



Clear Spring Farm located near Welch Mn, is a beautiful 40 acre hobby farm. It is home to several **Royal and Trim Tibetan yak**. Our yak herd is very friendly and photogenic so feel free to take pictures of these unique and beautiful creatures. Yak produce fiber similar to cashmere, and once processed, yak yarn has much potential. Come learn about Yak, the new niche for small acre farms and enjoy the peaceful countryside.

Here at Rach-Al-Paca Farm, we believe in a self-sustaining fiber-based alpaca and sheep industry. We shear the animals, clean their fibers, and make yarns, socks and other clothing from our harvest. Aside from the alpacas and Shetland sheep living here, we also raise meat goats and laying hens for eggs. We have yarns, roving and clothing from our flock's wool, **spun here in our fiber mill**, open for you to tour! Rachel and Alan welcome you to our farm!



**NO 2**

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**CLEAR SPRING FARM**

WELCH, MINN

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31139 COUNTY 7 BLVD.  
PH: 651.212.8099

**NO 1**

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**RACH-AL-PACA FARM**

HASTINGS, MINN

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18495 GOODWIN AVE  
PH: 651.485.7916  
RACHALPACAFARM.COM



## DIRECTIONS

Traveling South from Minneapolis to Farm 1 (Rach -Al-Paca Farm, 18495 Goodwin Ave Hastings, MN. 651.485. 7916) is about 35 minutes. Take US 52 S, Take Hwy 55 exit on the Left and merge onto 55 towards Hastings, Right onto Co. Rd. 85/Goodwin Ave. Turn onto Reuter Drive and farm is 2nd driveway on the right.

Farm 1 to Farm 2 (Clear Spring Farm, 31139 County 7 Blvd. 651.212.8099) is 32 Minutes. S on Goodwin Ave/85, Slight Right onto Co. Rd. 47, Right to merge onto US 52 S, Take exit MN 19, L onto MN 19 E, Left onto 1st N, Right onto MN 19, Right onto County 7 Blvd. Farm 2 will be on the right.

Farm 2 to Mill 3 (Faribault Woolen Mill, 1500 NW 2nd ave, 507.412.5510) is 50 Minutes. N on Cty 7 Blvd., L onto MN 19 W., L onto 1st. ST. N., 3rd Right onto MN 19/Main St., L onto MN 56S/19W., R onto MN 19W., R onto 2nd St., 2nd Left onto MN 3 S/Dahomey Ave., Continue onto 2nd Ave NW. Mill will be on the right.

Mill 3 to Farm 4 ( Fossum Family Farm 5445 320th St W Northfield 651.307.1483) 15 minutes. Head north on 2nd Ave NW toward 15th ST. NW, Continue onto MN 3N Turn left onto 320th ST. W, farm will be on your right.

Farm 4 to Farm 6 ( Barn Quilt Farm 702 23st. SW Rochester 507.261.8649 ) 1 hour. Head east on 320th St W, turn right onto MN 3S, turn left onto Northfield Blvd., turn right onto US 52 S, continue onto 52 S. Take exit 53 for 16th St SW towards Cty 25, right onto 16th St. SW, right onto Mayowood Rd SW, Take 2nd left onto 20th St SW, right onto 5th Ave SW, right onto 23rd St. SW. Farm will be on the left.

Farm 6 to Farm 5 ( Rockie Top Acres 12738 Cty. Rd. 2 Spring Valley 507.261.9894) 28 minutes. Head east on 23rd ST SW, 1st left onto 5th Ave SW, 2nd right onto 21st St SW, 2nd right onto S. Broadway, merge onto US-52 S towards Preston, take 11th Ave SE exit, right onto 11th ave SE/Co. Rd. Se/Simpson Rd. Se, continue onto Co Hwy 1 for 13 miles, then turn RIGHT to go west onto Cty Rd 2. Farm on Cty Rd 2.

## CONTACT

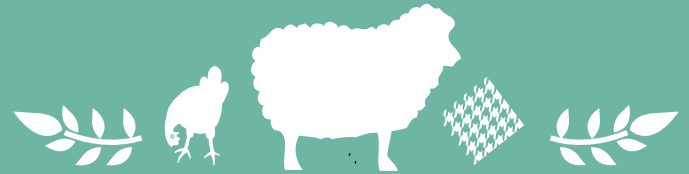
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FREE Admission to Farms, Mill, Presentation & Reception. REGISTRATION required for Presentation, Reception & Workshop.  
FEE only for Workshop at: .fiberfarmtour.com  
**Demonstration info at fiberfarmtour.com**

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# SHEEP & FIBER FARM TOUR

SUSTAINABLE | NATURAL | LOCAL - DEMONSTRATIONS - YARN - TEXTILES - SHEEP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 9-5PM  
WWW.FIBERFARMTOUR.COM - FACEBOOK.COM/SHEEPFIBERFARMTOUR



