



BELFAST MINI MILLS WORLD TRAVEL GUIDE

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BELFAST MINI MILLS LTD - CANADA

Belfast Mini Mills was born from a need. The Nobles/Sutherland family took the time and care required to raise a small flock of sheep. Wouldn't it be great to be able to process our own wool into something precious. At that time one could send the wool to a commercial mill and hope for a modest return of yarn; a blend of thousands of animals' coats from multiple farms. They began to prototype the 1st Mini Mill in order to ensure the small wool producer could take their farm to the next level by creating quality end products from their own animals. The theory proved so successful that Belfast Mini Mills now employs 25 people in rural Belfast, Prince Edward Island. They have manufactured over 120 Mini Mills, placed in over 30 countries. These mills are operated by entrepreneurs who process small batches of wool for themselves as well as providing the service for other local producers. Fibers being processed include many breeds of sheep, camel, musk ox, alpaca, vicunya, guanaco, yak, cashmere, mohair, angora rabbit, hemp, flax, and milkweed. The equipment is fabricated in a rural Island setting always keeping quality and service at the forefront. This booklet is yet another testimonial of our commitment to our customers. We hope you enjoy their stories and take the time to visit.

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NORTH LIGHT FIBERS - USA

North Light Fibers is a micro yarn mill located on Block Island, RI, USA. We started the company to produce handcrafted artisanal yarns and provide year round jobs and economic development on a small rural island located 12 miles into the Atlantic. We are the only manufacturing facility on the island and have 7 employees. A small retail store is attached to the mill where we sell yarn and hand knit and hand woven garments and home décor. We sell directly to consumers through our store, our website and at shows and wholesale to approximately 20 yarn stores around the country.

Our micro yarn mill strategy is all about right sized production and “fit” for a community. Given this strategy, we decided not to service farms with small batch fiber processing as most mini-mills offer and to focus on making world-class yarns and designs. Our yarns are a blend of different luxury fibers from cashmere and merino to bamboo and alpaca. We also blend other exotic fibers including bison, yak, camel, Scottish highland bull, mohair, etc. We work hard to blend the right unique fibers to design and make luscious and desirable yarns.

Below, please find a few designs that we have developed with outstanding designers to market our designs.

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ALPACA PINES FARM AND FIBER MILL - USA

The journey began in 2011 when Bob and Vicki stopped at a local farm for an open house. The farm had two Suri alpacas, Vicki fell in love with them. A week later Bob and Vicki brought these two handsome fellas home. Their farm quickly grew to 34 alpacas, both Huacaya and Suri. While Vicki learned to spin by hand, it was impossible to spin all the fiber from 34 alpacas. When they tried to have the fiber processed at various mills they learned many of them were not taking new customers or had a very long turnaround time. Bob and Vicki decided to open up their own mill! After much research, they decided on Belfast Mini Mill equipment. In January of 2016, they made the drive from Northern Illinois to Canada to visit Belfast. Today, they have a fully functional family owned and operated fiber mill. Alpaca Pines Farm and Fiber Mill can process alpaca, angora, camel, wool, and various blends. They are able to make rovings, bumps, batts, felted sheets, spun yarn, rugs and more. They pride themselves on superior quality while delivering the final product promptly. The mill offers tours, classes, and an impressive gift shop. You can find Alpaca Pines participating in Alpaca Days, local farm strolls, markets and fiber festivals almost every weekend. Check out their website at www.alpacapines.com for more information on fiber processing.

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FILATURE DE LA BARDINE EURL - FRANCE

I have a small breeding herd of Alpacas. I used to process my wool by hand with a spinning wheel but this was very time consuming. I thought of sending my wool to a Mini Mills but with the waiting time, that would have taken even longer than by hand. So with such a high demand for this service, I thought that it would be a good idea to start another Mini Mill here. I felt this would be a wonderful opportunity to offer a service to other breeders and to further my passion for working with wool.

The machines arrived and were installed in Spring of 2016. I am now processing not only alpaca and llama but rabbit, sheep and goat wool.

I like to experiment mixing the different wools to achieve a more exotic effect. I mix different wools to achieve my designs. All the colours are natural. The mill is situated in a small village, surrounded by vines, in the Bordeaux region. It is a beautiful area, steeped in history and popular with tourists. I have customers from 5 different countries.

I offer Mill tours by appointment. I have a small shop and also sell online.

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THE BORDER MILL - SCOTLAND

We are a small fibre spinning mill nestled in the beautiful Scottish Borders, started in 2011 by John & Juliet Miller, who still run the mill along with a small but growing team here in Duns.

We specialise in spinning alpaca and an increasing amount of rare breed sheep.

Within months of setting up the mill, we were inundated with orders, so we joined forces with Paul & Debbie Rippon from **Barnacre Alpacas** to expand the mill. We've invested in additional equipment, giving us a second fleece processing line to help us keep up with demand.

Here at the mill, John is the “master of machines”. He also makes the coffee because he says that no one else can do it properly. John won't let Juliet near the spinners, so she does all the crafty stuff, including handweaving very special throws, wraps and scarves for customers and cooking up large pots of dyestuffs on the kitchen stove. We now have three other employees who have completed apprenticeships in textiles.

We offer mill tours to anyone who will listen, but please do ask in advance! We have a small shop on-site, where we have a range of our luxury yarns in natura and dyed 100% alpaca, plus some blends with silk, wool and mohair. The mill is open 8 til 5.30 every day, and by appointment at weekends.

The Border Mill

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BOSTON FINE FIBRES - AUSTRALIA

Boston Fine Fibres is located close to Australia's national Capital, Canberra and a half day's drive from Sydney. As emerging alpaca breeders on a small acreage, Tanya and Jim Boston wondered how best to add value to our beautiful alpaca fleece. With a growing alpaca industry in Australia and few processing facilities, it became clear that there was an opportunity to establish another mill in Australia to complement those already in existence. In January 2015, we made a commitment to purchase a full mill from Belfast Mini Mills. This choice of machinery fitted neatly into our vision to add value to alpaca fleece by processing it into a range of quality products. Our mill arrived in September 2015 and we officially opened for business on Australia Day, (26 January) 2016. Since our opening, we have welcomed new clients from all over Australia. Mostly our clients are breeders, wanting to process their fleece for their personal use, or for selling at markets and online. More recently, we have been processing our own fleece for sale in some a couple of specialist retail outlets.

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The idea of setting up our own Belfast Mini Mill came about because we breed alpacas, llamas, mohair goats and small sheep. We found that it was impossible to work our wool because we found only facilities where huge amounts of fiber could be processed. We found that there were many other people, especially the ones that are trying to breed and make selection of animals to get better fibers and better animals, that have the same problem. Also in Italy it was almost impossible to find all the wool processes from washing to spinning, in a same place. So we had the idea to start a mini mill and to ensure to the client that we are going to work only his fiber and we will give him back the evidence of the fibers that we remove during cleaning process and dehairing. In this way we help the breeder to improve the quality of their animals. We also tried to start experiments of making blends in order to make possible the use of very poor quality wool, mainly coming from sheep, that are very much present in the mountain area where we live.

Our mills is located in Pedemonte(VI)-Italy, Via I Maggio, 20 where we have all the machinery. There is a big parking area equipped with a resting zone where client can pic-nic. We offer factory tours for free, just upon appointment(phone call or email) We have also a small shop nearby located in Lastebasse (VI) Via Montepiano, 30 just one kilometer away from the factory. Factory is open from Monday to Friday 9-13 and 14-18 and shop is open same time plus Saturday 9-20 and Sunday 9-12

We work mainly alpacas, mohair, cashmere and goats wool and we also work llamas mainly for blend or for carded products or for felt that we can produce as sheet or final product. In the shop we sell mainly products from our animals.

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SPRING HARVEST FIBRE MILL - USA

We met our first alpacas in 2010 and within a few months we started raising them with the intent to breed and show. Six months into our new adventure we found that we enjoyed making things from their fiber more than raising and showing them. We hosted and attended several fiber classes. By 2012 we were looking to grow our business and learned there was a need for additional fiber processing capabilities. We then began considering owning/operating a fiber mill. After completing some modifications to our barn were received and installed the equipment in July 2013. Having never processed fiber before we experienced a steep learning curve, but many in the industry and Belfast Mini Mills personnel were there to help, as needed. We started with some basic options for the first six months (batting, roving, felt sheets) and were able to move on to spinning yarns. We have since been able to incorporate value added end products such as woven blankets, rugs, and scarves. We are always looking for new ways for our clients to use their fiber.

We operate two full lines of Belfast Mini Mills equipment and process into roving, batts, rug yarn, and yarn. In addition, we operate several weaving looms allowing us to make woven rugs (using core spun rug yarn), scarves, and blankets.

