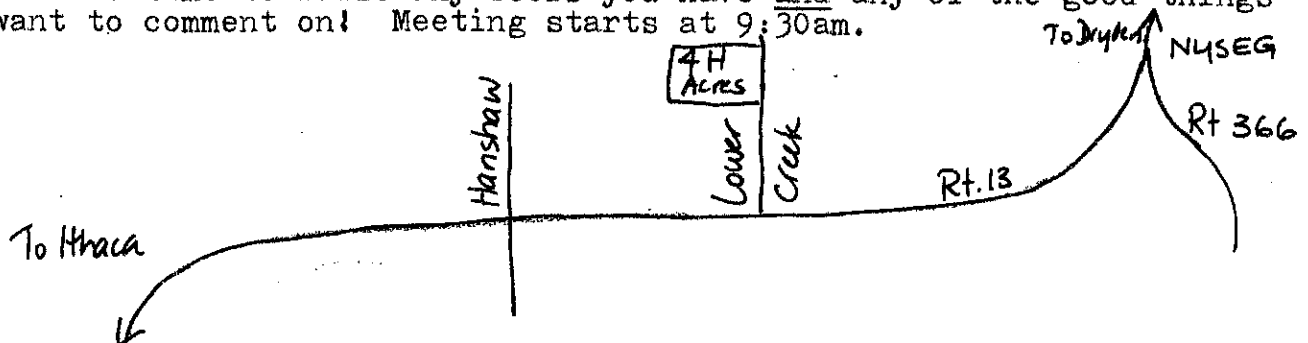

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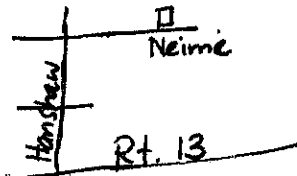
Newsletter

This is being typed to meet a deadline so things will just appear in the order in my pile - you will have to read everything to find out what is going on!

* Monday meeting on 13 September will be at the 4 H Acres on Lower Creek Road (off Route 13 between the Airport & NYSEG). There will be lots of spinning and time to talk about the Beverly Gordon workshops, the Kim Malloy workshops, the proposed constitutional amendment (& possible dues increase?) and any other business you have been wanting to bring up - this is the time to raise any beefs you have and any of the good things you want to comment on! Meeting starts at 9:30am.



* Saturday group will meet on August 28 at Mary Anne Sumner's, 107 Neimi Rd (also off Route 13 - turn into Hanshaw and take the 2nd obvious road to the right). We will try to set up some dyepots so if you have a picnic stove and fuel, any dyestuffs and some yarn, bring them along. Come at noon, bring your own lunch.



House is first on the left - log cabin.

* Remember the big meeting on 13 November - the Monday & Saturday groups have a combined meeting at the Northeast School (off Warren Rd) starting about 10am. Bring along the projects you have done this year (skeins, garments etc. etc.) - Sunny Bixby will be along to look over the projects and provide comments on them. This is a very helpful session and we all learn so much from Sunny and from each other so don't be shy about showing off anything you have done - they can be anonymous if you really insist!

* The judge for this year's NY State Fair for the handspun categories is Madaline Adkins. Hope you entered and that she will will have a good time making difficult decisions. When Jean Warholic delivered entries earlier in August, Mrs Landers (Superintendent of the Arts & Crafts Div.) was pleased with the number of entries and delighted with the enthusiasm of the handspunners for all those new categories & awards. Rumor now has it that the wavers might be trying to better their two meager - and relatively uninspiring - categories!

* The Beverly Gordon workshops are filling up fast now. (Remember, she is giving two workshops and three lectures in four days: Sept. 17-20.) If you have not sent in your registration form, do it now. If they fill up, we cannot accept walk-ins at the door... Extra forms may be had by calling Jean Warholic (607/539-7648) or sending her an SASE.

*Bro: Kim Malloy of the Benedictine order, St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad Indiana, will be giving us two workshops in early November: "Weaving with

Handspuns" on Nov. 5 (Friday) and an active, hands-on spinning workshop, "The Wheel as a Designers Tool", on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 6-7. Start spinning now if you've let it go over the summer - get those hands and heads back into shape again! These are not learn to spin or weave sessions - some experience is needed for both but you don't have to be an expert. If you feel too much of a beginner, DON'T, and remember that you have two months to get into practice. Call someone in the Guild if you need help, come to meetings with your wheel or rent the Guild wheel and get going!

