

## 2010 Fiber Tour Schedule of Events

### Saturday only

All day – Make felted soap; learn to dye fiber with Kool Aid or Easter egg dyes. *Big Red Alpacas, Cambridge*

11 a.m. – Raising and caring for Alpacas. *Quarry Ridge Alpacas, Salem*

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Sheep shearing with Joe Hamilton. *Ensign Brook Farm, Greenwich*

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Skirting fleeces, spinning, and carding, with Sheep-N-Kids Club. *Ensign Brook Farm, Greenwich*

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. – Wet felting workshop. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

2 p.m. – Fiber dyeing demonstration. *Quarry Ridge Alpacas, Salem*

3 p.m. – How to skirt a fleece; learn to prepare your fleece for show or sale. *Elihu Farm, Easton*

### Sunday only

11 a.m. – Fiber dyeing demonstration. *Quarry Ridge Alpacas, Salem*

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Spinning, and carding demonstrations. *Ensign Brook Farm, Greenwich*

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Meet and greet spring lambs. Sheep agility (weather permitting). *Ensign Brook Farm, Greenwich*

1 p.m. – How to evaluate a sheep fleece for hand-spinning. *Elihu Farm, Easton*

1 p.m. – Learn to dye fiber with Kool Aid. *Ensign Brook Farm, Greenwich*

1 – 2 p.m. – Dyeing fiber and yarns. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

2 p.m. – Raising and caring for alpacas. *Quarry Ridge Alpacas, Salem*

### Both days

All day – Community Rug Making Project. Design and layout, Saturday morning; Alpaca felting and fulling Saturday through Sunday. Finished rug will be raffled on Sunday afternoon. *Alpacas of Haven Hill, Greenwich*

All day – Raising alpacas and fiber uses. *Alpacas of Breezy Hill Ranch, West Hebron*

All day – Raising and caring for alpacas. *Alpacas of Easton, Easton*

All day – Raising and grooming angora rabbits. AREA Criations Alpaca Farm, Fort Ann

All day – Breeding and raising angora rabbits. Fiber Kingdom, Salem

All day – Spinning, wet felting, hand carding, drum carding, and fiber dyeing. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

All day – Learn to needle felt and get a free pattern. *Alpacas of Breezy Hill Ranch, West Hebron*

All day – Fiber dyeing and spinning. Kids' felting – take home a bracelet, \$3 for materials. *AREA Criations Alpaca Farm, Fort Ann*

All day – Spinning demonstrations. *Alpacas of Easton, Easton*

All day – Weaving and spinning demonstrations. *Fiber Kingdom, Salem*

All day – Kids' crafts, *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

10 a.m. – Seminar on benefits of alpaca ownership. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

10 - 11 a.m. – Life on the farm & animal husbandry: A Disciplined Life. Follow us for during chores and learn about animal husbandry. Bring your barn boots. *the community baa farm, Argyle*

10 a.m. – Drop spindle and spinning wheel instruction. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

11 a.m. – Wet felting with alpaca and needle felting embellishments (project kits available). *Alpacas of Haven Hill, Greenwich*

11 a.m. – Obstacle course demonstration. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. - Sheep to Shawl instruction: Learn how wool is grown, harvested, stored, processed – All steps from raw wool to wearable garment! *the community baa farm, Argyle*

11:30 a.m. – Learn how to hand-paint fibers and do natural dyeing. *Alpacas of Easton, Easton*

12 noon – Drop spindle and spinning wheel instruction. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

1 p.m. – Wet felting with alpaca and needle felting embellishments demonstration (project kits available). *Alpacas of Haven Hill, Greenwich*

1 - 2 p.m. – Life on the farm & animal Husbandry: A Disciplined Life. Repeat of morning workshop. *the community baa farm, Argyle*

1:30 p.m. – Learn how to hand-paint fibers and do natural dyeing. *Alpacas of Easton, Easton*

2 p.m. – Seminar - Benefits of alpaca ownership. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

2 – 3 p.m. – Needle felting instruction. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

2 – 4 p.m. – Sheep to Shawl instruction. Continuing workshop from Saturday through Sunday. *Alpacas of Haven Hill, Greenwich*

3 p.m. – Obstacle course demonstration. *Sunset Ridge Alpacas, Valley Falls*

3:30 p.m. – Learn how to hand-paint fibers and do natural dyeing. *Alpacas of Easton, Easton*

### Tastings (both days)

All day – Barbequed lamb riblets (while supplies last) - *Elihu Farm, Easton*