



Mood: SPRING 2023 – GROW

Proposals due by: **MARCH 1, 2023**

This issue is all about growth, and we want it to encompass all that grow can mean: your spinning journey, your personal growth, growing your prepping/dyeing/spinning skills, growing dye gardens, growing fleeces, growing your community, growing your stash, growing your tool library, and on and on.

From the very moment we first touch a spindle or sit at a wheel, we start to grow as spinners. It never stops; we're always learning, fine-tuning our skills, and finding new things about fiber to be excited about.

We want to know how you have grown as a spinner. Has it been serendipity or something more pointed and planned? How long have you been spinning, and what has your journey been like?

Do you grow fiber to spin or dye? Tell us about your dye garden, about growing cotton and other fibers to spin. How do you start? How much space do you need? Is it worth it? Tell us your growing secrets!

When does a spinner need another spindle or wheel? How do you know when you're ready to acquire a new, maybe fancier or more complex, spinning tool? How do you choose? Are there beginner wheels, advanced wheels, spindles you start with or evolve into? How do you choose which you need and which make or model to buy? How do you develop the skills to be excellent? Do you take classes and workshops, support patrons, or subscribe to clubs? Do you have a spinning certification? Can you tell us about the process and if it was worth it for you?

Perhaps you began with commercially prepared fiber and then moved into buying and preparing fleece. Do you have advice on working with fleeces? Choosing? Washing? Prepping? What about fibers that grow after you spin and finish them? For instance, Polwarth – how do you spin it to control or maximize the poof? What about crimp and yarn? Can it help grow bigger yarns? What about plies? Structure? Finishing?

If it's about growth and growing, we'd love to hear about it.

Submit your ideas here: <https://plymagazine.com/contribute/write-for-ply/>

We want your ideas, art work, projects, and spins!

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We'll get back to you in February and final work is due September 1, 2023.

Thanks, Jacey