

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD  
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Winter has finally come and those who were complaining about the lack of snow should be more than happy by now! Perhaps the cold and icy roads will tend to keep us homebound and make us spend more time spinning!

The DECEMBER meeting was enjoyed by all those who attended. Mary Kelly of Cortland who spent several months in Eastern Europe showed slides of Russian spinning equipment, with emphasis on the antique distaffs which were made out of wood and intricately and beautifully carved and painted. Thank you, Mary for a very interesting program.

There was no January meeting. Our traditional ROCK DAY had to be cancelled due to poor road conditions and more (beautiful!) and fluffy white stuff in the forecast.

#### OFFICERS:

Our thanks to the 1982 officers who did a tremendous job organizing and preparing meetings, workshops, etc.  
Thanks to Virginia Lance, President; Joan Johnston, Vice President; Mary Anne Sumner, Treasurer and Recording Secretary Chris Matijas.

Welcome to the new 1983 officers! (Some of them gained experience last year so 1983 sounds even more promising...)

President - Jean Currie  
Vice President - Joan Johnston  
Treasurer - Mary Anne Sumner  
Recording Secretary - Virginia Lance

\*Here is a little note from the President! Now that we do not need to have the SASE envelopes, the mailing list has been put back into some semblance of order. Some of you who did not receive newsletters last year for various reasons have been reinstated on the list, but as noted below, you will stay there only if your dues are paid!

I will be arranging for the Varna Fire Hall for both the Saturday & Monday meetings and it has been booked for: Sat. January 29 (noon to 4pm), Monday February 21 (9:30am to 2pm), Saturday, February 19, Monday March 14 and Saturday March 26. Some of these are not the usual pattern so mark them on your calendar now!!! We are sometimes in competition with other organizations for the space so we can't always get our usual day.

I would also like to thank last year's officers - you did a great job and it will be a hard act to follow. I hope that our membership will continue to be an active one - we rely on you for ideas about programs, workshops and other events, so please let any of this year's officers know what you would like us to do for you and with you.

#### BSHG MEETINGS

**SATURDAY GROUP:** Jean Currie will try to reserve the Varna firehouse hall for the last Saturday of each month. The next two meetings are scheduled for January 29 and February 19.

**MONDAY GROUP:** will meet as usual the second Monday of each month at the Varna firehouse, Rte 366. Next meeting to be held February 21. Bring a friend and all the show-and-tells you had planned to bring on Rock Day!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Your DUES are due NOW! Sorry but no newsletters will be sent to you after the March issue unless your dues are in. Active members: \$8.00, Inactive: \$10.00, Students: \$5.00, Newsletter subscription only: \$6.00. Please make check payable to Black Sheep Handspinners Guild and send to Mary Anne Sumner, 107 Neimi Rd., Freeville, NY 13068.
- No new books will be added to the library until you return all those long overdue books and magazines. So act NOW. Bring the books to any of the meetings or have a friend bring them for you. Our new librarian for 1983 is Becky Church.
- For those of you who have sheep, JANUARY 31 is the last day to file for your wool incentive payment. If you have questions or need forms call the ASCS Office in your area (Ithaca, 257-2737).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* FEBRUARY 14 : Monthly meeting of the Rochester Textile Group. On the program: "A Tour of Peru and Its Textiles", a slide lecture by Don Bujnowski, Professor of Textiles at RIT's School for American Craftsmen and well known textile designer. For more info. contact Danica Eskind, President of the Rochester Textile Group, at (716) 461-5061.
- \* FIBERS UNLIMITED EXHIBITION: Work (Traditional and contemporary fiber art, all techniques from basketry to coverlets) to be submitted for jurying March 3, 1983. Accepted work will be shown at the Ten Vine Avenue Gallery and Studios, Sharon, Pa. 16146. For more info. call the Gallery at 412-983-1834.
- \* SPRING FEVER fair will be run by the Tompkins Co, Quilters Guild this year. Pat Valerio is the coordinator. Dates are April 9 and 10 from 11AM - 4:30PM, WITH SET UP from 6-9PM on Friday, April 8, and from 9:30-11AM on Saturday, April 9. It will again be held at the Women's Community Building in Ithaca and BSHG will have a table, which means that we need VOLUNTEERS to set up, demonstrate, look after the table and take everything down afterwards. Guild members will be able to sell at the Guild table for a 10% commission.
- \* 6th NATIONAL HANDCRAFTED WOOL SHOWCASE "83": Will be held April 22 and 23 in conjunction with the California Livestock Symposium, Fresno, Calif., and June 9 through 12 at the Glenn County Fairgrounds, Orland, Calif. Entries should be sent prior to April 8 to Glenn County Fair, P.O. Box 667, 42nd D.A.A., Orland, Calif. 95963. There are divisions for items made from 100% handspun wool, items made from commercially spun wool, and one devoted to handspun yarns which is very inspiring: Class 1 for instance deals with single ply yarns and there are 3 sections within the class: Fine - 40 or more ends per inch, Medium - 20 to 40 ends per inch, Heavy - 11 to 20 ends per inch. There are even more sections within the 3 and 4-ply yarns and the novelty yarns! I wonder whether they could use the same system for the New York State Fair. Anyway, for more info. write to the above address (Phone is 916-865-4418) or see Marianne Horchler at a meeting (My phone # is 315-497-1542)
- \* 19th ANNUAL ONTARIO HANDSPINNING SEMINAR: Will be held June 11 & 12 at York University, Downsview, Ontario, Canada. Information/registration material is already available. Write: Barbara Carter Scott, RR No. 1,

