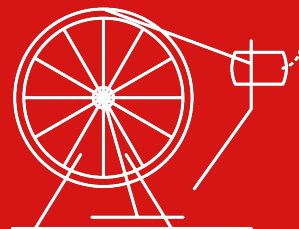


Cercle du fil du Québec

2nd Québec Spinning Seminar

Growing our expertise together

November 6, 7 and 8, 2026



Three days to spin, learn, exchange ideas... and head home with fresh inspiration at your fingertips. Workshops with passionate instructors, small-group practice, a skein exchange and research project presentations: here is the complete program.

Registration is open · Berthierville Municipal Library · \$135 for members · \$150 for new members (membership included)

Textile students: the seminar is free!

Are you studying at a textile school in Québec? With proof of enrolment, you do not pay for the seminar: only membership in the Cercle du fil du Québec (\$15).

An evolving program

This program may change and grow before the seminar: new activities may be added. Check cerclesdufil.com regularly for the latest version.

Program

Friday, November 6

6:30–9 p.m.

Spinning 101: from fibre to yarn

Introduction to the spinning wheel · Beginner level, no experience required

Have you always wanted to know how a handful of wool becomes yarn? Discover the parts of a spinning wheel, its essential adjustments, treadling, twist, and your first steps with forward draw and long draw. The goal: understand your wheel, feel the fibre between your fingers and discover the pleasure of turning wool into yarn yourself.

Saturday, November 7

Throughout the day, Marcelo Ribeiro Martins leads the small practice groups.

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and registration

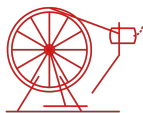
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9 a.m.

Opening remarks

9:15–11:30 a.m.

Morning workshops (choose one)



Understanding your spinning wheel and mastering spinning techniques

With Lylianne Le Quellec

Different types of spinning wheels and tension adjustments for each, demonstrated in practice. Short- and long-draw techniques, worsted and woollen spinning, and plying.



Art yarn spinning: texture, fibres and creativity

With Christine Gagné, Création Christine

Intermediate level · You must already know how to spin traditional yarn on a wheel

Choose your fibres for the effect you want, then explore thick and thin, cospun (spinning around a core) and an introduction to tailspun (free-flowing locks). Bring your spinning wheel, ideally one with a large orifice.



Fleece in all its forms: sorting, preparation and selection

With Nicole Blanchard

Outdoor activity: dress warmly (boots, a toque and mittens).

Assess a sheep's fleece, recognize its strengths and flaws, sort it and prepare it for washing and spinning. Learn to choose the right fleece for the yarn and project you have in mind.

11:30 a.m.

Group lunch

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Small-group practice

Led by Marcelo Ribeiro Martins

Each small group works through short practice tasks together to put the morning's learning into practice.

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Afternoon workshops (choose one)

Special workshop: to be announced

A distinguished guest will lead a workshop during this time slot. Details coming very soon!



Exploring and processing milkweed, with a short introduction to hemp dogbane

With Éliane Desliles

Ideal group size: 15 people (up to 20) · Materials included

Outdoor activity: dress warmly (boots, a toque and mittens).

Back after last year's success! Explore the plants and extract fibres from the stem and pod, then turn milkweed stem fibres into yarn using your fingers. If time allows, make cordage with hemp dogbane. Plants, small processing tools and inspiring demonstrations are provided.

Also: open practice in small groups

Led by Marcelo Ribeiro Martins

3:30 p.m.

Return to the full group

4 p.m.

End of the day's activities

6–9 p.m.

Group supper, tribute and friendly skein exchange

A surprise announcement of our honoured member of the year, followed by a skein exchange. Bring your 50 g handspun skein (see below).

Sunday, November 8

8:30 a.m.	Welcome
8:45–9:45 a.m.	Annual General Meeting (AGM) All members are invited to attend.
10 a.m.–noon	Morning workshop  Washing wool: chemistry, methods and demonstration <i>With Marcelo Ribeiro Martins</i> Why wash wool, and what is the purpose of washing it? This workshop explores the chemistry of wool washing and the main methods for different types of fleece: • general washing; • washing greasy wool; • washing fine wool; • washing by fermentation. Does wool need to be perfectly clean, and why? The workshop ends with a practical wool-washing demonstration.
Noon	Group lunch
1–2 p.m.	Research project presentations Two members present research projects related to spinning and fibre (20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes of questions each).
2–3:30 p.m.	Full-group spinning practice <i>Led by Marcelo Ribeiro Martins</i> Everyone at their wheel! A group practice session to consolidate the weekend's learning, exchange tips and spin together.
3:30 p.m.	Closing remarks
4 p.m.	End of the seminar

The small practice groups

At the welcome session, each participant is paired with a small group. These groups meet at several points during the seminar to complete short practice tasks together: apply a technique learned in a workshop, help one another at the wheel and compare yarns. Marcelo Ribeiro Martins supports the groups throughout Saturday, then leads the full-group practice session on Sunday afternoon.

The friendly skein exchange



Each participant is invited to bring a handspun skein of at least 50 g, with a small label describing the fibre, technique and intention behind the yarn.

The skeins are placed on a table. The exchange is simple and friendly: give a skein and choose another that speaks to you.

It does not have to be like your own! A different colour, fibre or spinning style: this is a chance to discover someone else's work and share a spinning experience with someone in the group.

Call for presentations: research projects

Are you working on a research project related to spinning or fibre? We invite you to present it on Sunday, November 8.

Format: a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes of questions and answers.

Submit your proposal before October 20, 2026. Our committee will make a selection.

Tribute

During supper on Saturday, November 7, we will reveal our honoured member of the year, recognized for their contribution to advancing spinning in Québec. Their identity will remain a surprise until supper!

Fees and registration

Cercle du fil du Québec members: \$135

Members registered since 2025 do not need to renew their membership for 2026–2027: their membership status is maintained. A receipt will be provided when they register.

New members: \$150

\$135 for the seminar, plus \$15 for membership in the Cercle.

Students at a textile school in Québec: \$15

Seminar registration is free upon presentation of proof of school enrolment. Paying the Cercle du fil du Québec membership fee (\$15) is optional.

Funds raised support the development of new activities for our members in 2026–2027.

Registration: cerclesdufil.com

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New: Les Jeudis du fil, online

Starting in October, join Marcelo Ribeiro Martins online every third Thursday of the month, from 7 to 8 p.m., for an hour of sharing and learning. Bring your spinning, knitting, crochet and questions: we will work on it all together.

First gathering: Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Free: <https://meet.google.com/ntd-tzaq-tmm>

Accommodation

Days Inn Berthierville offers a promotional rate to seminar participants. Double and triple rooms are available: a great way to share costs and keep the conversation going with fellow spinners!

Reservations: Days Inn Berthierville •

The Cercle du fil throughout the year

The Cercle du fil du Québec continues its activities throughout the year:

- one activity per month at the Musée des métiers d'art du Québec (MUMAQ);
- gatherings at Maison Rosalie Cadron during the summer;
- this fall, activities in Berthierville, L'Assomption and Lavaltrie, our partner municipalities;
- Les Jeudis du fil, online, every third Thursday of the month.

Practical information

Dates: November 6, 7 and 8, 2026

Location: Berthierville Municipal Library, Berthierville

Accommodation: Days Inn Berthierville (promotional rate)

Registration: cerclesdufil.com

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