We process mostly alpaca fiber, both huacaya and suri, and some sheep wool.

We generally operate Monday – Friday 7AM – 5PM. However, as a small business venture we are usually doing something fiber related (whether processing, weaving, or teaching) almost every day. We can accommodate mill tours with advance scheduling.

We do not have an onsite store. Etsy site coming soon, under the name “Amamos Textiles”.

We maintain a website,
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A+ ALPACA FIBER MILL - USA

In 1996 Riverside Alpacas began with a small herd of 5 alpacas, realizing that alpacas are raised for their fiber, our Mom attended spinning classes to make yarn for the farm. As the herd grew hand-spinning was no longer a viable option so we began to explore our options. During our research we learned that mills were well over a year behind, clearly there was a need for more alpaca fiber processing mills. In 2003 Chris and Mickey Gilman started A+ Alpaca Fiber Mill. Three generations came together to make this venture a success. The Mill processes fiber from our alpacas and for farms across the country. We try to keep our processing prices low so our customers will make a profit when reselling their goods. Our goal is to work individually with fiber producers to customize their orders for a variety of products utilizing all of the fiber from their animals.

Our mill produces many yarns, roving, batts, and core-spun yarn. We have a store in the mill where we sell finished goods and supplies. We welcome our customers to mail or drop fiber off and see the mill.

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VACHT & DACHT SPINNERIJ - NETHERLANDS

Vacht & Dacht Spinnerij started through the love for nature's purity, honest simplicity and pride. Our drive is to refine this pride into a product that a lot of people can enjoy. With respect to honest labor, healthy animals and beautiful fleeces. We are happy and grateful Belfast Mini Mills provides proper equipment to process (these) raw fleeces to exclusively natural yarns.

Spun with passion for all who love to knit, crochet and weave with unique yarns.

We process fiber of local sheep and also merino, yak, camel, angora goat (mohair), raw silk. Our mill is located in Roden, in the North of the Netherlands. Our yarns are available at the mill and through our website For a personal mill tour or purchases please contact us.

We are happy to welcome you.

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Contact us for visiting the mill. It's our pleasure to give a personal tour.



NATURFASERMÜHLE BÖHME -NAFABO- - GERMANY

The mill was founded in may 2010. The fibers of our own angora rabbits and sheep as well as of alpacas and lamas of our friends were spun by hand with the spinning wheel many years ago. There was a large increase of alpaca cultivators in Germany at this time.

We got aware of Belfast Minimills by a newspaper article. So the idea was born of building up the 1st Minimill in Germany. We started with the processing of alpaca fibers of our customers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland in may 2010.

In 2013 we moved with our Minimill to a bigger location, there we process the fiber with 3 employees and operate an online shop. We are able to make roving, fleece, rug yarn felt and all sorts of types of thread in our Mill. We process the fibers of alpaca, lama, sheep, cashmere, bison, angora rabbit, angora goat, quivit, dog and also different mixtures.

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MYSTIC WATER FIBER MILL - USA

In 2004 Dave and Roxy Smith purchased a small hobby farm in Northwestern Wisconsin. Within a year the farm was home to several llamas. For a couple of years we would send our fiber to a mill for processing. After a couple of visits to the mill we decided it would be wonderful to be able to process our own fiber and started to actively develop a plan to purchase a mini mill. In October of 2008 our plan became a reality and we opened Mystic Water Fiber Mill.

Services we offer at the mill include washing, carding, spinning, and felting for end products like rovings, yarn, cored rug yarn and felt sheets. Fibers we process include llama, alpaca, sheep, dog, camel, and buffalo. We can also blend your fiber with nylon, silk, or bamboo. We will process individual fleeces. We have no weight limit.

Mystic Water Fiber Mill offers mill tours upon request. You can mail your fiber to the mill or drop your fiber off. If you are dropping off your fiber we ask that you call ahead so we can be available when you arrive.

Mystic Water Fiber Mill

Dave and Roxy Smith

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C&M ACRES FIBER MILL - USA

C&M Acres Fiber Mill processes most types of animal fibers. We can handle a wide variety of staple lengths due to the variety of equipment we have. We have found that almost all fiber can be made into some type of product.

We offer roving, batts, yarn, cored yarn, needle felt sheets, dyeing services, weaving services. We also offer a variety of unique products from your fiber such as insoles, woven rugs, fabric, saddle pads, cria coats, etc.

We offer dehairing services for animals with dual coats or strong primary guard hairs.

We offer slot reservations as well as first in, first out processing.

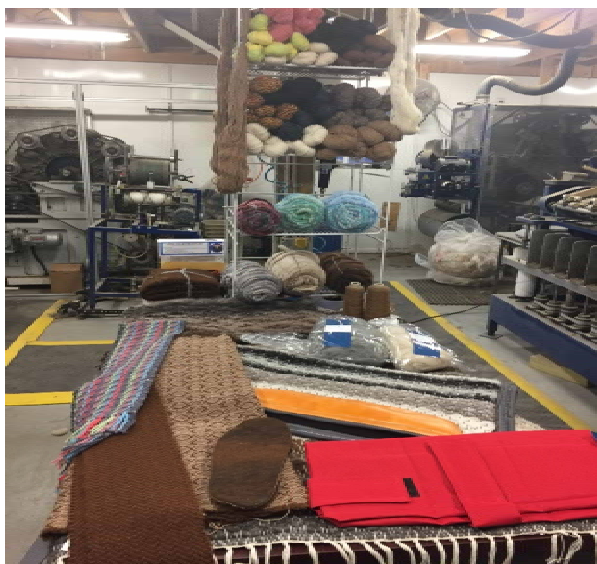
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INDEPENDENCE FIBER MILL - USA

We are a distinctive farmstead fiber mill located in the historic village of Independence – in the heart of boots and bluebonnets – right outside Brenham, Texas. The Lone Star State has a long and rich history of producing exceptional wool and mohair. Our driving passion in the mill is to showcase our state's natural fibers, and in doing so, promote and preserve our sheep and goat ranching heritage. The wool and mohair found in our yarns is sourced from Texas legacy ranches, each fleece hand curated. While sheep and goat fibers are our focus, we also support the Texas fiber shed with custom processing for the wide range of other fleece animals.

We are Paul and Dawn Brown, and along with the mill, we reside on the farm with our herd of angora goats, numerous barn cats, a few chickens, and some really wonderful dogs. Feel free to contact us for private tours, to learn more about the history of Texas wool and mohair, or to stop by the Mill House Yarn Shop and Little Texas Tea Room. Sip custom blended teas, chat about wool, and knit your next project with a local yarn!

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OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



VERMONT FIBRE MILL - USA

Our original plan was to raise and sell breeding quality alpacas. Getting our fiber processed in a timely manner was a challenge and we determined there was a need for another mill in the northeast. We looked into various equipment and determined that Belfast Mini Mills provided what we were looking for. The mill opened in July 2012 using production cycle processing where customers sign up for a specific production cycle to have their fiber processed. This concept works well for the customer who receives their completed order within 4 months and allows us to manage the flow of work in the mill.

The mill is located on our alpaca farm and provides full service custom fiber processing including batts, roving, various types of yarn, rug yarn, needle felting and dyeing. The equipment is primarily manufactured by Belfast Mini Mills from tumbling and washing through spinning and skeining.

We process a variety of fiber processed including huacaya and suri alpaca, llama, mohair and various wools.

A farm store is also located on the farm that sells various alpaca products including yarn, hand knitted hats, ski bands and scarves, socks, sweaters, felted shoe inserts, teddy bears and other products.

The mill, store and tours are by chance or by appointment.

Deb Bratton at 802.236.9158 or email at vtfibermill@gmail.com (preferred). The web site at vermontfibermill.com contains extensive mill information plus pricing for services and an online estimator.



FLEECE & HARMONY - CANADA

Fleece and Harmony is a mill located in pastoral Belfast, Prince Edward Island, Canada. It is run by two sisters and their husbands, who left big cities to choose a simpler life of tending to their flock of sheep and producing locally raised and hand dyed yarn.

In Prince Edward Island life moves at a slower pace. It's not magic; It's just that we take our time. The time to ensure our fibres come from a good place. Our own backyard. In a world that constantly moves faster and faster, we're the black sheep, and we like it that way, because luxury can't be rushed.

Inspired by the reds of the iconic sand beaches, the blues of the vast Atlantic, and the greens of the rolling pastures, Kim and Jennifer create heart-warming yarn that allows you to bring a little piece of the Island with you wherever you go.

Fleece & Harmony is also home to Eastern Canada's only flock of registered Corriedale sheep, and most of our yarns are created with Corriedale-cross wool.

