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Subject: Spinning Demonstration

Traverse City – Weaving tells a story with artistic ability. Human beings have this inherent ability to develop and follow an idea forward that can tell a story. Machines just repeat, doing whatever you tell it to do, whereas the artistic vision in humans changes, making the end product unique. First things first: before weaving, comes hand spinning – the art of twisting fiber, fleece, alpaca, flax, etc. into a continuous thread by using a spinning wheel or drop spindle. The thread is spun thick or thin and can be dyed or left natural.

Like weaving, hand spinning is also an ancient textile art. Artisan spinners spin their own yarn to control the quality and appearance, producing original yarn that is not widely available commercially.

Watch a spinning demonstration, hosted by the Northland Weavers and Fiber Arts Guild, on Wednesday, May 10, at 3:30p.m., at the Traverse City Senior Center, 801 E. Front Street. The members of the guild will demonstrate the spinning process of fleece into yarn, using spinning wheels and drop spindles. In addition, they will show how to card and ply wool.

The demonstration is free, but advance registration is required.

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