



BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD  
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Newsletter 72 - Summer 1984  
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SPINNERS' MARKET DAY is drawing near! We hope you have been industriously sorting out the attic, closets, etc. for all those spinning-related items you've decided you don't need anymore! And perhaps also spinning up a little yarn to put into an indigo dyepot or rainbow dyepot. We are expecting a nice crowd for the day and it should be GREAT FUN! Rain or shine.

HELP is needed still, however, and the sign-ups have been rather sparse. We need people to volunteer for the following. (Some Wool Day experience would be helpful, but not necessary.)

1. Help with set-up and clean-up. Putting up the signs, arranging a few picnic tables, etc. (Call Jean Warholic, 539-7648, or she may just call you!) You will need to arrive by 8:30 for set-up; stay until about 5:30 for clean-up. (Clean-up means picking up the trash; scrubbing off the picnic tables, tidying up the grounds generally.)
2. "Demonstrators" who wish to spin/sell in particular areas to be of help if and when needed. (You can spin/sell near the sheep, big sale pavilion, food area, dyepots, etc.) It does not preclude your wandering around, but it means being some manpower/guiding if need be. (Call Joann Schaff or Jean Warholic.)
3. Someone dependable to help people pointed in the right direction to park, unload, etc. Signs will be up to help you, but you need to help with traffic flow from about 8:30-12 noon; after that they are on their own pretty much. (The general public is being invited to this day too, and while it will be mostly spinners/weavers/sheep/rabbit people, we hope others will attend as well.) (Call Jean Warholic)
4. Food area. There is a slim possibility that we will need some help with this temporarily. (Call Mary Ann Sumner or Jean Warholic.)

We are still working out the details of the food concessions. The Etna Fire Dept. has recently expressed reservations about doing it, despite nearly three months' notice. HOWEVER, we will have food available and are still planning to see that LAMB is part of it!

At this time, everything considered, we are in good shape for the MARKET DAY! We look forward to seeing ALL OUR MEMBERS there -- bring family/friends too -- for a wonderful day and grand opportunity to meet other spinners/weavers/rabbit/sheep people! We hope you will try to come for the whole day, but part of it will be just as much of a treat!

SEE YOU THERE!!!

UPCOMING BSHG MEETINGS (Please note new dates for Saturday meetings)

Saturday\_group: July 21 at Mary Ann Sumner's house (last chance for show-and-tell of State Fair entries).

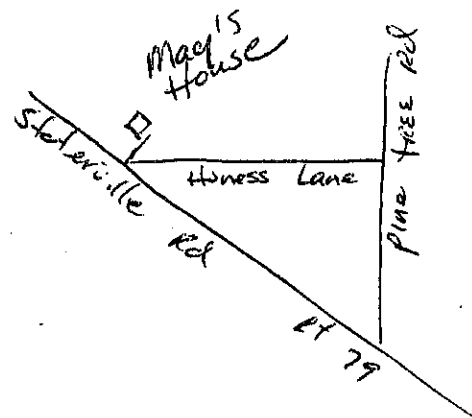
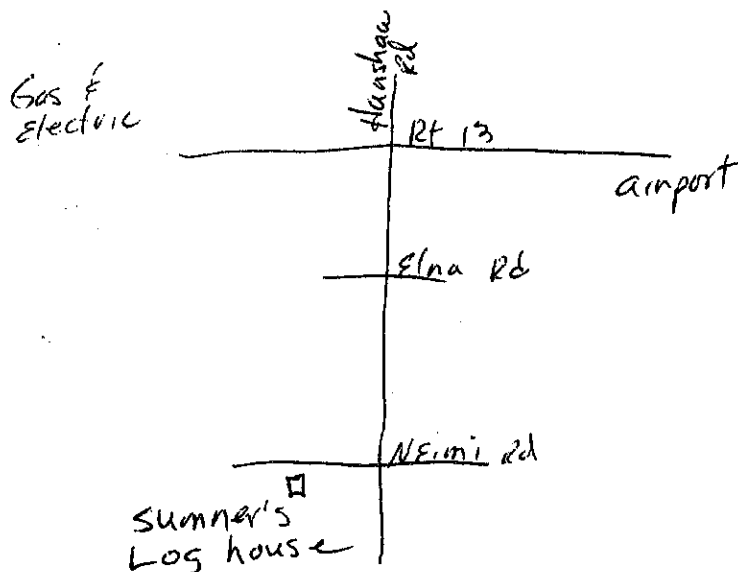
August 18 at Eleanor May's house. (see directions to both houses on next page). Bring dyepots (& Coleman stoves if possible) to both meetings.