Retail hours of operation: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 p. Farm tours are available: Please phone in advance. 1(902) 659-2550. www.fleeceandharmony.com
www.facebook.com/fleeceandharmony



LA FILATURE DU HIBOU - BELGIUM

Custom work, our specialty La Filature du Hibou (spinning of the owl) was created in 2009 by Frédérique Bagoly. The mill is located on a farm near Namur. La Filature du Hibou is specialized in custom work, breeders, private individuals, textile designers are our clients, Belgian or coming from neighboring countries. We listen to each request because each project is unique and fits in a specific environment.

Unique wool yarns The yarn developed by La Filature du Hibou are the object of research and experimentation in order to propose unusual composition yarn not found in the trade. We work with a dyer from vegetable colors. Since our creation, we have used wools that had never been spun and that have revealed remarkable qualities. All our yarns are 100% natural fibers.

An open company The spinning of the owl organizes guided tours throughout the year. The public is placed in the heart of a micro textile industry in operation. It is always amazing for visitors to witness all the stages of transformation. It is important that the public can familiarize themselves with craftsmanship. Since 2009, these visits have contributed to the birth of new vocations. Two years ago, I have hired Charlotte who allows another evolution of the company and an appreciable point of view in the decisions.

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WOLLMÜHLE FUNKE GBR - GERMANY

In 2005 the first 3 alpacas arrived at our farm. At this time we did not yet think about the processing of the beautiful fibre. When we got more and more alpacas, we began to process the wool in our spare time at the spinning wheel - but the fibre piled up. In our search for a possibility for wool processing, we realized that there was a real bottleneck here. The alpaca breeding in Germany continued to develop. So, the number of alpacas increased but machine processing of the wool was hardly possible.

At that time we decided to use a Belfast Mini Mill from Canada to process our wool and the wool of third party animals. In 2013 we started with real production as a family business together with our daughter. We mainly process alpaca wool but also lama, sheep, goat, camel, angora rabbit, dog and cat from Germany as well as from other European countries. Our offer includes hand knitting yarn, carded rovings, batts and felt.

We sell our own wool via our homepage or at our farm shop.

The opening hours are Saturday from 3 pm to 6 pm or by appointment.
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A MILL IN THE DESERT - ARGENTINA

In 2012 the Argentinean Ministry of Science and Technology (MINCyT) launched a call for proposals targeted at smallholders, for projects aimed at developing the commodity chain for camelid fibre. Public-private Consortiums had to be established in order to apply for the funding from IDB origin and conduct the projects.

A Consortium integrated by the National Research Council (CONICET), the National Institute for Industrial Engineering (INTI), Malargüe Municipality and the Payun Matru Cooperative was awarded funding to develop technological innovations towards the establishment of a guanaco fibre commodity chain for the benefit of local pastoralists.

The Project financed some infrastructure for guanaco captures, the import and installation of a Belfast Mini Mill fibre processing plant, a building, and the development of guanaco products and by-products. The beneficiary was a Cooperative composed of pastoralists living in the vicinity of a Protected Area, in order to link conservation with improving their economic situation. The Mill is located in Salinillas, a rural locality without electricity or communication, 170 km away from the city of Malargüe, Mendoza.

The training course given by Belfast Mini Mills was an unforgettable experience for all those involved. At present, fibres being processed include sheep, alpaca, vicuña, guanaco, cashmere, mohair and silk. This project shows the enormous impact of Mini Mills for value added at the local level and its potential to unite conservation with poverty alleviation via the creation of a fair commodity chain.

Hours of operation: Hour of operation are 9 to 5pm from Monday to Friday and 9-1pm on Saturdays.

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FIBRE NATURALLY ALPACA WOOLLEN MILL - AUSTRALIA

Like most alpaca breeders, Glenavon Alpaca Stud had bags & bags of alpaca fleece clogging up our farm sheds and with a young family there was only so much hand spinning that could get done. We had sent our fleece to be processed before to a mill but with a change of ownership, that mill was now only taking batches of 5 Kg minimum. Glenavon Alpaca Stud was running over 100 alpacas and even with that number, we found it a challenge to group together enough fleece of a similar colour or micron to maximise the quality of our return yarn.

With some research we came across Belfast Mini Mills and decided that if we had that problem, hopefully a lot of other alpaca breeders throughout Australia also had the same problem. With the support of our family, we decided lets do it and in 2007 our new business Fibre Naturally Alpaca Woollen Mill was born with the arrival of our Belfast Mini Mill. Business boomed and we have people sending us their fleece from all over Australia.

Fibre Naturally is a family business also employing my two daughters, my sister, and my Mum. We offer a range of processing to our clients including bumps, batts, yarn, scarves and throws, all manufactured from the clients own fleeces. We also process the fleece from our own alpacas which we market under the Alpaca Allure label.

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STILL RIVER MILL - USA

Still River Mill started as a skill that Deirdre fostered with her own sheep and knitting desire. With the birth of a 2nd son, Deirdre couldn't return to engineering work and decided to use her fiber skills and knowledge to her advantage. After a business plan was created and a lot of market research, Deirdre and Greg decided that they could make a living processing fiber with Mini Mills equipment and take care of their growing family. After a visit to Mini-Mills to purchase the equipment in person, they were gently told to go home and think about it. Well, they did, and put the order in the next week. Greg added on to the existing barn on the property for the next 8 months and the equipment arrived in October 2004 along with their 3rd son in November 2004. After 2 years, they added the Greener Shades line of dyes to their product list and after 4 years, Greg and Deirdre decided to expand with the addition of a 2nd set of equipment. Still River Mill strives to be as eco-friendly as possible using Renewable Energy from the electrical company as well as on site.

SERVICES: Washing/Tumbling, Picking/Carding, Fiber Cleaning, De-Hairing, Spinning, Weaving Rugs

FIBER TYPES: Wool, Fine Wools, Alpaca, Llama, Mohair, Angora, Cashmere, Bison, Qiviut, Pet, Paco-vicuna, Vicuna, Guanaco, Camel

PRODUCTS: Cloud, Roving, Batts, Core-Spun Yarn, Yarn/Lace Yarn, Weaving into Rugs, Fiber Dyes, 3rd Party Services include Socks, Gloves, Mittens

HOURS: 8:30 – 4:30 M-Th; 8:30 – 12:00 F

WebStore: store.stillrivermill.com

Dyes are also available on Amazon!

Deirdre Bushnell and Greg Driscoll

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GRIFFITHS' MILL - ENGLAND

Karen Griffiths had learned to knit at pre-school age and some years later learned to hand-spin. After purchasing a herd of Angora goats in 2006 Karen and her husband, David, learned to shear but as the pile of fleeces grew it became obvious that processing by hand was no longer a sensible option.

In May 2008 they saw an advert offering a woollen mill for sale. Eleven months later the machinery - the majority of which was made by Belfast Mini Mills - had been relocated from Wales to Derbyshire and Griffiths' Mill opened for business. Since that time further machinery has been purchased and the range of services offered has expanded.

David and Karen are now also members of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, keep numerous breeds of sheep and operate The Woolly Roadshow, an educational promotion of British Wool, British Sheep and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Types of Fibre Processed: Wool, Alpaca fibre and Mohair. From as little as a single fleece.

Services: Scour & separate only; Carding to batts or roving; Spinning; Blending. A felting studio will also be opening shortly. Workshops for needle felting, wet felting and hand-spinning.

Hours of Operation: Customers appointments at any mutually convenient time 7 days a week. Mill tours for groups of 10-20 persons.

Griffiths' Mill

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SUNAKSTE WOOL HOUSE - LATVIA

The story begins with an idea to have a small flock of sheep in the meadows of the countryside house of Baskevics family. After being introduced with several flock owners in Latvia, some major problems in the field became clear. The farmers had nowhere to process their wool. After some months of searching for the best solution, Belfast Mini Mills were found.

Sunakste Wool House is located in a small village Sunakste in the South East of Latvia. Over the years wool has travelled to Sunakste from all over the country, also from Estonia and Lithuania. Dogs, cats, rabbits, even camels, alpacas, llamas which are not so common in this region have received their wool back, washed and carded and sometimes felted.

Sunakste Wool House offers a full circle of wool processing service, as well as nice range of wool top, felt sheets and yarn for retailers in Latvia and Estonia. Individual approach to every customer need is guaranteed and it has evolved in interesting business and art projects.

Visits upon reservation.

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A YARN FROM NORTH RONALDSAY - UK

For two thousand years, the islanders of North Ronaldsay have helped to preserve one of the few indigenous flocks of Short-tailed Sheep in Northern Europe called the North Ronaldsay. In the mid 1990's our company, A Yarn from North Ronaldsay, was set up to help find a market for the fibre which would ultimately add value and encourage growers to maintain this unique breed of sheep in its traditional environment. The flock live on a diet of seaweed on the "foreshore" and produce a variety of natural colours from white to dark brown with grey predominating. In 2001 after a visit to Prince Edwards Island we started the process of acquiring Mini-mills equipment through a community development grant and we are still producing fibre today.

