

March Schedule of Classes and Events

Spring is on the way. Check out the classes offered through and at River Valley Trading Co. Stop in to connect with old or meet new friends at an RVTC event.

See us online at <http://www.rivervalleytrading.com>. And don't forget that wi-fi access is always available at the store! Stop in for a password. A small donation is welcome.

Nana Schowalter continues teaching Blacksmithing classes for beginners (age 15+) in the old Postville Blacksmith shop. You should begin with Class #1, then sign up for any further classes. Class #1 will be taught each month, by request, for new students. Other classes repeat in the following months, adding new projects each month. Pre-register, at least one week before class date, by contacting RVTC. For additional information, please contact Nana, nananana@tds.net

River Valley Trading now has **natural and organic groceries**. Some recent additions are organic flour, butter, pasta, chips brown rice and crackers as well as locally raised pork, beef and lamb. New items arrive weekly.

One of the biggest challenges of any non-profit organization is maintaining a cast of volunteers to keep everything running. RVTC is facing an especially difficult time now since two key people are unable to continue at the same, insane level of commitment. We have a number of tasks and projects available some can be done entirely from home with a telephone and computer. We're always looking for reliable store help too. Discounts are available for some positions.

- Wed, March 4
5:30 pm **Quilters' Pot Luck and Project Day.** We will be meeting at RVTC for a pot luck dinner at 5:30 with demo/sharing time afterwards. Call Jan Greenwood 523-4122 or RVTC 523-1888 for details
- Sat, Mar 7
9 am – 12 pm **Playing with Fire! #3 Let's Get Hooked Again** - Come back and make more hooks to match those you've already made, or start on new designs. Sculptor Nana Schowalter's small classes (4 students) ensures individual attention. All materials and equipment provided. Bring a snack for yourself. Coffee provided. 608 523 4750 Postville Blacksmith Shop N8126 Postville Rd. (get directions at RVTC or online at <http://www.rivervalleytrading.com> , click on date). Class also offered Thursday, March 12, and Saturday, March 28. Fee: \$35. Register at RVTC. See you soon!
- Thur, Mar 12
9 am – 12 pm **Playing with Fire! #3 Let's Get Hooked Again** - See description for March 7
Fee: \$35 Register at RVTC.
- Fri, Mar 13
7 pm **Alternative Fuel Society Brew Share** 2nd Friday of the month, Alternative Fuel Society (AFS) is a membership of friends and neighbors who meet at RVTC and bring a few brews (home brews welcomed) to share, snacks to pass, & end the week conversing, joking, relaxing. Guests are encouraged to join the fun
- Sat, Mar 14
9 am – 12 pm **Playing with Fire! #1 Beginner Forging** Sculptor Nana Schowalter teaches basic hot forging techniques to make delicate iron bracelets or beautiful wall hooks. You will be guided through the processes with thorough instruction in heating and hammering. Small classes (4 students) assures individual attention. All materials and equipment provided. Bring a snack/beverage. Coffee provided.
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- Thur, Mar 19
9 am – 12 pm **Playing with Fire! #2 Let's Get Hooked** Build on skills learned in the Beginner Forging class and learn how to make several designs of wall mounted hooks. Sculptor Nana Schowalter's small classes (4 students) ensures individual attention. All materials and equipment provided. Bring a snack for yourself. Coffee provided. 608 523 4750 Postville Blacksmith Shop N8126 Postville Rd. (get directions at RVTC or online at <http://www.rivervalleytrading.com> , click on date). Fee: \$35 Register at RVTC.
- Fri, Mar 20
7 pm **Alternative Fuel Society Wine Night** 3rd Friday of the month, AFS members meet at RVTC and bring an interesting bottle of wine to share and a snack to pass. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to meet and chat with friends and neighbors in a friendly, smoke-free setting.
- Thur, Mar 26
1 to 8 pm **YARNS Ewenited Fiber Guild** - Please notice expanded hours for interested daytimers. Bring potluck snacks or supper dish. We are fiber folks who spin, knit, crochet, weave & felt. All ability levels are welcome, beginners and experienced. We help each other, teach each other, share skills, stories, patterns, ideas, shepherding, sheep trading.... and more. Come to listen, to play, to learn, to talk.

Come early or late. Bring a working project and share the "communal pot of fiberosity". Contact: Linda Derrickson 877-723-4212 or email: hillspring@tds.net

Fri, Mar 27
7 pm to 10 pm

Acoustic Coffee House: Bill Grover and Scott Steibler play and sing at RVTC. They will play American folk songs, rock & roll, some pop tunes. Scott does guitar and vocals, Bill plays harmonica.

Sat, Mar 28
9 am to 12 pm

Playing with Fire! #3 Let's Get Hooked Again - See description for March 7
Fee: \$35 Register at RVTC.

Sat, Mar 28
10 am

Spaetzle is Just Another Word for Noodle - Steffi Culberson leads you on a culinary tour as you discover different noodles from different cultures. Class is \$30.00 with all ingredients provided. Register at RVTC for any Goose Chaser Farm class and 10% of the workshop fee goes to RVTC. thegoosechaserfarm@yahoo.com

Call for Appt.
9:30 - 11:30am

Playing with Fire! Welding Lessons – Basics of MIG welding. Do you have access to a welder and don't know quite how to use it? This class will teach you the basics in MIG welding (Metal Inert Gas, wire feed). Hands on class. You do the welding! Small class size (2 students) to assure individual attention. All materials and equipment provided. Bring a snack for yourself, Coffee provided. Postville Blacksmith Shop (The Red One) N8126 Postville Road. Fee \$40.00.