Home School Sylabus for 2017-18 Sheep to Shawl 1a 15 weeks

Day and hour….Tuesday from 2:15 to 3:45 (potential second session , or run with Sh.2 Sh 2)

First semester

1 intro-review sylabus, pre-test, how to dress for mess, farm manners.

2 Sheep breed basics, foundations breeds, new breeds, assign research, visit barn.

3 present rough draft of research

4 finalize breed research

5 warp and weft, paper weaving basics

6 make a simple frame loom

7 weave simple pattern

8 hand ply cordage

9 back to the animal, vet. Issues, where and how to purchase. Shows, auctions, breeders.

10 weaving experiments, history of woven textiles

11 re-cycled yarns into weaving, share and share alike

12 felting, felted balls

13 decorate felted balls

14 plying commercial yarns on drop spindle

15 spinning roving on drop spindles. Weave results post test photos

Second semester folowing Niles District School Calendar Sheep 2 Shawl 1b 17 weeks

1 intro-review last semester, demo skills from previous experiences ( homework-breeds)

2 review and add to sheep breeds posters.

3 build personal drop spindle, great wheel skills

4 ply on great wheel

5 spin roving on great wheel

6 cont

7 ply on treadle wheel, shopping for a wheel and wheel history.

8 learn about measures, and setting twist.

9 visit sheep farm,

10 “sheep shop”, list barn repairs and practice using simple tools.

11 card raw wool ( adult supervision requested)

12 shop for fleece, purchase13

13 knitting, knit only, advace to purl, increase, reduce, discuss patterns

14 knitting cont, discuss fairbooks, shows, auctions-summer work-reality

15 cont ( field trip to shop in Dowagiac)

16 Finalizing projects and selecting demo items, finish weavings, prep paper weaving demo

17 Open house demo