The wool mill is currently based in what was the engine room of the tallest land based lighthouse in the UK and fibres from the North Ronaldsay sheep are spun into yarns, rovings and batts, sold primarily to local firms as well as online, we also offer a limited service of processing fibres for other small producers.

Tours by appointment

A Yarn from North Ronaldsay Ltd.

northron.mill@btinternet.com

Jane Donnelly

Sangar, North Ronaldsay, Orkney. KW172BG

UK 01857633242



MORNING STAR FIBER - USA

Morning Star Fiber was born when my parents took a vacation to PEI and stumbled upon the folks at Belfast Mini Mills and toured their facility. As an engineer, my dad was impressed with the soundness of the equipment and my mother's art & agrarian background gave her a vested interest. JC Christensen (their son) came on in 2007 and has been with the company since. Our mission is to be renowned locally and globally in the natural fiber world as the premier hub for connecting farmers, processors, artisans and end users in redemptive ways. We are an industry leader in custom natural fiber processing including manufacturing, education, training, and networking.

Our 6000 square foot facility houses a full Belfast Mini Mill system that is set up to work with exotic and rare breed animals from raw to ready to sell products including: roving, batting, felt, rug yarn, lopi and plyed yarns from chunky to lace weight. We specialize in lopi style construction yarns and use a wide variety of natural fibers to create them. We working with specifically with alpaca (both suri and huacaya), Icelandic, Shetland, Cotswold, Romney, Leicester and other long wools. While we process all down breeds into roving, batting, rug yarn and felt we don't specialize in spinning these fibers.

We are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. We offer mill tours by appoint for fiber processing customers for free. We also do tours for the public by appointment for \$40 and can handle up to 15 attendees. Our retail store is open to the public from 10am-2pm Monday through Friday.

Morning Star Fiber LLC

1424 Main St., Andrews, NC 28901, 828-321-9299 (mill)

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Etsy: @morningstarnrc



COYOTE TRAIL FARM AND FIBER MILL - USA

Coyote Trail Farm and Fiber Mill opened for business January 1, 2017. As the owner I have been playing with fiber since childhood and having my hands in everything - my grandmother always had projects going and was constantly buying quality wool from a variety of sources everywhere she travelled. Building and operating this fiber mill is a direct extension from that foundation. The mill will also provide a needed bridge in Alaska to connect the livestock farmers and small flock owners with Alaska's fiber artists. Having my children be interested and become a part of this business has been an added plus.

Currently the farm animals include five alpaca, a small herd of "mostly" registered Icelandic ewes, a calf, three Angora rabbits, layer and meat chickens and one full-service Belfast Mill.

We plan to tour Alaska's fairs, craft shows, and similar events, discussing fiber animals and local processing with farmers, artisans and other interested people in the long Alaskan summers. While out we will make efforts to collect and deliver fiber to help on the expensive shipping costs.

My son Tyler, co-manager with Emmelie Bishop, local Fairbanks artisan, have been with me on this adventure and help out tremendously in running the milling. Tyler has recently traveled to Australia to learn sheep and alpaca shearing and gained information on fiber quality and sorting. Emmelie, is our first full-time employee and will be keeping the shop organized and orders coming in and out smoothly. We employ another young man part-time, named Tyler Bell who is our jack-of-all-trades. Every farm needs one!

Mailing Address:

Coyote Trail Farm & Fiber Mill, PO Box 84561, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

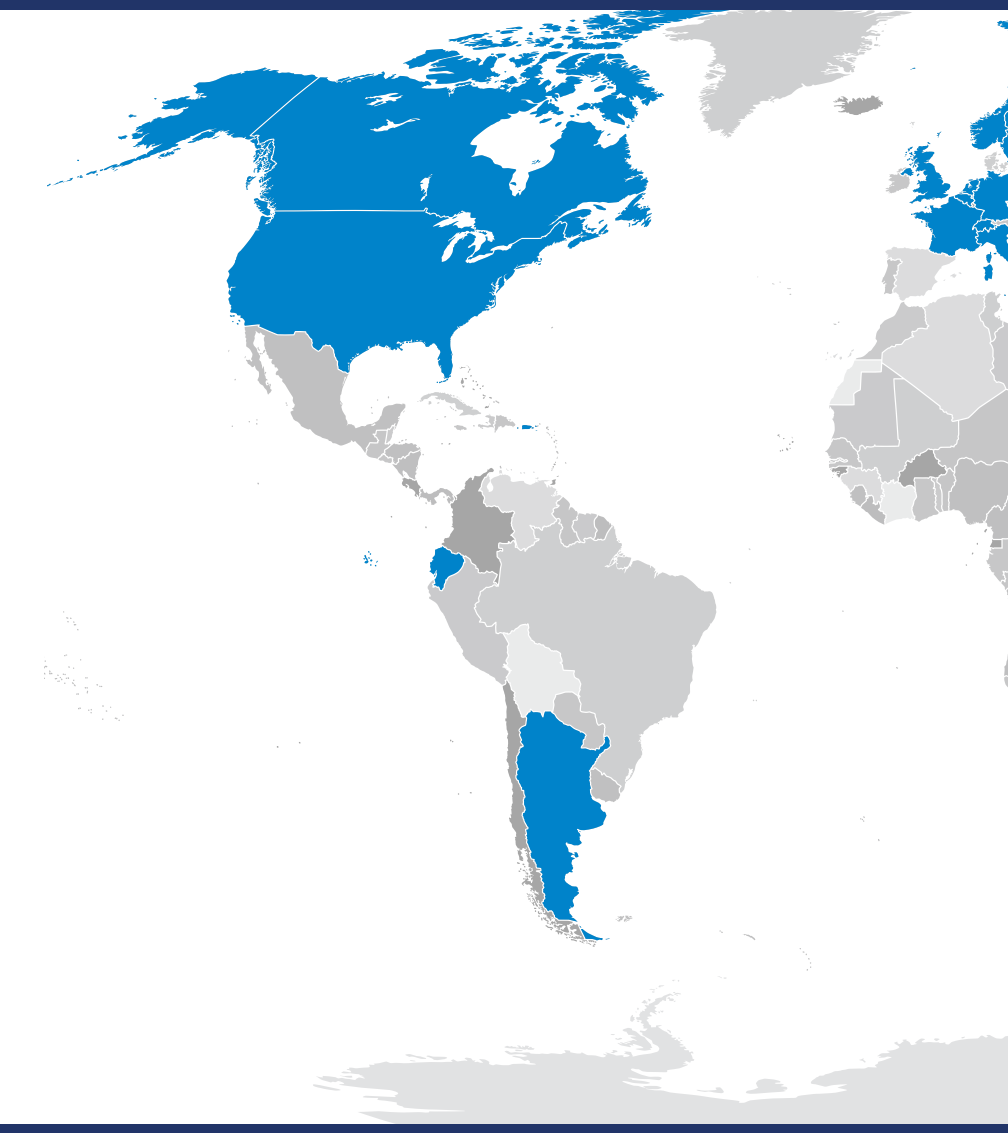
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Coyote Trail Farm & Fiber Mill, 1669 Coyote Trail, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

