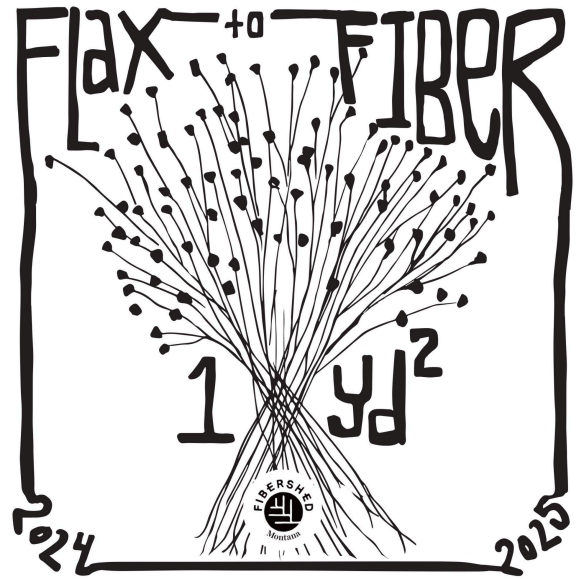


The One Square Yard initiative is a project offered by Montana Fibershed to learn, experience and study bast fibers (flax and hemp in particular) and their potential place in the Montana textile economy, to create new and build on existing friendships, to keep records and gather data to further knowledge of growing bast fibers in Montana, and to have fun!

Led by Barb French and Alayna Rasile, all interested members of Montana Fibershed are invited to participate. Leaning on the advice of Karen Griffing, a Montanan with experience growing flax, as well as processing, spinning, and weaving flax fiber into linen, we will enjoy this learning journey together!



In the first year of the project, we will encourage member sign-ups, distribute seed and planting instructions, as well as information on harvesting, retting and processing the fiber later in the year. Depending upon the interest of the group, we may have an in-person fiber harvest and processing celebration in the fall.

Ideally, in the second year, participants would create a textile of some type with their home-grown bast fiber.

We would like the project to remain loosely defined to allow for discovery, surprises, creative course changes, and additional goals. All participants are invited to share info and photos via our collective garden journal in Google Workbook.

There is no cost to join or participate in this group. We've received a generous donation of flax seed from <https://www.fibre-evolution.com/> a wonderful organization working to revitalize the flax industry in Oregon. If we decide to have a processing workshop at the end of the growing season, there may be a small fee to pay a workshop leader.

For more inspiration, see what our Fibershed friends in Pennsylvania are up to! Read about it here: <https://paflaxproject.com/square-yard-project>

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