

Ahhh, beautiful FALL! And judging from the frost reports already, some good weather for woolens too!

Please note the date changes for the October and November meetings for the regular group. Holidays falling on our second Mondays necessitated the changes, plus we thought it would be fun to combine the November meetings with the Saturday group for an especially gala occasion!

OCTOBER 15 MEETING (not 8th as previously planned): This will be a *POTPOURRI* of things we've been hankering to do, along with some problem-solving. Maria Steve will be teaching coiled baskets, so bring the supplies on the instruction sheet at the end of this Newsletter. Suzie Hokanson will show the use of crocheted borders. This is to be a good IDEA SHARING session and we want you to bring something, including problems, to the meeting. (This might be just the thing to prime you for the November meeting! See below.)

As usual, the meeting is at the Tin Can (near Stewart Park), 10 a.m.-? . Parking is allowed at the Tourist Booth now Refreshments: Marion Wikoff and Toby Chambliss. See you there!

NOVEMBER 17 MEETING (a Saturday, not the 12th as previously planned): Our annual gala *CRITIQUED SHOW* and *Election of Officers* for 1980. Every year we have a show, with a "judge" who reviews our work and gives us (constructive) suggestions/criticisms. There are no prizes, but it is a wonderful opportunity to have some outside help, see what we all have been doing during the year, and talk about the things we've made. This has been one of our nicest meetings in years past! Bring your projects, finished and unfinished, with a card attached giving information about the item(s) such as sheep breed or dye for hand-spun, something about the pattern or weave, perhaps noting a problem (solved or not), and having your name on it is fine. Our "judge" for this year will be JEAN TRAVERS of Thistle-down fame. She is a past president of that guild, having started it with several other spinners about six years ago, and a superb spinner. She was also instrumental in starting the Thistledown Spinning Seminar, in Norwich, which many of us head for each year. This will be a terrific meeting! Bring a friend and your projects!

Where: Northeast School, on Winthrop Drive. Hours: 12 noon (on the dot!) to 4 p.m. The Monday and Saturday Groups will be meeting together for this -- a rare treat to see each other and share ideas! We will all be looking forward to this -- a great change of pace for all of us!! For those who aren't sure where the school is, here are some directions: From Rt. 13 and the Ithaca area, take Rt. 13 toward Dryden (going east), turn right onto Warren Road at the set of stoplights near the airport (sign is visible from Rt. 13). Winthrop is past the BOCES/Dewitt Jr. High and there is a sign. Turn right and the road takes you around and down to the school. Easy! If you are coming from the Dryden/Rt. 38 area, take Rt. 13 toward Ithaca (going west) and take a left at the stoplights when you've passed the airport. You'll be on Warren Road and proceed as above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. This is an important time for us. These people will be leading/supporting/representing the Guild in the next year. And planning/implementing programs and activities with your help and ideas. Need we say more... The Nominating Committee is in charge of developing and presenting a slate of officers to the Guild at the November meeting for our vote. It is important that you communicate your wishes for officers to that committee as soon as possible, so they may develop this slate. Some officers wish to continue, some do not -- in all, we have nine positions to fill (descriptions on next page). Nominating Committee: Nancy Morey (272-6391), Alice Wood (273-7191), and Suzie Hokanson (849-3345). Please do get in touch with them, especially if you have been wanting a particular position in the Guild, and let them know who YOU want!

The positions are as follows, with somewhat abbreviated descriptions (These also appear in your trusty Guild Constitution...) President - presides at all business meetings of the Guild. And does a lot of coordinating; is the major "contact person" of the Guild.) Vice President - assists the President, presides at meetings in the absence of the President, and is program chairman. Treasurer - collects authorized dues and fees, makes any disbursements as authorized by the Treasurer and President or Vice President. (Basically, the bookkeeper.) Recording Secretary - keeps a record of the business meetings, has charge of the Guild library. (Duties have been flexible on this, with the Guild usually having a separate librarian.) Corresponding Secretary - carries on the correspondence of the Guild, edits and produces the newsletter and publicity materials, and maintains the mailing list of the Guild. Three-Person Nominating Committee - present a slate of officers at the November business meeting to be voted upon by the membership. (They also create the next three-person nominating committee.) The ninth position is the Guild Librarian -- who maintains the library housed in two sturdy boxes -- and in the past, this has been a "political appointment" position! Officers take effect January 1, 1980.