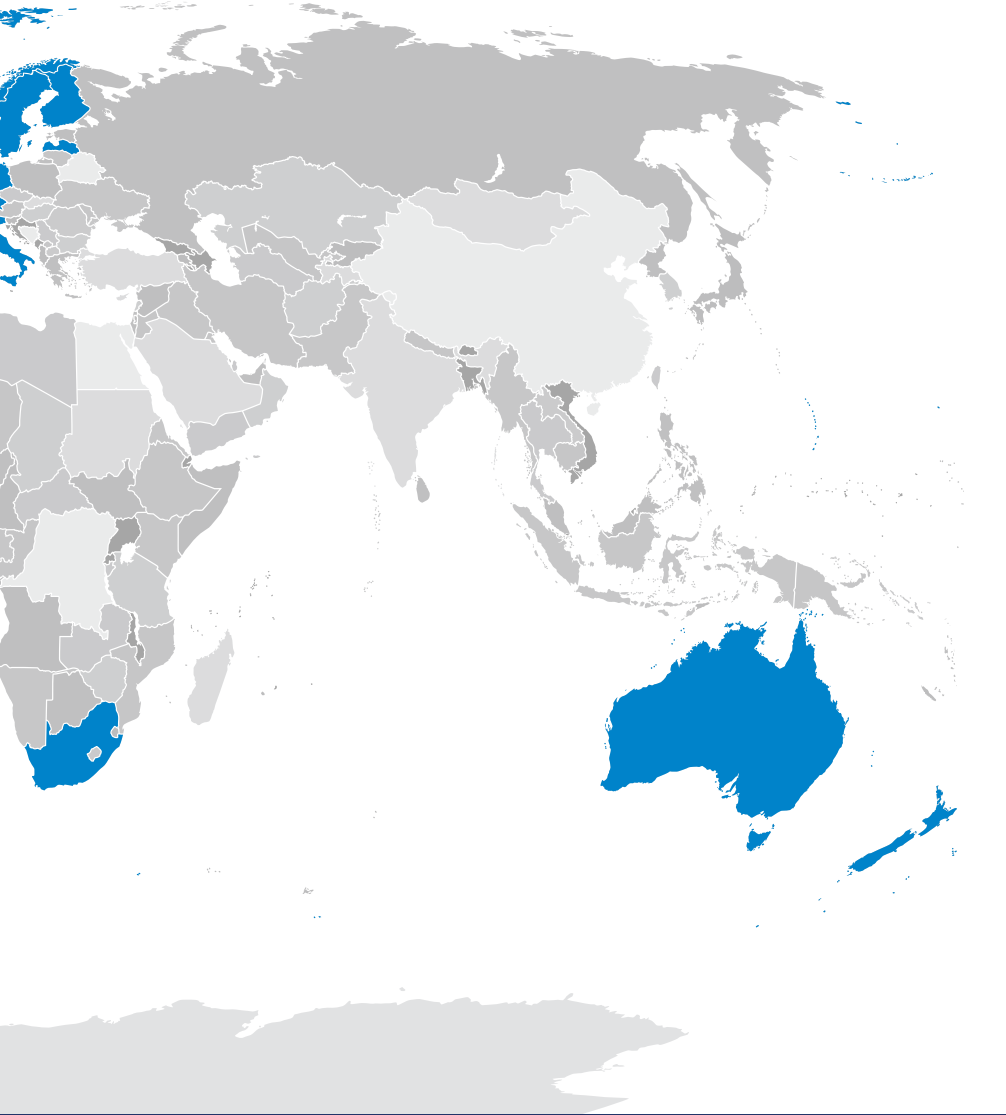
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BELFAST MINI MILLS



COLORING THE WORLD



LEGACY LANE FIBER MILL - CANADA

Legacy Lane Fiber Mill, located in Sussex NB is a full custom fiber processing facility that provides milling services to fiber producers across Canada and the United States. There you will find an on-site weaving studio which creates fine handwoven garments and home accessories for wholesale and retail markets.

Also on site is a yarn and gift shop where you will find a unique retail experience. The shop offers exotic natural fiber yarns and high quality hand crafted textile items. The owner-operators of Legacy Lane are two sisters backed by four generations of farming experience in rural New Brunswick. Together they have found a way to keep their family farm viable by diversifying into yarn production and fiber processing; a natural fit for their training, passion and expertise.

Co-Owner, Operator and Production Manager, Alyson Brown, grew up in the tiny community of Markhamville, New Brunswick. Alyson is one of Legacy Lane's key weavers, knitters, makers, and organizers. Amy Carpenter Tonning is Legacy Lane's Co-Owner, Operator, Business Manager and self professed "Queen Boss Lady". She spends her days keeping the whole Legacy Lane team on the straight and narrow. She is the brains behind our famous Kitchen Sink Lopi. Amy grew up in Markhamville and has vivid memories of helping out on her grandfather's cattle farm, learning about the land and the intimate connection between human and animal. She, her husband James, and their daughter Abigail have dogs, cats, alpacas, laying hens, ducks and a rescued quail named Olive.

Hours: Mon – Fri 10:00 – 4:00 Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sun: Closed: April – Sept: Sat by apt 506-433-5604, 56 Vail Court, Sussex, NB, E4E 2R9, CA legacyln@nbsympatico.ca , www.legacylanefibermill.ca



ULLFORUM - SWEDEN

Ullforum was the 1st Mini Mill in Sweden. It went into operation in the autumn of 2008. It all began with a question – why are we importing wool from the other side of the world? Why can't we have the sheep here? Together with local sheep breeders we started a breeding project where we imported merino rams and crossed these with a local breed. This resulted in a new breed called Jamtlandsfar: Very soft fiber.

In Sweden the normal sheep farmer raises 10-15 sheep. This is where the Belfast Mini Mill comes in as a good solution. We can process small batches for all fiber producers. We process wool from all kinds of sheep breeds, alpacas, mohair, angora rabbits, and dogs. We also process our own Jamtlandsfar into beautifully soft yarns and garments.

We also have an OFDA-100 optical fiber diameter analyser. We can measure fiber diameter, medulated fiber, fiber density, curvature, and much more.

In our store you will find felt, and yarns made mostly from Jamtlandsfar.

OPEN: 9:00 – 15:00 Monday to Friday

Online store opening in Autumn 2017.

You are welcome to visit us: Call 46-64018802/46-64018847

Tangvagen 33, 836 94 AS, Jamtland, Sweden



HUDSON VALLEY SHEEP AND WOOL COMPANY - USA

From Hereford cows to meat sheep to fiber sheep. Such was the journey. The Shetlands came first, then the Icelandics. The fiber had to be processed, and so came the Mini-Mill in 2005. To create beautiful Lopi-type yarn (my favorite), the fiber is washed and dried and then goes through the picker, carder, draw frame and, finally the spinner. The skein winder puts the yarn into manageable skeins and then we do it again!

Hudson Valley Sheep & Wool Co.

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Mary @ Hudson Valley Sheep & Wool Co.



KARLSBERGSGARDEN SPINNERI - SWEDEN

The idea of starting up a mill came up after the news did show about how angora bunnies were "sheared" in China, i.e the Chinese tore the wool from the rabbits! Things went on, in different ways, and after some market research and discussion with another mill owner, and some sheep owners, who stated that a need for another mill in our area was wished for.

Promising input from MiniMills about capacity and reliability of the equipment made us look for the perfect place and soon we found our 300+ years old farm which had recently held a restaurant, that had the proper space and almost no refurbishing was needed. So soon after we moved into the farm an order of a complete MiniMill was placed, with the exception of the washing machine and from the second half year of 2015 the mill has been ongoing.

Our idea was to start slowly and grow at a decent rate and that has worked out perfectly, now we have plenty of customers, some already now recurrent, and from all over Sweden and even from countries outside of Sweden. We have a fully functional mill in operation and has so far handled MANY different kinds of sheep wool, plenty of alpaca both Huacaya and Suri, angora rabbit and mohair goat. If you have any fibres that needs to be taken care of we happily look into what we can do.

The mill is open between 8 – 16 weekdays, other times after agreement, and we like to receive mill tours with the limit of 15 people per tour, the space is limited! A tour takes about 1 hour. You can get hold on us by going into our homepage, www.karlsbergsgarden.com, and send a mail to info@karlsbergsgarden.com or give us a call at +46 767 979419. We will get back to you as soon as possible!



MESA NATURAL FIBRE MILL - NEW ZEALAND

A Christmas gift of two Alpacas from Tessa's father sent Peter and Tessa McKay on a journey of discovery into what has now become a passionate interest in all things Alpaca.

Nestled in a beautiful corner of Hawke's Bay New Zealand, at Maraekakaho, 25kms South west of Hastings, Peter and Tessa now have 162 Alpaca and a burgeoning Alpaca Fibre processing business.

Being farmers in the traditional New Zealand sense, (Sheep & Cattle) they fully understood that Alpaca had more to offer than cute looks and fleece and sought out ways to utilize the whole animal as the ancient Andean farmers of South America would have done.

Nowhere in New Zealand at that time was there a facility to process the fibre, let alone process the meat for human consumption or to prepare the pelts for elegant floor rugs.

Purchasing a Belfast Mini Mill from Prince Edward Island in Canada, they began to build the business with, a full range of machinery and are now awaiting delivery of a Dye Bath and Rug yarn making machinery.

Peter and Tessa McKay have diversified on all things alpaca from Breeding, farming through to the processing of the fleece and meat. Slowly but surely, they have realised a dream to farm the animal in its fullest and most traditional sense.

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www.mesamill.co.nz

Open by appointment – just phone first.



