

Why Spin?

Creativity

Relaxation

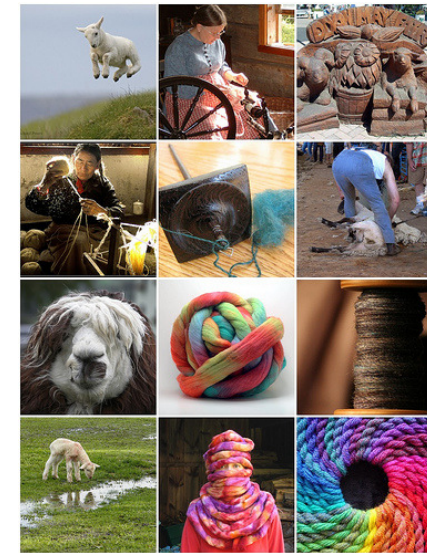
Community

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Spinning Resources

Books

Magazines

Videos

Spinning Groups

Spinning Resources: Learn and Connect

Books and Videos

- *Hands on Spinning*, by Lee Raven. Loveland, CO: Interweave Press, 1987. ISBN 9780934026277. \$21.95. Available from Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>) and other booksellers.
- *Spinning Wool: Basics and Beyond*, by Patsy Zawistoski. Lawrence, KS: Victorian Video, 1994. 90 minute DVD. \$39.95. Available from Yarn Barn (<http://www.yarnbarn-ks.com>; 800/848-0284).
- *Start Spinning: Everything You Need to Know to Make Great Yarn*, by Maggie Casey. Loveland, CO: Interweave Press, 2008. ISBN 9781596680654. \$21.95. Available from Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>) and other booksellers.
- *Teach Yourself Visually: Handspinning*, by Judith MacKenzie McCuin. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2007. ISBN 978-0470098455. \$21.99. Available from Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>) and other booksellers.

Spin-Off Magazine and Online Community

Spin-Off is the single best magazine for handspinners. \$26 for 4 issues. Copies are often available on large magazine stands such as Borders and Barnes & Noble. You can order a new subscription by calling 800/767-9638 or ordering online at <http://spinoffmagazine.com>.

Connect With Other Spinners

Want to meet other spinners? Consider joining a local or online spinning group (often called guilds). Many groups welcome visitors for a meeting or two before you need to join. Meeting times and locations may vary, so contact the group to check.

A few Chicagoland groups are listed here. For other guilds, see the spinning guild list at http://www.interweave.com/spin/resources/spinning_guilds/

You can also visit the Spin-Off online community at <http://www.spinoffmagazine.com> to download free articles, share your photos, and connect with other spinners.

Esther's Place Fiber Arts Guild

Meetings: Usually on the last Monday of the month at Esther's Place, 6-9 p.m.

Contact: Natasha Lehrer, P.O. Box 185, Big Rock, IL, IL 60511

Phone: 630/556-9665

Email: info@esthersplacefibers.com

Floquettes

Contact: Virginia Czebotar, 2216 S. 23rd Ave., Broadview, IL 60155-3817

Email: vcebotar@att.net

Hollow Tree Spinners

Meetings: Usually on the second Saturday of the month at The Fold in Marengo, IL

Contact: Toni Neil, 3316 Millstream Rd., Marengo, IL 60152-9494

Phone: 815/568-5730

Email: thefold@mc.net

Website: <http://www.handspinning.com/hollowtree/>

Illinois Prairie Spinners

Meetings: Nine times/year, usually on the fourth Saturday of the month at Winfield Public Library at 10 a.m.

Contact: Jane Plass (2N181 Addison Road, Villa Park, IL 60181-1168)

Email: ipsinfo@chicagolandspins.org

Website: <http://ips.chicagolandspins.org>

Windy City Handspinning Guild

Meetings: Usually the second Tuesday of the month in the evening at Edgebrook Branch Library, 5331 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL

Phone (Deirdre Swift): 773/764-6466

Email (Worna Haywood): worna@ameritech.net

Website: <http://www.hand-spinning-chicago.com/>