Speak to your Nominating Committee, and we look forward to another good slate of officers for the coming year! *See you on November 17th at Northeast School!!!*

Speaking of the Guild library, with it now serving both the Monday and Saturday groups, Paula Curtin is earnestly asking for some help with central housing of it in Ithaca to make transporting of the material easier. If you can provide the space/assistance and live in the Ithaca area, please call either Paula (387-9488) or Gretchen Sachse to arrange for this. It would be an enormous help to Paula and Guild members...

BE THINKING as to where you'd like to meet for the Monday Group's CHRISTMAS PARTY meeting on December 10 --- held usually at a member's home, dish-to-pass, and with ornaments for a tree from your handspun. A nice, festive time for us! We'll need to decide shortly.

SATURDAY GROUP. The next meeting will be October 27 at Jean Currie's (2873 Elmira Road). To get there from Ithaca, take the Elmira Road and go about 6 miles past the Newfield turnoff. Her name and number are on the mailbox -- it is a redwood-colored house on the left. There is plenty of parking in back. If you get to that spectacular 1883 barn (and you will know what we mean if you get to it!), you have passed Jean's house by about 1/2 mile. Go back. If you get really lost, her telephone is 564-9346. Again, the Saturday Group has been having (highly successful) "help-your-neighbor" sessions.

Their November 17 meeting adds us Monday'ers to the group for a GOOD DAY of projects, visiting, etc.! It will be LOTS OF FUN and SHARING -- the Saturday Group has been pretty prolific!!!

MANY THANKS to Alice Wood and friends (doggy and otherwise) for a nice "Putting on the Dog" program in October. We had a chance to spin a good variety of pooches -- samoyed, collie, poodle, English sheep dog, keeshond, and Heinz (57 varieties). Alice had worked very hard, spinning up a number of interesting skeins for showing, with varying mixtures of dog/wool blends to illustrate what happens to character of a yarn with different quantities of fiber. (Doloria Chapin, I believe, says that about 10% of a fiber lends the character of that fiber to the yarn noticeably, as a rule of thumb.) Jean Nowack had kindly provided some of the various dog fibers and they were most interesting to feel, sniff, and spin! Alice also dyed some fur with jewelweed and got some nice colors. It was an extra special day -- thank you again, Alice!!

CONGRATULATIONS from all of us go out to Dora Swart who has received her Master Spinning Certificate from the Blackburns' spinning school in Canada. She has spent much time and hard work in pursuit of this certificate and we know how much it means to her! HOORAH for Dora!! It is truly a dream come true!!! Perhaps we can tell you more about it in the next Newsletter... It would be interesting to hear about the standards, criteria, and demands of such a certificate, and it is one of a kind!

AD SECTION

LIVE IT UP -- SPIN A RABBIT!! Angora Rabbit Wool -- white. \$1.00 per package, postpaid. Write: Kit Rowan, 604 53rd Street, Montrose, Colo. 81401. 1/3

IT'S TIME TO "THINK CHRISTMAS!" Start weaving a gift or plan to give a weaver friend a tool she needs or wants. THE TABBY SHOP can help with cotton and linen yarns, shuttles, tapestry tools, and looms. Harrisville Design 4-Harness Kits on hand. Come and see their new 8-harness loom, too. Mildred Scudder, 273-3308. 1/3

FOR SALE: Black wool, \$1.00 per pound. Does anyone have a pair of carders for medium wool to sell or exchange for an equal amount of black wool? Call Joanne VanVleet, 607/869-5902 (evenings only), or meet with me at the Saturday Guild meetings. *3/3*

HERITAGE CRAFT SHOP. We have mordants, natural dyes, Ciba Dyes for animal and cellulose fibers, yarns (weaving, knitting), wheels, looms and accessories, books and more! Open regular hours (Mon - Sat, 10am - 5pm). Call or send SASE for list of fall classes. SEE YOU AT THE THISTLEDOWN SEMINAR! (607/844-4381 or P.O. Box 492, Dryden, N.Y. 13053. 2/3

DROP SPINDLER TIRED OF DROPPING and ready for wheel! Wanted, in good condition, used spinning wheel. Ashford, preferred. Please write: Annita Andrick, P.O. Box 463, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. 1/3