LAZY MEADOWS ALPACAS & FIBER MILL - USA

Our farm, store, and fiber mill are located on 55 acres that has been in our family since 1914. We acquired our first herd of alpacas in 2009 and soon fell in love with fiber. Upon their first shearing we quickly found that processing lines were long and the idea of processing our own fiber started to look more inviting. The mill arrived in 2011 and it has been going non-stop since day one, blooming into a great service oriented business. Operated by my wife and I Lazy Meadows Alpacas Farm and Fiber Mil is our sole love, and employment. While the bulk of our work goes toward alpaca and wool, we also run mohair, angora rabbit, k-9, camel, and musk ox. We have even run feline. We have filled orders for farms located in 36 states, ranging from 3 to 1200 pounds.

Our mill offers premium yarns from lace to super chunky, roving, batts, felt, and core spun yarns in both natural and dyed colors. Mill hours are Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 10 to 3.

Mike & Elizabeth Longstreth, Lazy Meadows Alpacas,

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www.lazymeadowsalpacas.com

Phone: 570-546-2291

Hours: Monday 12:00-8:00, Tuesday 12:00-5:00,

Wednesday by Appointment, Thursday 12:00-5:00, Friday 12:00-5:00 and Saturday 10:00-3:00, Closed Sunday



QUENTI ALPACA & MILL - SOUTH AFRICA

Our background is importing and distributing Asian food. We sold our business of 30 years in 2010 and “retired” from the corporate world. We started breeding alpaca in 2010 and bought a second hand mini-mill in late 2011. Having never processed fibre, the learning curve was steep at first. As our confidence grew, we invested in industrial equipment to both extend productivity as well as capabilities.

Our farm, surrounded by vineyards and mountains, is an hour’s drive from central Cape Town. We have an extensive herd of alpaca, across all the myriad colours and process our own fibre as well as fleece for other breeders. We operate a mini mill for small batches and a customized industrial mill for large quantities. We work predominantly with alpaca but also process merino, bamboo, linen, and camel. We hand dye, knit and weave on the farm.

An extensive range of products is available in our studio – hand knitting yarn, scarves & shawls, poncho, blankets & throws, baby blankets, handmade toys, socks, beanies and knitwear.

We offer barn & mill tours by appointment only, for which we charge a small fee.

Visits to the studio are free and by appointment.

Stephen & Linda Nessworthy

Quenti Alpaca & Mill

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NEWAIM FIBER MILL - USA

NEWAIM Fiber Mill was established in 2005. We began raising alpacas in 1999 and we had discussed purchasing a mill, but had never seriously pursued the idea.

I was at the statehouse testifying in favor of a bill that would exempt livestock guardian dogs from barking ordinances. Another alpaca breeder was also there testifying. Their son had purchased a Mini Mill a year or so earlier. They told me that he wanted to sell the mill. When I returned home that night, I asked Nancy if she still wanted buy a mill. It didn't take her long to say yes, so the next day we went to the bank, secured a loan and purchased the mill.

We found a space to rent, moved the equipment and began processing. I spent that winter putting up a new building at the farm. The next spring we moved the mill to its current location here at NEWAIM Farm.

In 2009 we added solar hot water to reduce our energy costs. Then we added 6kw of photovoltaic in 2012. The building is heated with a heat pump. The only energy we add is propane to supplement the hot water and heat pump when necessary.

Site Info – We offer service from washing raw fleece to finished yarn and felt. We also offer dehairing. We primarily process wool and alpaca. We are operating the mill from 9 to 5 most every day and offer short tours by appointment.

Yarn and roving available for sale online at www.mainetwist.com

NEWAIM Farm and Fiber Mill

13 Robinson Rd, Waldoboro, ME 04572 USA

nancy@newaim.com 207 832-5162



NEW ERA FIBER - USA

New Era Fiber has been a working custom fiber manufacturer since 2005. We process primarily alpaca fiber and have customers from all over the United States. We started this business after raising alpacas for three years, and finding quality processing difficult to find. We raise only suri alpacas and many mills find suri difficult to process.

We operate two shifts a day and have seven full time employees .Our hours of operation are from 7:00AM to 10:00PM Monday through Friday. We offer tours by appointment and our farm store is open 9:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday.

We offer full service processing ranging from washing fiber to knitted scarves and shawls. We do blending ,dyeing, and. needle felting. We can spin lace weight yarns (6,600yds/lb.) to core spun weight (30yds/lb). We have received many awards from the alpaca industry for our quality yarns!

CONTACT US at www.newerafiber.com

698 Wallace Road, Gallatin, TN, 37066, Ph: 615-452-7852



SHEEP CAMP WOOL MILL - USA

Sheep Camp Wool Mill is a Family business located in Molina Colorado. We began our venture in 1998. Our goal was to provide a service to other sheep ranchers while sustaining ours.

We accept small or large amounts of wool. A full service mill, we offer many end products. Also selling raw wool and natural grass fed lamb.

We teach an array of classes and have tours by appointment only. You can contact Erik and Penny LLOYD at sheepcampmill@aol.com. Or by phone 970-487-0142



PIONEER FIBER MILL - USA

Specializing in Distinctive Yarns

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Artisan Dying • Exotics • Plant Fibers • Synthetics

Realtor Beige doesn't Pay for the Hay!

Pioneer Fiber Mill has been in operation since March 2014. Combining this southern east coast location with Belfast Mini Mills equipment, a commitment for earning the trust of fiber clients, and learning everyday have been keys to succeeding. We strive to create distinctively unique products with all fiber that arrives for processing. Techniques are applied, controllable factors adjusted, and then the variations of fiber complete the process. Communication with the clients has been the greatest asset to our success. Together we are able to understand expectations and realistic possibilities while striving to keep fiber production a positive & exciting experience for everyone.

Mill Tours & Mill Direct Sales • M-F 10:00am to 4:00pm

Additional Tour Hours are available – call for bookings

2325 Pioneer Trail • New Smyrna Beach Florida 32168

PioneerFiberMill.com • 386-451-5692 • Steve@PioneerFiberMill.com

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GREAT OCEAN ROAD WOOLEN MILL - AUSTRALIA

Starting to breed alpaca for their fabulous fibre, it seemed only natural to do something with it. Combined with a desire for tree-change, we started to investigate the feasibility and need for a processing mill run by us. Given the growing reputation of Belfast Mini Mills, it seemed the right option to proceed with – and we have not regretted it. From delivery through to installation (apart from a few delays caused by various ports around the world), training and on-going support we could have not wanted a better introduction to the world of fibre processing.

We have an on-site store which showcases a range of yarns and products. All the yarns we sell have been made by us and include alpaca, superfine merino, Polwarth sheep, and blends.

Please check out our website for hours:

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info@gorwm.com.au

www.facebook.com/greatoceanroadwoolenmill/



AMERICA'S NATURAL FIBERWORKS, LLC - USA

Husband and wife team, Robbie and Carrie Davis had started their venture in the fiber business with the start of their alpaca herd in 2005, began a shearing business and realized the growing need for fiber processing within the industry. Soon after, America's Natural Fiberworks came into reality. After many years of research, the couple decided on a complete Belfast Mini Mill system, purchased a retiring mill and began the journey of spinning premium yarns in 2012. ANF currently employs 3 full time people, provides services to over 250 farms across the US and Canada, spins yarn for International Knitwear Designers, and has created their own yarn lines to be sold onsite and online. The fibers that are spun in this mill have a primary focus on alpaca, both huacaya and suri, but we are not limited to camelid. You will also see superfine to medium wools as well as an extensive realm of blending fibers processed on a daily basis. The services and products you can expect from ANF are full service. We can simply wash those dirty fleeces for you, take them into a spinner's roving, batt, or felt fabric. We can also spin yarns from a superfine laceweight up to bulky, lopi, and core spun jumbo yarn. ANF recognizes that not all fiber is meant to be spun into a premium yarn for that close-to-the-skin comfort, so we also provide rug making services with felted and woven rugs to warm any household, office, or barn space!

America's Natural Fiberworks and The Yarn Barn @ Blessed Criations welcomes you for a unique shopping experience. When you stop out to visit our rural setting, you can meet the alpacas we raise, shop the unique products we make, and tour the mill where all the magic happens! Give us a heads up that you will be in the area and we will be delighted to make plans for a visit!

America's Natural Fiberworks LLC,

www.americasnaturalfiberworks.com

513-276-0528

carrie@americasnaturalfiberworks.com

Monday – Friday 9:00-5:00

3381 Northern Road, Somerville, OH 45064 USA



SALLIE'S FEN FIBERS - USA

Sallie's Fen Fibers started in 2007 as a full service mill to provide an additional service to alpaca customers. Processing alpaca fiber accounts for 70 to 80% of the business; however, we process all fibers including wool, mohair, angora, and cashmere. End products are yarn, roving and batts. Our motto is "We will try anything once".

I started hand spinning in the 1980s and have always enjoyed working with fiber. Each lot of fiber processed is different, keeping the processing from becoming routine. I am always learning new things about fiber processing, discovering different ways to generate the customer's desired product.