Monday\_group: August 13, 10am-3PM at Varna. This will be our traditional Summer Dyepot meeting.

September 10 at Varna: Virginia Lance will present her long-awaited program on Basketmaking.

To Mary Ann's house:

To Eleanor's house:



STATE FAIR. Deadline for entry forms is Aug. 1 (received not just postmarked; no exceptions they say). \$5.00 entry fee for up to five (5) items entered in the Arts and Crafts Division. The handspinning categories are a subdivision of that. Extra Fair booklets will be available at the July 21 guild meeting or telephone Jean Warholic (607/539-7648) if you need one sent to you.

There are a number of good categories this year, for skeins as well as finished garments, and there are some nice additional awards being offered by guilds (including BSHG) and individuals. It is great fun to participate in this and we hope there will be a good guild turnout of entries!

There is also the possibility of entries being driven to the Fair so you won't have to mail them. It will depend on the number you think you will be entering. If you are interested in having yours delivered, telephone either Jean Warholic or Mary Ann Summer (607/257-5754) no later than August 4 so we can collect them for delivery on Aug. 10 or 11.

#### PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

1. An exhibitor's fee of \$5.00 will be charged which allows you to enter a maximum of five (5) entries in the Arts and Crafts Division. THE EXHIBITOR'S FEE WILL PROVIDE ONE ADMISSION TICKET, GOOD FOR ONE DAY ONLY.
2. Exhibitor's fee must be submitted with the entry form. All entries must be listed on the entry form and additional items are not acceptable. NO REFUNDS OF EXHIBITORS FEE. Entry form and fee must be received at the Fair by August 1st. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
3. If you do not receive your entry tag and exhibitors ticket in the mail you will be issued both when you submit your article on the receiving days.
4. Complete each entry tag in full. Securely attach the tag to the upper right hand side of your article with a length of string or yarn 6 to 8 inches long, letting your tag hang free from the article. All names of exhibitors will be concealed for purpose of judging.
5. Any name identification on the article itself must be removed or concealed by the exhibitor.
6. Entries must be entirely the work of the individual exhibitor and must have been completed within the past two years. Previously entered articles will not be accepted (No group entries).
7. The judges selected are fully qualified and their decision will be final. Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit. The Jury also reserves the right to refuse those works not considered suitable for display. All judging will be done prior to opening of the Fair.
8. As a courtesy, a brief judges comment will be noted on all entry tags. Positive or negative in nature, the judges comment is not intended to fuel a critique of a judge or the judging procedures.
9. All prize-winning articles, as well as other works of merit will be displayed at the discretion of the department for the DURATION of the Fair. A notice to winners and non-winners will be mailed out following the judging. Non-winning articles are to be removed in strict accordance with the calendar on page 5.
10. Guard service is provided by the Art and Home Center. However, the Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits from any cause. The exhibitor should arrange locally for term insurance on very valuable works.
11. Mail articles to: ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION  
Art and Home Center  
New York State Fair  
Syracuse, New York 13209
12. If your entries are to be returned by mail, print MAIL BACK at the bottom of the entry tag that remains affixed to the article. SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING ON ENTRY FORM.
13. Payment of premium will be processed directly from Albany after the conclusion of the 1984 New York State Fair.

KAC - ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION

AMOUNT OFFERED \$4,003

CATEGORY CHOICES ARE SOLELY THE DECISION AND CHOICE OF THE ENTRANT. THE FAIR OR FAIR JUDGES WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING CATEGORIES FOR ENTRIES.

The emphasis will be on high quality workmanship, combined with the principles of good design, form, line texture, color, etc. No kit or commercial pattern unless designated in the schedule.

