

Getting the Itch

by Jennaye Derge

It's the time of year when temperatures start to dip and locals reach for their fuzzy wool socks, hats and scarfs. And on a cold, rainy, fall day, what better thing to do than knit something warm for yourself or someone you love? Even better, find a sheep, shear it, spin the wool, knit, repeat. All in a day's work for a few wool enthusiasts who gathered at the Animas Museum last Saturday for the second annual Wool Fest. The event featured all things wool, from art work to wool farmers and their traditional Navajo churro sheep, to spinners to show us what it takes to make that hat that's keeping your head warm and toasty.



Knitting something warm and fuzzy!



Spinning wool into yarn.



Owner of Pleasant Journey Alpacas in Hesperus, Susan Kacsh, spins alpaca wool.



Rolls of wool waiting to be spun into yarn.