

Blue Ridge Fiber Fest celebrates region's textile history

The annual Blue Ridge Fiber Fest will return the first weekend of June, celebrating the region's textile history with two days of fiber arts, classes activities and sales.

The festival is held at the Alleghany Fairgrounds, 1475 U.S. Hwy. 21 N. in Sparta. It will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on June 5 and from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on June 6. There is no admission fee

The festival will feature a wide array of vendors selling a variety of fiber-related products. These will include yarn spun from different animal fur, art pieces, teas, unspun fibers and animals. For a complete list, type blueridgefiberfest.com/vendors-listing into your web browser.

As part of the festival, fiber-related classes will be held throughout the weekend at Sparta United Methodist Church, 190 N. Main St. Space is limited for all classes and will run only if the minimum number of students registered is met. Categories are as follows: crochet, stitchery, felting, knitting, spinning, weaving and basketry, dyeing and miscellaneous (five classes ranging from punch needle to color theory, knit jewelry and buttons).

For a complete classes listing and to sign up, type blueridgefiberfest.com/classes into your web browser. Some classes may be held at the fairgrounds instead, so participants should check the class description for its location.

For more information on the festival, visit blueridgefiberfest.com online.



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