Today, in a historic mill nestled along the banks of the Cannon River in MN, a 149-year-old story is still being woven. **Here you'll find wool blankets, throws, and accessories being made with proudly maintained standards that stretch back to 1865.** While our products are current and forward thinking, the techniques and machinery used to make them are virtually unchanged. The Mill is now in the hands of a 5th generation of craftspeople who weave luxurious fibers and American pride together into something very special. Mill Tour info on [fiberfarmtour.com](http://fiberfarmtour.com)



**NO 3**

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**FARIBAULT WOOLEN MILL**  
FARIBAULT, MINN

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1500 NW 2ND AVENUE  
PH: 507.412.5510  
[FARIBAULTMILL.COM](http://FARIBAULTMILL.COM)



**NO 5**

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**ROCKIE TOP ACRES**  
SPRING VALLEY, MINN

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12738 COUNTY 2  
PH: 507.261.9894  
[ROCKIETOPACRES.COM](http://ROCKIETOPACRES.COM)

Rockie Top Acres is a family run farm offering both huacaya and suri alpacas. An array of other animals are also on our farm with CVM sheep being our newest addition. **Our goal is to raise healthy and happy animals while excelling in premium fiber.** We have a retail store offering alpaca products and merchandise along with selling raw fleece.



**NO 4**

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**FOSSUM FAMILY FARM**  
NORTHFIELD, MINN

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5445 320TH ST. W  
PH: 507.645.0365  
[FOSSUMFAMILYFARM.COM](http://FOSSUMFAMILYFARM.COM)

The Fossum Family Farm is home to alpacas, yaks and The Alpaca Farm Store. We started out raising Suri and Huacaya approx. 10 yrs. ago and recently added yaks to our farm. Our focus is producing high quality fiber to be transformed into high quality products. Fiber is available in various stages including raw, batts, yarn and finished products as well as fiber demonstrations including the FeltLOOM needle felting machine. **Stop on out and see why we raise these beautiful animals!**



**NO 6**

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**BARN QUILT FARM**  
ROCHESTER, MINN.

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507.261.8649  
702 23RD ST. SW  
[BARNQUILTFARM.COM](http://BARNQUILTFARM.COM)

Barn Quilt Farm is a peaceful 10½ acre family farm nestled in the heart of Southwest Rochester. **Stroll the farm looking at the colorful barn quilts on each of our outbuildings while you mingle with llamas, alpacas, angora rabbits, chickens, and rare heritage CVM sheep.** Raw and spun fibers will be available for sale.

**JANICE ARNOLD International Felt Artist**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9-5PM: WORKSHOP. MINNESOTA MARINE ART MUSEUM  
800 Riverview Drive, Winona, Minn. 507.474.6626 [mmam.org](http://mmam.org)  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1PM: PRESENTATION AND LECTURE. 2:30: RECEPTION FOR JANICE  
ANDERSON CENTER, 163 Tower View Drive, Red Wing, Minn. 651.388.2009, [andersoncenter.org](http://andersoncenter.org)

Janice studied feltmaking with Kyrgyz and Mongolian nomads and created pieces for: **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundaton, Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt Muesum, NY, Cirque du Soleil, Wolfgang Puck restaurant Cut, the Key Arena Seattle Center, the Grand Rapids Art Museum and the Los Angeles and New York City Operas.** Numerous other eshibits, commissions and guest lectures across the nation and internationally. Visit her work at :[www.JAFelt.com](http://www.JAFelt.com) view Janice on Martha Stewart:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZhkiYdl4qg>

**WORKSHOP:** Time Travel with the Art of FELTmaking: Learn how to make FELT like a nomad, and translate it into a modern aesthetic. The workshop will address the history and techniques of the traditional feltmaking process through discussion and images based on research and travels in Central Asia and Mongolia. Participants will complete a FELT sampler that demonstrates both the simplicity and complexity of FELT, while gaining an insight into Central Asian FELT processes. In the afternoon Janice will also demonstrate a variety of techniques and tools she has used in her experimental FELT installations. This workshop is intended for beginners and those with experience who are interested in a deeper understanding of the rich traditions surrounding the Universe of FELT. Janice will also teach tips on how to document your work samples, and give you suggestions on what to try next with your newly found skills. Wear clothes that may get wet. (A change of clothes is always recommended).

**PRESENTATION:** How Visions become Reality: FELT as a Functional and Decorative Art. This presentation will focus on my personal path into making Felt including inspirations, how I design, think, plan and implement my visions. It's an entertaining rocky roadway between concept, process and implementation, that includes behind the scenes views into process and challenges. I will cover a wide range of my no-table projects and installations: including **Cirque du Soleil, Palace Yurt - Fashioning FELT at the Cooper-Hewitt, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Samples will be on display.**

