

Teacher bio

Cheshire is a botanist, mycologist and lichenologist. She manifests her love of mushrooms and lichens by using them to dye yarn and knit it into whimsical mushroom patterned hats. She got started into dyeing while doing a lichen display at the Mt. Pisgah mushroom show in Eugene, Or. The common comments was "I hear you can use lichens for dyeing". About that time, a new book on lichen dyeing came out, she used this book "Lichen Dyes, a new sourcebook" to teach herself lichen dyeing and got hooked. She went on to study mushroom dyeing and using local plants for dyeing. She teaches lichen, mushroom and local plant natural dye classes at Eugene Textile Center. She has taught dyeing at North American Mycological Association (NAMA) annual forays and "Fiber in the Forest". She focuses her work on ethical collecting and use of lichens and mushrooms and continues to experiment. She is a member of the international fungus and fiber federation, founding member of Cascade Mycological society and a board member of NAMA. \$500 was used for helping class cost be more affordable for our members.

We had a 1-day class with 7 participants and 2-day class with 11 participants. Learned a lot and lots of fun.

Thanks so much

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