



The Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild

and

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild

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Handspinning the Orenburg Way

Orenburg knitted lace has represented an important part of the Russian character for centuries. For the women of Orenburg, it has meant so much more – a tradition...a legacy...a livelihood that has guided generations from adolescence to adulthood, providing a basic sense of personal achievement and dignity.

Learn how the talented spinners from Orenburg Russia perform feats of textile magic by turning the raw down from native goats into luxuriously soft, exquisitely fine yarn via supported spindle that ultimately results in the most elegant lace shawls and scarves in the textile universe.

Galina A. Khmeleva, owner of Skaska Designs and author of *Gossamer Webs: The History and Techniques of Orenburg Lace Shawls* and *Gossamer Webs: The Design Collection*, has earned the reputation as one of the most respected and knowledgeable lace knitting instructors in the country. Galina Khmeleva set as her personal goal and dedicated her company's resources to keep Orenburg's legacy alive. Hence, Skaska Designs developed a series of Orenburg knitted lace workshops and seminars and travels the US and Canada since 1996, presenting its programs to textile enthusiasts.

In this class, Galena will introduce you to both the handspinning of, as well as the more economical use of today's "luxury" fibers, including cashmere, quiviut, pygora, etc. Authentic hand-turned Russian supported spindles will be available for class use.

Cost: \$70.00 (There will also be a materials fee of \$5-15, depending on fiber type you choose)
Dates/Times: Sunday, April 13th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: To be Announced

Handspinning the Orenburg Way Sunday, April 13, 2008

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE ANCHORAGE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD, OR AWSG. Send payment and completed registration form to: Michelle Coburn, 19141 Pine Ridge Circle, Anchorage, AK 99516. Current Guild refund policy applies. If class space is limited, priority is given to AWSG and VFAG members first.