tackling at the moment. We welcome all interested (or those just curious) in the fiber and related arts, regardless of expertise. Many of our members,

myself included, first attempts at spinning were at a Retreat. Hawks Nest provides us with a comfortable, relaxing and secure setting with incredible views. The group is varied in background, age and interest which always adds to the experience.

Space is somewhat limited but we do have several attendee/vendors. DAVID SIMPSON is our primary vendor. He brings lots of his incredible stuff.

Fiber, totes, tools, handcrafted buttons and stitch counters, jewelry and spinning wheels are SOME of the items that have been available in the past. Items should be relative to the event and will be displayed on shared tables. If we run out of space in the Conference Room items can be sold from your room. Items that are "fragrant" must be displayed in your room.

Our intent to allow vendors was to enhance our experience not become the focus of the event.

I would appreciate hearing from new participants planning to bring items for sale prior to the Retreat.

**** DOOR PRIZES... If you or someone you know would consider donating a door prizes or door prizes to the event, please contact me. No matter how large or small surprise gifts always are appreciated.... and a good way to advertise.

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Any other questions, info, comments or ?.... please contact me either by email lauriecaudill@verizon.net , by telephone 304 772 4837 or snail mail at

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