My favorite jobs are making for yarn for special projects and working with fine, nicely skirted, vegetation-free fleeces. Two recent special projects have been spinning a 2 ply lace weight alpaca/cormo yarn which is custom dyed and made into beautiful hats on a knitting machine by the customer. The second project is spinning a fine, 2 ply fingering rug yarn from Karakul wool which is dyed by the customer and used to repair antique Persian rugs.

I enjoy working with customers who are new to fiber and fiber animals. We help them evaluate the quality of the fiber and decide on the most appropriate end product (batts, roving, yarn). I emphasize the owners responsibilities: keeping the fiber free of vegetation and shavings, and skirting their fiber as the final product can be no better than the fiber submitted for processing.

Mill and store at located at 186 Swain Rd. Barrington, NH
Mill is open Monday thru Friday 10 to 3, tours are available on request or prior arrangement. Store by appointment
Sallie Whitlow: 603 664 5237 or sallie.whitlow@gmail.com



SELBU SPINNERI - NORWAY

Straight from the sheep...

Selbu spinneri is a Norwegian minimill, situated 15 km south of Trondheim in Klæbu.

We aim to save the rare Norwegian sheep breeds

The wool of the rare sheep breeds of Norway have unique, breed specific qualities. Selbu spinneri makes yarn and other products from this wool. The local sheep farmers send their wool to our mill, and we make natural coloured yarn from it. We wash, dry, and spin the wool to make yarn that is unique for each sheep breed. The spinning mill is environmentally friendly. When you choose our yarn, you also choose to participate in the important conservation of the rare Norwegian sheep breeds. We cooperate with the Norwegian Genetic Resource centre and the Breed association of the Grey Trønder Sheep.

Handicraft

Our yarn is handcrafted at our Belfast minimill. We make yarn for knitting, crocheting and weaving. We also produce wool for hand spinning and felting. The yarns and the wool are made from the natural sheep colours; all shades of grey, white, black and brown. Many of our products are perfectly suited for colouring with plant dyes. The wool varies with the year and the season, and there is a limited number of individuals of each of the rare sheep breeds – we cannot produce more yarn than the number of sheep from each breed allows! We offer courses in hand spinning, wool sorting and wool processing.

Selbu spinneri, Vikingvn 9A 7540 Klæbu

www.selbuspinneri.no

You may also contact us on Facebook.



Leena Rajala and Sini Honkala;

Life is full of unexpected encounters that can change your whole life. This was the case for two young women visiting Helsinki Dog Park in 1987 with their Giant Schnauzers. This began a life lasting friendship. The years went by. Sini acquired her first alpacas in 2004, however there were no mills to provide suitable spinning process for fine fibered alpaca, it was sent to UK. This created an idea of their own mill and a long-lasting dream of doing something together with Leena. The facilities for the machinery and Boutique were found in Mathildedal, where Leena and her family had lived since 2008. The mill operation started in 2014. The entire production chain can be seen on site. 40 alpacas and babies graze next to the mill. Spinning and weaving can be followed by visitors and the end products are sold in the mill boutique. All this is done in a truly picturesque, old iron mill village, where artisans and alpacas are well suited.

Tuesday-Sunday 11am-5pm (official, usually until 7 to 8pm),
Mondays closed

Mill tours are offered by reservation;

Address: Ruukinrannantie 6, 25660 Mathildedal, Finland;

Phone: +358 44 372 1813;

email: posti@ruukinkehraamo.fi; www.ruukinkehraamo.fi;

www.mathildedal.fi (Village info, food, accommodations etc.);

Facebook: Ruukin Kehräämö ja puoti



KARDEN-SPINNEN GMBH - SWITZERLAND

Wool is our passion. Like many other Swiss Alpaca breeders, we sent the fibre of our animals abroad (Germany, UK) for processing. The resulting yarn was used partly to be sold and partly to create knitted goods to sell. Long waiting periods and the and the complications of shippinghandling for sending the fibre abroad created the need for a local processor. Therefor we (Ursula und Markus Kyburz and Susanne Niederer) decided in the year 2014 to establish Karden-Spinnen GmbH with the goal of creating a processing opportunity in Switzerland. After a short planning phase we were able to order the machinery from Belfast Mini Mills.

Since April 2015 we process mainly fibre from Alpaca and Llama, but we also process Cashmere and Angora rabbit here in Amlikon-Bissegg. From time to time we even run less common fibre such as Camel, Dog or try to test and push the limits of the BMM machinery with even more exotic fibre types. Staffed with 1.5 employees we currently process over 1 metric ton per year to premium yarn in the form of balls or skeins. Upon request we also deliver the fibre as batting or roving.

Visits: on request

Kontakt:

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Phone +41 71 650 02 12

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TELESPINN - NORWAY

Telespinn is located in a beautiful cultural landscape with a special biological diversity in the heart of Telemark County, Norway. This area has long traditions in culture, art and history. It's known for a colorful textile tradition, which is still alive today. The heritage stretches several hundred years and contains knowledge about folklore costumes and carpets. Telespinn AS was started in 2008 by Bjørg Minnesjord Solheim. Her wish was to keep Mohair goats to keep the cultural landscape alive. Mohair goats are especially good at maintaining the landscape. In 2008 there was no option to have the Mohair fiber spun anywhere in Norway. This led to a search for other possibilities and Bjørg found Belfast Mini Mills in Canada. The business grew rapidly and the demand for expansion came to mind. The mill now has a double production line. Mohair is spun into Telespinn yarn and several other animal fibers as rental spinning. We are very excited to be able to process and preserve the old traditional sheep breads in Norway. Our vision has always been to maintain a conscious relationship to the environment and sustainability. This foundation and value sets the standard for our daily work and progress.

Information: Telespinn AS, Blikavegen 22, 3841 Flatdal, Norway,
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/telespinn/, Email: post@telespinn.no

Hours of operation: Store: Monday to Friday 9-16. For exception to these hours, please contact us. Mill: Monday to Friday 8.30-16.30. Wednesdays 8.30-21.00: Telespinn offer 2 options of mill tours. Order in advance with a minimum of 8 persons. Half a day with lunch, lecture and tour in the spinnery and the farm or a casual tour being served coffee and cake and getting the tour in the spinnery and the farm with the goats. If accommodation or other needs are acquired on your stay, we cooperate with local businesses and can help you out.



RANCH OF THE OAKS - USA

Ranch of the Oaks is located on 20 acres of rolling hills in Lompoc on California's beautiful central coast. The vision for the ranch began in 1999, when we met, joined households, and started acquiring llamas, alpacas, and sheep. The reality was that we wanted to work from home with the fiber that our animals produced. The joke was that Tom's hand spinning couldn't keep up with Mette's knitting. Tom began searching for equipment to process all this fiber. Our Belfast Mini Mill arrived in 2006. While we were still working "day" jobs off the ranch, we got the new equipment up and running. In 2007, Mette became the first, full-time employee at Ranch of the Oaks. Within five years, Tom had joined Mette full-time in the mill. Fast forward to today..... we are a full-time ranch and fiber mill, offering sales (animals and product), agisting, breeding, mentoring, and custom carding services. We also produce yarn, roving, and rug yarn, as well as rugs and handmade items for sale. We at Ranch of the Oaks believe in quality, honesty, and customer satisfaction.

We process alpaca, llama, pygora, mohair, and most sheep wools.

Ranch of the Oaks

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Mill, Ranch Tours, and Store - Open by appointment - Please call



CROOKED FENCE ALPACAS & MILL - USA

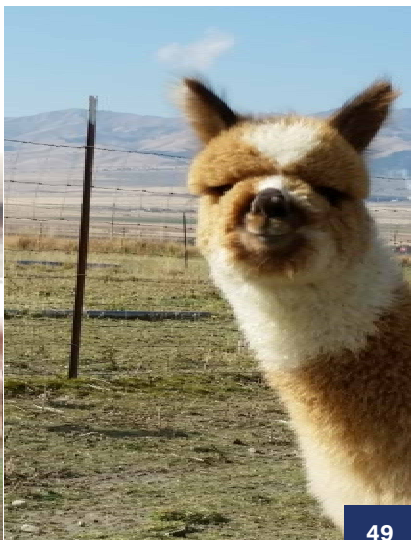
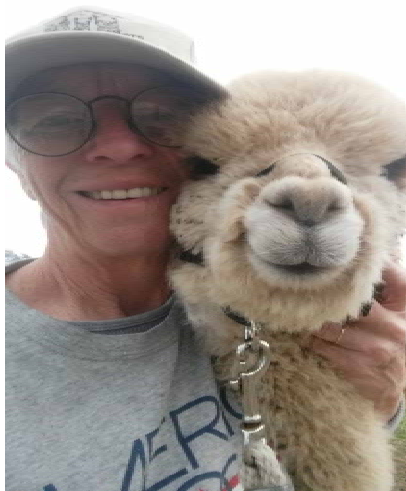
Welcome to Crooked Fence Alpacas & Mill, where success and tranquility meet. We are located in beautiful Juab County, about 80 miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah, at the foot of majestic Mount Nebo. We are Ted & Linda Kenison and we have been enjoying the alpaca lifestyle since 2005.