We will spin mostly wool at these workshops but there will be other fibers too. Bro. Kim does a lot of cotton spinning and has been asked to spend some time teaching us more about that fiber. He will also give an informal talk on Friday night, Nov. 5, about two of his special interests, ecclesiastical weaving and weaving on the Jacquard loom. The evening is free and you don't have to be a workshop participant to attend. We are asking you to register though so that we know how many will attend. Tentatively, the workshops will be at the Varna Community Building. Registration flyers will be available by Sept. 1 with BSHG'ers having first chance to sign up before we open it up to other guilds. Membership in the Guild must be as of August 31 to qualify for the Guild discount on fees.

* On Monday, September 13 there will be a workshop on "The Basics of 19th and early 20th Century Textiles" led by Kax Wilson. This event is sponsored by the Regional Conference of Historical Agencies & the Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua and will be held at the Sonnenberg Gardens. The Workshop is a survey of American textile history - an introduction to fiber and fabric construction, identification, conservation and storage of textiles and important nomenclature. Contact RCHA at 315/682-7088 or Jean Currie at 607/564-9346 for more information & registration forms.

* Saturday, Sept. 18: Allegheny Plateau Sheep and Wool Producers' Field Day will be held at the Chenango County Fairgrounds in Norwich. Events will include: sheep auction (rams, ewes, bred ewes, replacement ewes, all breeds), Youth Sheep Show, sheepdog demonstrations and a clinic for shepherds with dogs in training, fleece show, sheep to shawl contest, display and sale of sheep equipment and supplies, fleeces and spinning supplies plus an opportunity to taste lamb burgers and lamb kabobs. For fleece show & sheep to shawl contest contact Lisa Merian, RD #1, Bainbridge, NY 13733, 607/967-8325.

* In today's mail there was a package of material from the Weaving & Spinning Council on NATIONAL SPINNING AND WEAVING WEEK October 4-10, 1982. There is a letter which could be sent to your local paper to publicize the week and any activities you or your local spinners might be doing then; there is a poster which comes in various sizes to use in publicity, you can order T shirts with the wording of the poster, or some little booklets about spinning to use as giveaways. The official statement of the week is: Purpose - Celebrating the timeless crafts of weaving and spinning, and honoring craftsmen, past and present, who perpetuate a legacy of fine handmade textiles. Perhaps at the September meeting we could work out something that the Guild could do during this week to publicize spinning and the Guild. Jean Currie has the material if you want copies.

* On Saturday, Sept. 11, there will be a program "The Arts and Crafts Movement in Central New York" to be held 9-4, at the Womens' Community Building, Cayuga and Seneca Sts., Ithaca and sponsored by Historic Ithaca. Contact Historic Ithaca, 120 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850 for more information.

* The Tangled Spinners and Weavers Guild will present "Workshop Transparencies" with Ulrike Beck on November 6, 9-4 at the Lyons Grace Episcopal Parish House. Contact Franklin Garlic, 315/946-6548 for more info.

* An absolutely luscious (but then I am biased!) brochure showed up the other day about a trip to New Zealand which will include a visit to the National Woolcrafts Festival, 1983. There will be visits to some exciting scenic attractions as well. Tour cost (which includes just about everything) is \$2700. Check with Jean Currie if you are interested!

* Also received recently was a package of material from the Empire State Crafts Alliance (a group of people working together to change the role of crafts in the culture of New York State). There are now over 400 members committed to building a higher visibility for contemporary crafts, encouraging the development of new markets for the work of craftspeople, sponsoring programs that contribute to improved quality of craftwork & new options for craftspeople. There is a newsletter (Information), a registry of craftspeople, a research and referral service, workshops and meetings. Regular membership is \$20, with various discounts according to age etc. or a newsletter subscription only for \$9. Call Jean Currie if you want more information on this group - I will try to get a sample copy of the newsletter.

* In a recent issue of the Smithsonian Magazine there was an interesting article on livestock-guarding dogs including Komondors and the Shar Planinetz. The author points out that from two types of livestock management (grazing as in Britain or New Zealand) and flocking as in the "Old World") there developed two types of sheepdog, herding and guarding. He also goes on to develop an interesting evolutionary story about the various types of domesticated dogs being derived by a process of neoteny or retarding of development at some juvenile stage. Check out the April, 1982 issue at your local public library - it has some beautiful pictures.