SILK FIBERS -- Beautiful white and tussah in combed and carded rovings. Send SASE for free samples and price list. Cocoons, waste silk, silk hankies, spindles, and flicker-combs also. FALLBROOK HOUSE, RD #2 - Box 17, Troy, PA 16947. (717/297-2498) 7/9

FRESHLY SHORN FLEECES FOR SALE. Skirted, clean (no burdocks!). Corriedales at \$2.00/lb. Three black fleeces at \$3.00/lb. Yearling ewes with nice crimp and staple. Several nice registered Nubian dairy goats for sale also. DHI tested. Show quality. Call or write: Charlotte Altmann, P.O. Box 261, McGraw, N.Y. 13101. (607/849-6965) *3/3*

ASTERISKS means your ad has ended with us -- time to renew or place another! Deadline for ad copy is the second Monday of each month, with the BSHG Newsletter coming out about 8-10 times per year. Rates are 50¢ per ad, or 3/\$1.00. For more information or to place your ad: Jean Warholic, 280 Ringwood Road, Freeville, N.Y. 13068. (607/539-7648, evenings)

THE GUILD CARDING MACHINE is available to members at \$5.00/month (washed wool only, please). The sign-ups for this are slow right now -- this is your chance! THE GUILD SPINNING WHEEL (Ashford) is also available, at \$8.00/month. Call Marion Wikooff (607/387-5410) to sign up for either of these, or see her at the regular Monday Guild meetings. (BSHG ad)

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NEW MEMBERS, AND OLD. We have a new (Inactive) member from afar: Christine LeMar, 4409 18th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140. (414/652-5609) Christine is a professional spinner and weaver; she uses an improved electric spinner that her father invented (itvappears in Paula Simmons' book, along with Christine and some of her pen pals). Wouldn't that spinner be interesting to see?! Wish you were closer, Christine! (A workshop possibility?)

New addresses/telephone numbers for: Judi Becker-Greenfield is now at Box 259A -- RD #2, Marathon, N.Y. 13803 (849-6062). Toby Chambliss et al are now at 402-5 Winston Court, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. (257-7801).

We hear that Kathy Tunnell may be leaving soon, or have left? Kathy?

And MaryAnn Vogt had a bouncing baby boy (Michael) over the summer. (We wondered what was keeping her so busy!) Hope we see you and Michael soon...

Spinners do it with a little twist!

STATE FAIR WINNERS. Guild members -- we are proud of you! -- are designated by an asterisk (*). The Fair did have LOTS of entries (they said, but no numbers were given) in the yarn categories, but not many in the garment categories. They definitely plan to keep both in next year's competition, though! So all you who resolved to do better for next year, now is the time to start planning -- there is a long, cold winter ahead and time to do it!

Proficiency of spin - 1st: Mary Anne Lynch.* 2nd: Kathryn Nash, Tully. 3rd: Jane L. Allen, Tully. 4th: Doloria Chapin, Fabius.

Yarns for clothing - 1st: Mary Anne Lynch, Binghamton.* 2nd: Libby Llop, Locke.* 3rd: Jean Warholic, Freeville.* 4th: Roberta Miglin, Stittville.

Heavy Duty Yarns - 1st: Mary Anne Lynch, Binghamton.* 2nd: Kathryn Nash, Tully. 3rd: Roberta Miglin, Stittville. 4th: Nancy Jean Leahy, Whitney Point.*

Adult handspun garment - 1st: Patricia Henward, Manlius. 2nd: Roberta Miglin, Stittville. 3rd: Susan Manes, Cazenovia. 4th: Nancy Jean Leahy, Whitney Point.* Honorable Mention: Libby Llop, Locke* and Marty Bartlett, North Syracuse.

Empire State Shepards Assoc. award for handspun yarn - Doloria Chapin, Fabius.

Woolhaven award - Patricia Henward, Manlius.

The entries in the weaving categories (traditional + contemporary) were disappointing, we hear. Just for the record, for those who are interested, the winners were: Traditional - 1st, Marilyn Brown, Baldwinsville; 2nd, Laurie Roberts, Aurora; 3rd, Nanette Brule, Syracuse. Contemporary - 1st, Myra Jane Brown, Baldwinsville (also received HGA Award); 2nd, Judith McNally-warner, Fabius; and 3rd, Laurel M. Moranz, Syracuse. Few entries this year.

