

The Combined news from Amber Meadow & Breezy Manor Farms

January is the time for beginnings!

Remember to Buy Local

Only 32 more days until Spring!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yeah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Snowball and Sarah share a meal.
Snow is a gentleman ram and Sarah is a lady angora goat.
They always eat together.

Almanac:
Snow on the ground, time to snow clean textiles! According to my great, great grandmother, take your quilt, coverlet, wool blankets, lace table cloths and curtains out and run them thru a new fallen snow.....an icy snow is best. Then shake the dickens out of them, hang by the fire til dry.

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Indiana's own fiber mill
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The Fiber Event at Greencastle
Putnam County Fairgrounds
Greencastle, Indiana

April 9th 1pm – 7pm
April 10th 9am – 5pm

Vendors
Workshops
Skein Competition
Wool Competition

www.thefiberevent.com

Our news:

Donna Jo and 92 other Indiana Artisans will be at the Indiana State Museum February 20 & 21 for the Indiana Art Fair

Breezy Manor:

As you can see from the picture, we have baby angora bunnies again--Lizzie and Bentley are the proud parents! More are due the beginning of March, keep your fingers crossed for better weather! And yes I did get the nursery finished and it does help! Angora has been a passion of mine for over 40 years, guess I love fluff!! And I tend to put it in most of my roving blends, just adore that halo!



With winter winding down, its time to think about classes here at the farm, held indoors if its necessary near the fire but outside near the furballs anytime we can!

All classes are \$45.00 and will include some materials.

Email me for complete information, Breezymanor@aol.com. We are very low key here at the farm!

Feb 28, 1-3 pm, Knit a MYSTERY SCARF, using several sizes of yarn and needles and different patterns, each section is unique!

March 7, 1-3 pm, LOVE YOUR LOOM, this is for rigid heddle, table looms. We will use different setts, reed or not, different yarns, techniques. Students should get a scarf finished in this class.

March 14, 1-3-pm, PLY IT AGAIN, take a new direction in plying! We will work with 2-4 plys, Navajo plying, using beads, dropped in fibers, other ideas.

March 21, 1-3 pm, HOOKING WITH YARN OR ROVING, Older than rug hooking with fabric strips, learn to hook with yarn/roving. Original designs, Get closer to your sheepy side!

And a trip to Woolly Knob is planned for later this week if the weather cooperates so I will have more rovings to choose from! Come visit the farm, support a local cottage industry, shop for new spinning fibers or yarns to become fabulous textiles, take home a wool rug or new cotton towel! And you can shop from my web site, Breezymanor.com. Oh and there is now a blog from Breezy Manor-- Angoraspinstress.blogspot.com. An etsy shop is in the works, hopefully, remember I'm not good with this mechanical thing!

Happy Fibering!

Recipe: A really quick, hearty vegetable soup: 2 cans Italian cubed tomatoes, 1 two pound package frozen mixed vegetables, bit of water. Put in crock pot to simmer most of the day, warm some crusty bread or rolls. Makes a GREAT supper!

The studio and shop at Breezy Manor are open Thursdays and Sundays, 10-6 and by appointment other days!

Amber Meadow:



I have a very dear friend named Marilyn who has a very precious daughter named Carol who has a very special kitty named Samson. Sammy is "one of those kitties that you would never want to miss". He is Mister Personality, a friend to all who visit his home and rub his head. It was during one of those visits that he jumped onto my lap, settled down and began to purr. The petting progressed down onto his back where he grows the most luxurious angora fur (you know where this is going!) and an idea was born. My long suffering friend

kindly harvested some fur for me and it was added to my fiber stash. There it remained until last year. At the Indiana State Fair I fell in love with a gray Shetland fleece from Greyside Farm and brought it home with me. It landed next to Sammy's gift and some mohair from my Hanna. Hmmm.... a blend of Madelyn's Shetland fleece, Hannah's

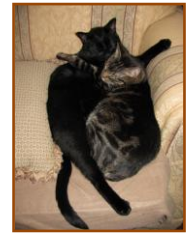


Mohair, Shoki's cria first clip and Sammy's fur all dyed together with Jacquard's Russett and WOW what a gorgeous roving and then handspun yarn! Samson's Glory by name just for you, Sammy.

Angora Cat fur seems to behave similarly to Angora Rabbit fur. It blooms, blends and launders well, adding softness and an exotic flair. I decided to knit a Bolero Shawl to try it out. Here is the picture of that shawl offered at \$100. All three items are for sale. Contact me for further information. Have any of you knitted with other exotic fibers? Chengora, dog hair, is popular in some areas but cat fur was new to me. What about you? Would you like to share your exotic fiber experiences with me? Amber.meadow@yahoo.com



