

# Textile Study Group

*Investigating the historical and cultural aspects of textiles*

**Initial Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2012 5:30 pm**

## **Textiles and Natural Dyes of India, Catharine Ellis**

Last year Catharine Ellis, textile artist and educator, was invited to be part of a team presenting a workshop in West Bengal, India. Master artisans and dyers travelled from all over India and Ethiopia to participate in a 5 day masterclass on natural dyes led by Michel Garcia of France. Her role during the workshop was to introduce woven shibori to the weavers of the group. Catharine will talk about that workshop and some of the artisans she met while traveling in India.

**All are welcome.** Meeting will take place at HandMade in America, 125 S. Lexington Ave., Suite 101. Entrance is on Hilliard Avenue near Church Street, two blocks from the Orange Peel.



## 2012 Schedule

This study group will be primarily educational, and will promote interest in and knowledge of textiles amongst interested individuals and the community. It is expected that group members will be highly motivated and committed to the study of all forms of textiles.

January 18	Textiles and Natural Dyes in India, Catharine Ellis
Feb. 15	Tencel, Bamboo, Rayon, Modal...What are they? Karen Donde
March 21	North Carolina Mill History, Susie Wheelis
April 18	Felt, Vasanto
May 16	The Local, Sustainable Approach to Textile Manufacturing, Daniel Sanders
June 20	Joy Boutrup, Topic TBD
July 18	Egyptian Revival Textiles, Gwen Perkins
August 15	History of the spinning wheel, Eileen Hallman
Sept. 19	Starting a Spinning Mill in the 21st Century, Julie Jensen
October 17	History of Rag Rugs, Mary Jo Lanik
November 21	TBD
December 19	Destinies Drawn and Spun: "Images of Eve and Mary as Spinstresses", Beth Johnson

### *Questions?*

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