Artiss, Ontario NOB 1B0. (Tel. 519-846-5541). Or see Jean Currie or Jean Warholic.

\* LAMBING CLINIC: will be held JANUARY 26 at 7:00PM at Morrison Hall on the Cornell Campus, corner of Judd Falls and Tower Roads. This is free and open to everyone, from 4-Hers to large producers. There will be a film, various displays and sessions on health care, problem deliveries and year-round flock management. Dr. S. Gordon Campbell and Dr. Mary Smith from the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, and Brian Magee, Cornell Sheep Farm Manager, will be the speakers. To register call Janet Hawkes at the Tompkins Co. Cooperative Extension 4-H Office at 607/272-1421.  
(Sounds very interesting; I hope you receive this newsletter before the 26th!)

\* 1983 CENTRAL NEW YORK HANDSPINNERS SEMINAR will be sponsored by the Golden Fleece Handspinners Guild and will take place Sept. 24 & 25 at the Sheraton Inn in Liverpool, N.Y. More details at a later date. They are still planning the event. Anyone having strong feelings about content, format, mini-workshops, etc. should contact Sue Trevor (7170 Rosewood Circle, N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212) immediately.

#### NOTES

- Gretchen Sachse has been very ill over the Christmas holidays. She is much better and is home now. We all wish her the best and look forward to seeing her at meetings before long.
- Theodora Meller was in the hospital recently. We hope she is doing better now and is out and around.
- The National Spinning Association has been dissolved and is no longer an official organization. Jean Warholic received a notice in November. No reasons were given. Jean does have a copy of their mailing list, and some of their info., for anyone who wants to look it over.
- Ideas and suggestions for guild workshops are welcomed. Last year's were great fun and we really ought to treat ourselves to at least one a year! Please write or call Jean Warholic (539-7648 evenings) with your thoughts concerning workshop possibilities.
- Will the person who borrowed Jean Warholic's black dog-hair hat (made by Marion Wikoff) please return it?
- Speaking of Jean W., you may know that she has taken a full-time job. She says her job is "going okay" but unfortunately it will not allow her to come to Monday meetings any more. The Monday group will miss you, Jean!
- The Thistle down Guild will be sending another wheel order in February. Both the traditional and the traveller have gone up again. They will be \$90 for Thistledown members and \$100 for non-members. If interested contact Nancy Eicke, R.D. #2, Box 488, Norwich, NY 13815.
- The last issue of Spin-Off Newsletter has a nice article by Erica Rowe on the Thistle down Handspinners Seminars. Erica is now working on an article on Rainbow Dyeing for "Weaver's Journal". She would welcome any info. and pictures for this article. Write R.D. #1, East Freetown, NY 13055 or call 607-863-3554.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: 705 Artcraft table loom. Loom is dressed with a long warp, ready to use. \$100, negotiable. Call 257-1361 after 5PM.

FOR SALE: Black Finn X ram (triplet, dam a quintuplet), nicely mannered, gentle w/ewes, can be left w/flock during lambing, proven sire. Also a Tunis ram, regis. twin, good quality wool, excellent sire for Easter lambs, easy to work with - a real gentleman! proven sire. Some ewes available too, mostly black. Contact Nancy Munkenbeck, 607/272-1651. 2/3

LAMBS FROM A SPINNERS FLOCK, specially bred for fleece quality as well as good carcass. Their sire is my black NZ-bred Romney, their dams Romney-Tunis crosses. A few white ewe lambs and a promising black ram lamb are available. Also a bred Suffolk yearling ewe. Several prize-winning black and white fleeces are for sale as well. Come and see them. Call Gretchen Sachse at 607-347-4396. 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, Mewata, thrown waste, cocoons, Keba, Frisson. Descriptive info. & directions. SASE for price list. FALLBROOK HOUSE, RD # 2, Box 17, Troy, Pa. 16947. 9/9