We should also mention that Nancy Jean Leahy of our Guild won a 1st for her handsome braided rug and a 2nd for her "something-from-nothing" --- and indeed it was about as something-from-nothing as one can get (ask her!). When you see these people, give them a big pat on the shoulder! The State Fair competition is gaining in interest and possibilities -- and ALL of us who participate, whether we win or not, help keep it going and give it credence. It was interesting to note that there were only two non-wool entries that placed this year (wonder if more were entered?). In case you had not heard who judged this year: Scott Severance. *C'mon, spin up a skein for next year... or two, or three!*

COUNTY FAIR, as long as we are on the subject... From all signs and rumors - there will be none anymore. The Agricultural & Horticultural Assoc. has decided not to continue the effort, for financial as well as lack-of-interest reasons. For those of us who've given it much hardwork and time, it is hard to see it go -- county fairs can be such fun and a real community/county event. At least, they still are in other areas... Remember, you do not have to be a county resident to enter in a fair -- any of you out there willing to work for handspun yarn categories in the Cortland County Fair? (Or how about the Trumansburg Fair?) Keep us posted!!!

WANTED: Papers for publication on traditional crafts to be reviewed for possible inclusion in the Madison County Historical Society annual program, Studies in Traditional American Crafts. Contact John H. Braunlein, Director, Madison County Historical Society, 435 Main Street, Oneida, N.Y. 13421.

A WOOL FLEECE DIRECTORY is being compiled, to be of interest to spinning teachers, shops, and the serious handspinner. It will have pictures and over 40 samples of fleece, along with pertinent facts about specific fleece sample and sheep breed (plus angora goat, angora rabbit, etc). It will also include a directory of advertisers who sell fleece, breeding stock, or have shops and catalogs. There is a bit more to it than that -- \$5.00 will get your name listed -- for more information see the post-sheet that Jean Warholic (539-7648) received, or send an SASE to: Adventure Hill, Box 264, Clinton, NY 08809. (201/638-8609). Deadline for all this is basically NOW...

WARP SIZING RECIPE. We thought we'd better reiterate it, in case you got home and couldn't read your handwriting when you copied it, or in case you misplaced it. This comes from that remarkable Paula Simmons, Suquamish, Washington, and is the recipe that Gretchen Sachse has been working with... (*read through it before beginning to work!*)

Basic recipe: Soak 6 Tbsp granules for several hours in 2 cups cold water. Add 2 cups boiling water, stir well. Makes one quart liquid sizing. For larger quantities, increase all measurements accordingly.

To Size Warp Chains: Immerse warp chains in hot sizing, one at a time. Wring them out through a roller-type wringer if available, or wring out well by hand. Hang sized warp chains out to dry completely before warping onto loom. This sizing washes out easily after weaving.

Leftover sizing liquid keeps well in refrigerator; heat it to re-liquify it for use. Wash all utensils with very hot water. Do not lay wet warp chains on anything to which they could stick, as they are drying, for sizing is a form of glue. Hanging over clothesline works well, or stretched between porch railings or trees. If they are unchained to dry, they will have no kinks in them. If wringing out the chains through hand roller-type wringer, be sure chains are not made too thick to go through easily. Divide the width of your warp into several chains for ease in handling, wringing out, and faster drying. Wash off wringer with hot water after using.

Clip this recipe and save it -- after doing your warp, that is! And remember, get back to Gretchen Sachse with the results of your weaving with sized handspun just as soon as you can -- it is information to be used in the seminar program at Thistledown, in October...

Interweave magazine now has a new column in each issue, entitled "Know Your Fleece" by Linda Walker, a sheep breeder and spinner. You might want to look at it, at the next meeting!

ERNEST AND FLORENCE HALL of Redrock Farm, Keymar, Maryland, are retiring from the sheep business. Their black and white flocks will be sold at auction, Saturday, October 13, at their farm. Anyone interested in finely bred sheep should find it well-worth the trip. The Halls have had an exceptional flock and key people in the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, especially with the "black" wools. It is always hard to see such marvelous people give up their sheep... The Halls will be at the Thistledown seminar, October 20-21, in Norwich, sharing their years of experience in breeding and raising black sheep.