We do everything for you - even shear your animals - yep, now we do that for you too, call our son Isaac and get on his schedule, then bag up the fiber and send it to us, we will skirt and grade your fiber, then it gets tumbled, scoured, picked, dehaired & devedged, carded, drawn, spun, plied, coned, skeined, washed, dried then twisted, bagged and labeled.

If you just need batts or rovings, we can do that too. You get to choose what size yarn and what length of skeins, we want to make you happy. If you aren't sure what you want, that's okay too, just let us know and we will do a variety for you, then you will know what you like and don't like for your next order.

We also offer a cotton core wrapped yarn - this is a great craft and rug yarn - wonderful way to use up your leg and belly.... Quotes available for bigger quantities, call for more info.

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THE STORY OF TWO MINI MILLS IN ARGENTINA

The Province of Neuquén, in Argentina, is one of the country's main producers of special goat fibers. From the goats, Mohair and Cashmere is harvested in a natural way. In fact, the goat breeding is part of the cultural heritage of the small producers of Neuquén. In the last two decades, rural organizations and the provincial and national governments have been working to improve the quality of fibers, the conditioning and post-shearing classification, as well as the joint sale. Finally, in 2013, two trains of Belfast Mini Mills machines were acquired with state resources and installed in the largest fiber-producing areas. With the development of natural yarns in progress, it was possible to include in the chain not only breeder's families but also designers and local and national craftsmen, creating a productive and commercial chain which is friendly to the environment. Both plants are linked to rural tourism and guided tours. In Zapala, mainly mohair and merino wool are processed, while in Chos Malal these and other fibers such as guanaco, llama and cashmere are treated. In both plants there are shifts of 8 hours per day, and their schedule depends on the winter or summer season.

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INGA ALPACA - ECUADOR

We are a small family business involved in the breeding of Huacaya alpacas since 2000. The farm is located in the eastern ridges of the Ecuadorean highlands, on a small mountain called “El Inga”, 11.000 feet (3.350 meters) above sea level.

Our story starts 16 years ago, when we decided to convert our cattle farm into an alpaca farm. The beginning was challenging, as with any other new enterprise. Surely but slowly our herd has grown, as well as our plans and dreams. After all these years of hard work, we have more than 1200 alpacas living in an organic and self sustainable free range farm.

Today we are manufacturers of 100% pure baby alpaca yarn, as well as knitted goods. These goods are hand made by local artisans that use ancestral techniques dating back to the Inca Empire.

We work closely with the artisans, helping them keep their traditions alive and supporting their families and communities.

Inga Alpaca does not dye or treat the wool. Our fleece is carefully handpicked and selected by our quality control department to secure the best fiber available.

Our facility is a fully functional mill with a workshop and store. We process only 100% baby alpaca fleece from our farm

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.
We offer tours to our mill and farm by appointment only.

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THE FIBRE OF THE GODS - AUSTRALIA

The kernel that started our journey to becoming one of the Mini Mills family, was in 2006 we had sent our fleece clip off for sale, the return was well below our expectation. So we looked for another way to add value to our alpaca fleece, we found Belfast Mini Mills.

After several emails and phone calls we took delivery of our mill late 2007, quickly followed by a visit from Jeff Birtwistle whom instructed Hazel and myself, on the wonders of fleece production. Early 2008 we opened commercially, whilst we mainly focus on alpaca yarn and felt, we do occasionally process goat, camel and Llama.

Nine years later we are still going strong. As well as processing fleece, we also produce hand knitted and hand woven alpaca items.

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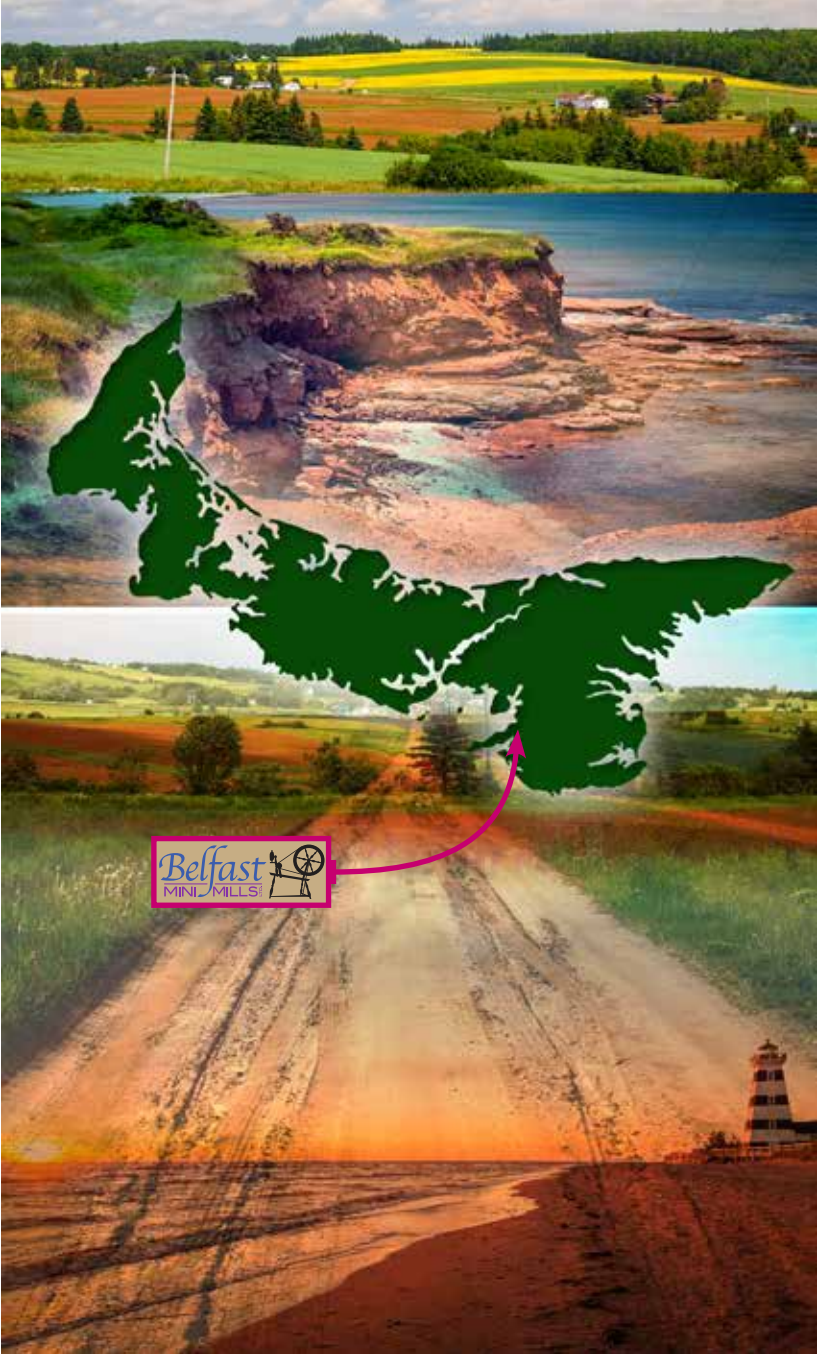


HARMENY WOOLEN MILL - CANADA

Scotland has sheep... and wool. My father was Scottish. I was born there. My parents lived there in a house, called “Harmeny”, spelled with an “e”. We moved to Upperbrook Farm 1972, complete with fields, forests and the North River that runs through it. We raise purebred, registered North Country Cheviot sheep, the sheep from the highlands of Scotland. In 2018, we will be 50 years in the sheep industry. Cheviot wool was known for being coarse and not desirable, so my brilliant mother Greta began handcarding and crafting wool bedding. She had been doing this for over 20 years when I returned to our haven, and began Harmeny Woolen Mill. The Mill increases the production, quality and the ability to custom process which value adds to shepherds as well as reduce the wool/fibre waste. At 87, my mother is still crafting. We love wool. We come by it naturally and like to share its’ and other fibres’ values. Processing includes: tumbling, washing, picking, carding to batts, roving or core yarn, and/or felt.

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MILL STORE ~ TEXTILE PROCESSING MILL

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HOURS OF OPERATION

May 1 - October 31, 10-5, 7 days a week.

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