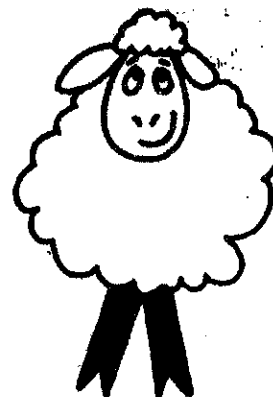
* A new addition to the Guild Library is the INTERGUILD DIRECTORY, 1982-83 published by the Northwest Pennsylvania Spinners and Weavers Guild. This directory has details about spinners and weavers available to do workshops in PA and NY - check this out if you are looking for a possible program.

* By next month I hope to have my act together enough to be able to give you a list of new members since the earlier membership list - welcome to you all - you will know who you are!

That's the end of my pile

Jean

**NATIONAL
SPINNING
& WEAVING
WEEK**
OCTOBER 4-10 1982



ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Black Finn-Dorset ram lamb, December born, ready to breed. Nice fleece and good conformation. Both his sire and dam are black. Also grey ram lamb, 3/4 Finn, 1/8 Morlam, 1/8 Dorset, twin born. Dam (black) has beautiful fine soft fleece and lambs every 6-8 months; sire (grey) is aggressive year round breeder. Reasonable. Also other black and white part Finn ram lambs for meat prices. MARIANNE HORCHLER, RD #1, GENOA, NY 13071. 315/497-1542 1/3

FOR SALE: 2 Finn Dorset cross ewes, 18 months old plus their 2 ewe lambs (crossed with Morlam). Contact Pam Marquette, 607/739-5006 2/3

SPINNING supplies - come try the little Charkha wheel that folds into a book, only \$36.00! Try the new Camelot wheel from New Zealand or the beautiful Moss Saxony wheel handcrafted locally. We will have Ashford, Picardy and Penguin wheels, carders, drop spindles niddy noddies, bobbins, ballwinders and more. Get a jumbo flyer for your Ashford, only \$29. New color poster featuring 18 breeds. Clean colored fleeces and carded cotton. Many spinning books. Call or write for price list or see MARIANNE HORCHLER at a Monday meeting. We sell at the shop, 18 miles north of Ithaca, 20 miles west of Cortland) or by mail. Free delivery to Ithaca area. THE WOOLERY, R.D.#1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542 1/3

FOR SALE: 2 black French Angora bucks, born Feb. 17, 1982. \$15 each. 3 black English Angora, born Feb. 1982, \$20 each. CONNIE CUMMINGS, Black River Rd., Watertown, NY 13601. 315/788-3986 2/3

FOR SALE: Sunbeam electric sheep shears, brand new, \$60.00. Original cost \$120. Klaus Holand, 1704 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. 607/277-3872 2/3

SILK - Beautiful Bombyx Mori and Tussahs - Books - Pennsylvania Cherry equipment. Send \$6.95 for generous samples of 19 silk fiber forms including Italian rovings, Mawata, Thrown waste, cocoons, Keba, Frisson. Descriptive information and directions. SASE for price list. FALLBROOK HOUSE, RD #2 Box 17, Troy PA 16947 5/9

INDIGO SUPPLIES to keep you in the blue... Natural indigo patties, synthetic indigo, and Spectralite. May be purchased at meetings, or call or write: Jean Warholc, 280 Ringwood Road, Freeville, NY 13068. (607/539-7648) 1/3

BEGINNERS get a headstart on a project for the November meeting. My SPIN-A-CAP PACKET contains 4 oz. of white machine-carded wool and 2 oz. of black ramney wool in the grease which should be enough for a simple cap. It costs \$5. from Will Sachse and can be brought to a regular or Saturday meeting if you call ahead, 347-4396. 2/3

SUMMER SAMPLER of vegetable and silk fibres provides goodly samples of ginned pima cotton, cotton sliver, flax sliver, rayon, ramie noil, mawata silk, and tussah silk sliver. Try something different for a change. \$5. from Will Sachse - call 347-4396. 2/3

RAINBOW DYED wool, mohair, cotton, and silk. These vibrant colors are available in fleeces, tops, roving, and/or yarns. Write or call me to find out what is currently available - or see me at Guild meetings. Nancy Morey, P.O. Box 48, Chenango Bridge, New York, 13745, (607) 648-6255. 2/3

FOR SALE: 60" 16-harness LeClerc Nilaert Loom with double sectional warp beams, flying shuttle, treadles hooked in rear. Sue Beevers, Longview Farm Spinning and Weaving, Ltd., P.O. Box 214, Clinton, NY 13333. (315/853-3527)

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADS FOR THE NEWSLETTER? You can run an ad 3 times for \$1.00 or 1 time for .50¢. Send you ad and the money to: Jean Currie, 2873 Elmira Rd., Newfield, NY 14867