NEW SPINNING BOOKS: "Spinning for Softness & Speed", latest by Paula Simmons, \$7.95, "Fiber Facts" by Bette Hochberg, \$5.95, "I Can Spin a Different Thread" by A. Milner, \$2.95. Also now have "The Craft of Handspinning" by Eileen Chadwick, \$14.95, one of the best books for beginner and experienced spinners alike (recommended by Bro. Kim Malloy!). Charkha wheels are available again, \$36; plus our usual Ashford wheels, carders, ball winders, etc. Cute T-shirts w/lambs and the words "I love ewe" (Great for Valentine's Day!); good selection of colored sheepskins. THE WOOLERY, R.D. # 1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542. Free delivery to Ithaca. 1/1

STUDIO KNITTING MACHINES, \$279 and up. Knit a size large sweater in 2 or 3 hours; beautiful designs knitted automatically, and yes, you can use your handspun on knitting machines! For info. and prices call or write, Marianne Horchler, The Woolery, RD #1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542. Just north of Ithaca. 3/3

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADS FOR THE NEWSLETTER? You can run an ad 3 times for \$1.00 or 1 time for 50%. Send your ad and money to: Marianne Horchler, R.D. # 1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542. Deadline: 18th of each month.

MORE NOTES

- Bartlettyarns Inc., Harmony, Maine 04942 has increased its prices for all their yarns and rovings. They now offer a sport yarn which is a 2-ply yarn of about the same weight as their 1-ply knitting yarn. Marianne Horchler has info. & prices if anyone is interested.

- I have tentatively set the 18th of ea. month as my deadline for the Newsletter. So if you have any newsworthy item or an ad for the next issue please send them to Marianne Horchler before February 18.

- Attached is an addendum to the List of Spinning Fiber Sources which was compiled by Cindy McCaffery and sent to you with the Christmas package.

## SPINNING FIBERS - A LIST OF SOURCES -

## PART II

Charlotte Altmann  
 Altmann's Harmony Acres  
 P.O. Box 261  
 McGraw, N.Y. 13101  
 607/849-6965

Cheviot fleeces, Corriedale  
 fleeces, some black. All  
 fleeces skirted. Goats for sale.  
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Cruttenden, Carole  
 R.D. # 2 Box 281  
 Oxford, NY 13830  
 617/334-9512

Fleeces.  
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Leone, Ellen  
 R.D. # 2, Box 9  
 Bristol, Vt. 05443

Fleece for Daniel Korngiebel,  
 Cuttingsville, Vt. (Oxford fleece)  
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Lighthipe, Chris  
 Wise Rd.  
 Manlius, NY  
 315/682-2183

Finn-Suffolk crosses  
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Lincoln, Sidney  
 Sievers Rd.  
 Pompey, NY  
 315/469-1040

Registered Rambouillet  
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Lock, Tish and Alan  
 RD # 4 Tag Rd.  
 , NY 13032  
 Canastota  
 697-7341

Polled & Horned Dorset  
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Manes, Susan  
 Pompey Hollow Rd, RD # 2  
 Cazenovia, NY 13035

Mohair, raw & carded

Cheviot, Cheviot X Romney

Mapstone, Alice  
 Pompey Center Rd  
 Manlius, NY  
 315/682-9389

Corriedale  
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McCobb, Tom & Jan  
 Estey Rd  
 Manlius, NY

Finn-Suffolk-Hampshire  
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Matijas, Chris  
 Sheepfold Farm  
 RD 32 Glen Haven Rd  
 Moravia, NY 13118

Mixed breeds - white & colored  
 Louet supplies  
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Meier, Margaret & Ernest  
 Shamrock-Thistle Farm  
 RD # 1 County Line Rd.  
 Watkins Glen, NY  
 607/535-7526

Assorted black & white fleeces  
 Lambs in season  
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Miglin, Roberts  
 RD # 1 Rostiter Rd.  
 Stittville, NY 13469

White & black mixed breeds  
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Scott, Joyce, Countryside Handcrafts  
 2123 Chapin Rd  
 Canandaigua, NY 14424  
 716/394-8964

Yarn blockers & weavers benches, cone  
 holders, aprons, tote bags  
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Wolf, Doris  
 Birdsey Rd, RD # 3 Box 76  
 Waterloo, NY 13165 315/539-8302

Morlam, blk, grey-white mixes  
 Suffolk grey & cream - carded batts  
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Wikoff, Marion 544 Iredell Rd.  
 Trumansburg, NY 14886 607/387-5410  
 (Perendale), Cheviot/Lincoln, Merino