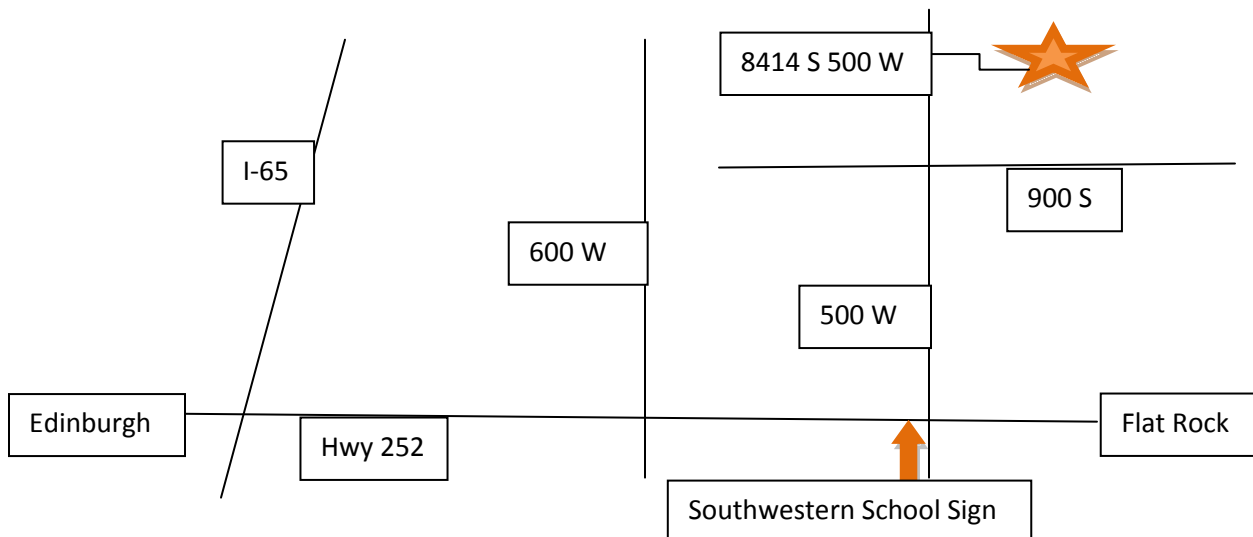
Those of you who know me will not be surprised that spinning cat hair appealed. We now have 4 kitties, Wonka, MacDhu, Mouser and Sunshine. Wonka and MacDhu found a way to stay warm on a cold winter's day. Not long after this was taken, Sunshine, a five-month-old red tabby, jumped into the middle of the pile. Whumph! Cat legs flying in all directions. Meows and hisses everywhere. Did everyone come up with their own set of paws? MacDhu ran under the bed, Wonka under the couch and Sunny strutted because he had scarred those big guys! Guess who is always into mischief?



The weather has not been cooperative this winter so our trip to the mill has been postponed until better driving conditions. Pictures of our newest rovings will hopefully be ready next month. We have no babies due this year, just keeping the herd at its current number and enjoying each one of them and their fiber. For those of you who do not know where we are, a map and directions are below.

Amber Meadow Farm store is open every Wednesday from 10am to 4 pm and by appointment. Classes are available as needed.

The easiest way to find our farm is from I-65. At the Edinburgh/Flat Rock exit, turn east toward Flat Rock. Continue east past St George Lutheran Church (at 600 W) until you see the Southwestern School District sign just before 500 West. (500 W is currently not marked due to an impact last year). Turn left, north, onto 500 W and continue north to our driveway, also unmarked. The store is located in the barn at the end of the ½ mile long driveway. You can't see it from the road so we are working on a sign to guide you.



A Hearty Breakfast

Baked Oatmeal

3 cups rolled oats	1 cup milk/milk substitute
1 cup brown sugar	2 eggs
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon	½ cup melted butter/margarine
2 teaspoons baking powder	2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon salt	¾ cup dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C)

In a large bowl, mix together oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, salt. Beat in milk, eggs, melted butter, vanilla. Stir in cranberries. Bake in 9x13 baking pan. I spray it with Pam. Bake 40 minutes

About Us....

Breezy Manor Farm

On the ancient and wee farm of Breezy Manor Donna Jo Copeland works as farmeress and fiber artist, just west of where her mother was born. At the knee of her great grandmother and with the gift of an ancestress, Donna Jo has made a life of fiber and farm. She has a select handspinner's flock of English Angora bunnies, angora goats, BFL, BL & Romney sheep, doing her own shearing, washing, dyeing, carding and spinning. In her old farmhouse on cherished looms and spinning wheels, she makes the textiles and yarns of her livelihood, always honoring those who have journeyed before on paths of farm and fiber. This magic is located east of Mooresville, IN and can be seen on her website, www.breezymanor.com

Amber Meadow Farm

Amber Meadow farm was a dream until Columbus Day 2006 when Rob & Roxa Deaton looked across 22 acres of blooming goldenrod and fell in love with rolling hills, streams and woods. Thus it was that we found ourselves with 5 Angora Goats, 3 guard llamas, 2 alpacas, 2 Tunis and 3 Finn sheep, 4 cats and 1 dog all living together in a barn in south western Shelby County. These wonderful fiber animals thank us for loving them by growing mounds of beautiful fleece that we wish to share with you. Visit us at www.ambermeadowfarm.com to meet them and learn more about our fiber farm and farm products.



Donna Jo with Maggie who wants attention.

What is *Woolly Friends*? Donna Jo Copeland and Roxa Deaton have formed a fiber coop named Woolly Friends. They invite you to share their fiber, fun and friendship in a newsletter. If you wish to continue receiving our newsletter, just pull up a chair and enjoy reading. If you do not wish to receive it, just reply to this email asking to be removed from our distribution list.