

# WGGB Fall 2017 Workshop

September 30 – October 2, 2017

## Flax Plant to Linen Cloth

**Cassie Dickson**

Students will learn 18<sup>th</sup>-century methods of processing the flax plant to linen cloth by using the actual tools: flax brake, scutching tools, and hackles. Growing and retting the plant will be discussed. Students will learn how to dress a distaff, spin the fiber to linen thread, and weave a sample of linen cloth on a loom. Several table looms will be provided already threaded to experience the weaving process.

**Cassie Dickson** is a traditional pattern weaver who specializes in the weaving of coverlets and the processing of the flax plant to linen cloth. She has been spinning, weaving, and natural dyeing for over 40 years. She has raised silk worms for the past 26 years and processes silk cocoons to silk fabric. Recent teaching experience and presentations include the New England Flax and Linen Symposium 2016, John C. Campbell Folk School and the 2015 Southeast Fiber Forum.



Handspun flax by Cassie Dickson. Photo by Cassie Dickson.

# WGGB FALL 2017 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

## Spinning Workshop: Flax Plant to Linen Cloth

**Instructor:** Cassie Dickson

**Dates:** Saturday, September 30 - Monday, October 2

**Times:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Howard County Arts Council

**Skill level:** Intermediate: must know how to spin and use the wheel.

**Equipment:** Spinning wheel or spindle. Additional supply list will be provided after registration.

**Cost:** \$225 + \$45 materials fee (\$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your space; balance is due on the first day of the workshop.)

**Questions:** Deborah Herrin, [dcherrin@hotmail.com](mailto:dcherrin@hotmail.com)

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### Workshop: Flax Plant to Linen Cloth

Please return this registration form with a check for \$100 made payable to WGGB (non-refundable deposit) to secure your spot in the workshop.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I would be interested in hosting Cassie.

Mail check to:  
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