

From Thread to Cloth

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Hello Educators!



Textiles are woven into every aspect of our lives, from the clothes we wear to our bedding, carpets, and towels. Humans depend on their warmth and comfort as well as their use in decorative self-expression. As early as the 1740s, farmers in the Greenbrier Valley would raise sheep for wool and sow flax for linens. People were much more dependent on spinning and weaving their own cloth, and children were taught these skills from an early age. At the Greenbrier Historical Society we appreciate and value the processes of historic textile production and want to share them with students this Spring.



The reality of COVID-19 means that students are missing the field trip experiences GHS normally provides. This year, we're sending our hands-on experiences to you!

Educators of any grade can sign-up to receive this package filled with weaving and spinning kits. The weaving kits include pre-warped cardboard looms that allow students to weave with colorful wool yarns. Students will create a textile to be proud of while developing hand/eye coordination and reasoning skills. The spinning kits include spinning sticks and fleece that students can spin into their own two-colored yarn. Teachers, parents, and students can follow along on our website to videos of our Education Director, Toni Ogden, demonstrating different fiber arts skills.

Visit our website to sign-up and to access easy to follow videos that demonstrate various fiber arts skills.