EVER WONDER why breeds of sheep from the rest of the world take so long (if ever) to come into the U.S.? The Shepard (July 1979), in reporting on the resumption of live sheep imports from Australia after a two-year ban, comments:

"These imports will not come cheap since the cost of quarantine (30 days at \$25 per day, plus feed, etc.) and the overseas charges on 200-head shipments some pretty high for crossbreeds -- which these will be."

The quarantine takes place at the USDA's Honolulu Station. Then you have the cost of reaching the mainland. Small wonder that new sheep breeds come here from Canada, after establishment there...

FOR OUR TRAVELERS... If you go to Washington, D.C., stop and see "Nineteenth Century American Carpeting" at the Smithsonian's Museum of History of Technology, through March 1980. You might like to write for a free leaflet on the different kinds of woven carpet whether you'll get there or not: Division of Textiles, National Museum of History and Technology, 14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20560.

Old quilters never die, they just go to pieces... In which case, head for the Hinckley Foundation: They are having a show of Quilt Tops from the Caroline Historical Society collection, some of which are for sale. It opens October 6.

Last page, but not least...

DEMONSTRATIONS DEPT. At the Senior Citizens Program Fair, two groups signed up for a program of demonstrations and talk with spinners. If you are able to do either of these, contact Marion Wikoff (387-5410) immediately.

Friday, Oct. 26th -- 10:30 a.m. Lakeside Nursing Home. This will be a small group of interested patients.

Wednesday, Nov. 7th -- 10:30 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Reconstruction Home. A group with limited dexterity; they might be willing to try simple finger spinning.

Spinners who have never demonstrated might like to work with a more experienced demonstrator the first time or so. (Teams of two are more fun anyway!)

GUILD BANNER, GERBER COLOR BLANKETS or drop spindles and carders -- if you want to use any of these for demonstrations, please contact Gretchen Sachse (347-4396). They can greatly enhance any display or demonstration with little extra effort... SALES TABLE ITEMS, if you are in a situation where you can manage selling as well as demonstrating, are housed with Jean Warholic (539-7648) and easily transportable. (Also, with the Christmas season fast approaching and some selling opportunities, would anyone like to team up with Jean, or a friend, and see what selling spots we could manage and bring in some \$\$ to the Guild?)

DONNA STILES (607/257-2681) of Ithaca now offers instruction in Bobbin Lace, Tatting, Crochet, Needlepoint, and machine embroidery. She will teach small classes, too.

SPEAKING OF CLASSES, how about WORKSHOPS? We are open to suggestions for topics and speakers for future workshops. Our goal is one or two major workshops a year, bringing in an outside expert. Suggestions so far have included Paula Simmons, Hary & Olive Linder (cotton), Palmy Weigle (dyeing, double-weave, cotton spinning), and Ann Foster (kudzu as a fiber, Japanese compost indigo techniques), and felting (Doloria Chapin?). Your opinions and ideas, please! We are presently writing for fees/topics/schedules, etc. with these people and collecting information. Get your hopes and desires to Jean Warholic or Gretchen Sachse. These kinds of workshops are a real boost for us all in many ways, and we are exploring the possibilities of "piggy-backing" them with other guilds to defray costs...

WOODSEGE WOOLS (Box 464, Kingston, NJ 08528) is having a fall sale: 20% off on wools, cottons, and linens; 20% off many white and colored fleeces; dyestuffs 10% off, with special prices on Logwood, Brazilwood, Black Oak Bark, Osage Orange and Cochineal. Ask Gretchen Sachse to see their flyer or write Linda Walker at the address above.

CONSIDER a Craft Studio (North Campus Union, Cornell) membership -- you get unlimited use of the Studio and its tools, 10% discount on class fees, access to members-only sales, a newsletter, and more. \$12/year or \$7/semester for new individual members; \$8/year for renewals. A special family membership is available for \$24. Contact Randy Richter at 256-6238.

DEADLINE for the next Newsletter is November 17 -- we'll have another issue out in time for the December meeting and also announcing our new officers! Please get any material to Jean Warholic. MANY THANKS to Gretchen Sachse for many of the goodies in this Newsletter! And Patty Mutkoski, too.

TALK to your Nominating Committee and help them with officer selection! Don't forget the date changes for our October and November meetings. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful projects appearing at the November meeting -- it has been a busy year, but judging from the show-and-tells, productive too!

-- Jean Warholic (who has now contact-printed some 3800 of the 4800 glass plate negatives, and, with the end in sight, is beginning to feel a bit more human)