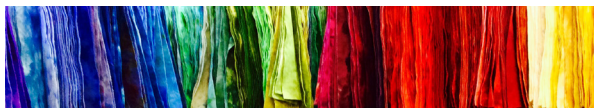
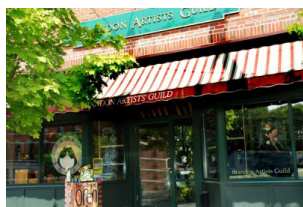


7 For a traditional rug-hooking shop and the studio of Nancy Jewett, visit **Fluff & Peachy Bean Designs** at 1736 Wheeler Rd. Designer, colorist, and teacher Nancy Jewett is internationally known for her whimsical original designs and vibrant dyed-wool fabric. Her teaching specialties are color planning, designing, and dying, including shibori technique. Her shop offers original patterns, hand-dyed wool, rug-hooking supplies, beeline cutters, sari ribbon, and a gallery of Nancy's rugs. nancydjewett@yahoo.com



Nancy Jewett

8 To visit a large collection of work by local fiber artists—as well as artists of all media—stop by the **Brandon Artists Guild** at 7 Center Street. Brandon has been called the “*Art and Soul of Vermont*” because of the work of a dynamic, vibrant, and varied collection of over 40 artists that belong to the Brandon Artists Guild. Exhibit space is open to the public six days a week (closed Mondays) throughout the year. No tour of galleries is complete without a visit to this community of artists whose reputations extend far beyond the borders of this very special state. brandonartistsguild.org

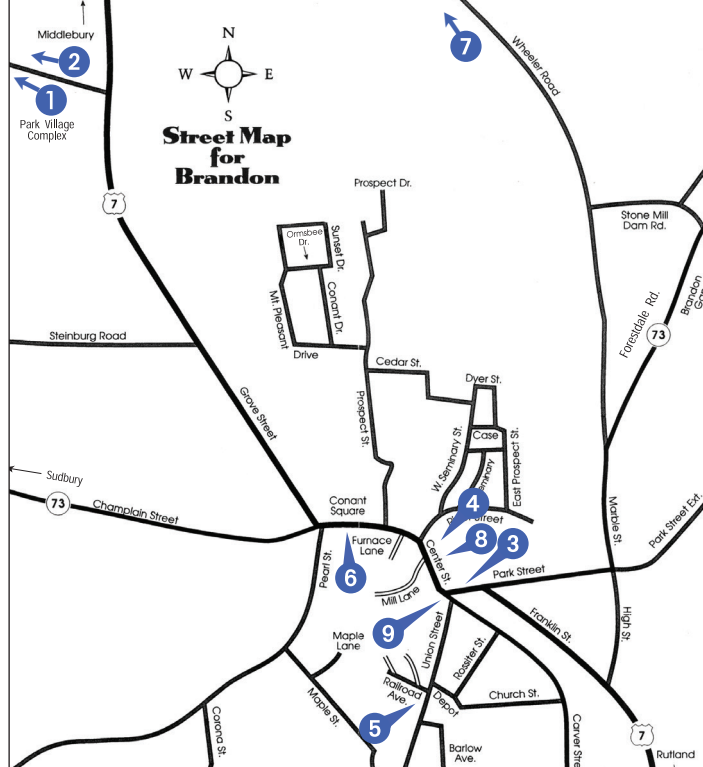


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9 Another way to enjoy a collection of our wonderful artisans and farmers in one place is to visit the **Brandon Farmers' Market**. The Market takes place on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., late May to early October each year. With many local farmers and artisans, it features local foods and products such as candles, soap, and syrups, but also hand-spun yarn, fiber, and crocheted, knitted and woven wearable and decorative works.



Brandon Farmers' Market



- 1 **Maple View Farm Alpacas:** 185 Adams Road
- 2 **Vermont Fiber Mill:** 185 Adams Road
- 3 **Creative Fiber Designs:** 12 Park Street
- 4 **The Home Shop:** 39 Center Street
- 5 **Swan & Stone Millinery:** 29 Union Street
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FIBERS...CREATIVITY...CONNECTIVITY

In Brandon our assets are not only our historic downtown and accessible location, but also our community of people. Creative and hardworking, with an appreciation of tradition and a connection to the natural world, there are many businesses and individuals in and around Brandon working and creating with fibers: wool, fabrics, and wood. Here is a thread we can follow to celebrate what connects us: **Brandon Homespun. The art and craft of working with fibers and fabrics.**

In October 2014, Brandon joined other Vermont communities and artists as a destination for American Crafts Week. We were thrilled to be honored with special recognition by receiving their coveted *Star Award* as a Top Event of 2014.

Brandon's history is richly woven with creativity and resourcefulness. Now you can also weave your way through the fabric of our community and experience the art and craft of working with fibers and fabrics. These lost arts are alive and thriving in fascinating and fashionable ways. Explore the many and varied fiber artisans of Brandon working with wools, alpaca, and other animal fibers; with woods and plants; and with cotton textiles to create homespun wearables, furniture, and fine art. You can visit the farms where fiber animals are raised, tour a mill that processes fiber, shop for supplies, and meet the people who are creating both one-of-a-kind works of art and goods that travel the world.

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE:

1 If you are interested in the origins of animal fibers, **Maple View Farm Alpacas** breeds and sells high-quality alpacas and alpaca products. Visitors can learn about these gentle, intelligent creatures and purchase luxurious wearables by visiting their farm, located on 100 scenic acres just 2.5 miles north of downtown Brandon. Call 802-247-5412 for an appointment or visit 185 Adams Rd. (left off of Arnold District Rd.). mapleviewfarmalpacas.com



Maple View Farm

2 To see animal fiber being prepared for use, visit **Vermont Fiber Mill**, on the grounds of the Maple View Alpaca Farm at 185 Adams Rd., by calling 802-236-9158. Vermont Fiber Mill & Studio offers custom processing of fiber into high-quality batts, roving, yarn, and felt. Create your own works of art by renting their in-studio felt loom by the hour. vermontfibermill.com



Vermont Fiber Mill

3 Find your inner artist. For materials to make your own masterpieces or for finished products, **Creative Fiber Designs** is located in the center of town at 12 Park St. The shop caters to crocheters, knitters, quilters, embroidery artists, rug hookers, needle pointers, and more. It offers a variety of high-quality fabric and notions, a line of locally and custom-produced fiber, craft kits, and various tools for sewing, spinning, and felting, as well as patterns and instructions. creativefiberdesigns.org 802-247-8777



Creative Fiber Designs

4 Also downtown, at 39 Center St., **The Home Shop** carries Brandon-made, Vermont-made, US-made and Fair trade decorative items. Included are hand-woven placemats and towels, natural-fiber rugs, handmade books and journals, and turned wood and woodworking products by several local woodworkers. thehomeshopvt.com 802-465-1817



The Home Shop

5 Visit an old-world millinery studio and shop for one-of-a-kind fashion hats at **Swan & Stone Millinery** at 29 Union St. Upstairs in the millinery studio, feast your eyes on the beautiful wooden hat blocks, the explosion of colorful silks and feathers, and a multitude of hats and fascinators in various stages of completion. Downstairs is a room that doubles as both felting studio and retail space, where visitors can choose from a wide array of beautiful handmade hats. swanandstone.com 802-318-6853



Swan & Stone Millinery

6 In the **Judith Reilly Fabric Art and Rug Gallery** you can view and shop for exquisite and intricately pieced "fabric paintings" and artist-designed hooked rugs.

Judith's gallery resides in an intriguing 200-year-old home at 24 Conant Square and exhibits her original 3-dimensional fabric works created from layer upon layer of colorful fabric and thread. Her hooked rugs exhibit the same spirit, a whimsical representation of life: landscapes, architecture, farms, barns, gardens, home, and nature, with a view into the genuine and gentle ways we live. You will also find reproductions of her work in prints and note cards, and other artist-created accessories. judithreilly.com



Judith Reilly