Judges decisions for awards will be based on the following:

Overall Effect .....	20%
Design	
Individuality	
Color Combinations	
Texture Combinations	
Cleanliness	
Presentational Quality .....	20%
Suitable to intended use	
Appropriate in quality, size, color, finish and design	
Workmanship .....	60%
Uniformity	
Technique	
Finishing	
Total .....	100%

ONLY ONE ENTRY MAY BE MADE IN A CLASS  
(MAXIMUM OF FIVE ENTRIES)

**SECTION 13  
HAND SPUN YARN**

Any fiber - each entry in classes, 70, 71 and 72 must attach a white 3 x 5 card or paper indicating a plan for usage. Skeins should be approximately 2 ounces in weight (½ ounce for specialty yarns - silk angora, cashmere, etc.) Previously entered yarn not acceptable.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
70. Proficiency of spin, 2 ply (evenness of spin and evenness of ply any color)	\$10	\$5	\$3	\$2
71. Yarns for crochng, 2 skeins for use in weaving, knitting, crocheting, macrame, etc.	10	5	3	2
72. Heavy duty yarns, 2 skeins for use in rugs, wallhangings, pillow and upholstery material	10	5	3	2
73. Garment for infant or child (1 or 2 piece) made from Hand-spun yarn (knit, crochet, etc.)	15	10	5	3
74. Adult hat and scarf set or hat and mitten set made from handspun yarn (knit, crochet, etc.)	15	10	5	3
75. Adult sweater, made from handspun yarn (knit, crochet, etc.)	20	15	10	5
76. Any other adult garment made from handspun yarn (knit, crochet, etc.)	20	15	10	5
77. Wallhanging (hooked, woven or other) made from handspun and dyed yarn	20	15	10	5
78. Any other non-wearable functional Article	15	10	5	3

ART AND CRAFT SPECIAL AWARDS

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Handweavers Guild of American, Inc.  
HGA Award in Weaving or Spinning

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Golden Fleece Spinners Society  
Clay, N.Y.  
\$25.00 cash award in Section 13  
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Black Sheep Handspinners Guild  
Newfield, N.Y.  
\$25.00 cash award in Class 76 for best Natural Colored (Not White)  
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Mrs. Jean Warholic  
Freeville, N.Y.  
\$25.00 of Indigo Dyeing Supplies for Section 13  
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SPINNING AT THE STATE FAIR WOOL BOOTH. Roberta Miglin is again in charge of the Wool Booth during the Fair (Aug. 25-Sept. 3). The Baldwinsville spinners (Golden Fleece Guild) will cover the weekends and some evenings. BSHG has been asked to provide spinners for at least one day, Wednesday Aug. 29, from 10-6:30 p.m. Passes are provided; you need to be in place by 9:30 or 10. About 4-6 spinners are needed so you can spell each other, have a little time to roam around, etc. If you are interested in going, please give Jean Warholic your name no later than Aug. 4 so she can call in the list to Roberta and passes arranged for.

Three wheels are being provided, in case you don't want to bring your own: an Ashford and two Woolhaven wheels. Wool is also provided for you to spin -- plenty already processed and some washed/uncarded. You are to take home what you spin! Spinning at the Wool Booth (next to the Sheep Barn/4-H area) is great fun and something we have all enjoyed doing in the past. If you are a beginner and feel shy about going, team up with someone more experienced.

BSHGers who can demonstrate spinning a second day are asked to also call Jean Warholic -- Roberta reports that Monday, Aug. 27 is also bare of spinners. Same hours, same arrangements, same equipment provided, etc.

If you do not have a State Fair booklet send this entry form with your fee. Send a copy of the form along with the original. You will receive entry tags which must be filled out and attached to each entry.

Department - Art and Home Center  
New York State Fair

Mail this entry form to: **ENTRY DEPARTMENT  
NEW YORK STATE FAIR  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13209**

**AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1984**

**EXHIBITOR NO.**

Exhibitor's Fee \$5.00 — Must be sent with this form.  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NEW YORK STATE FAIR

# ARTS & CRAFTS ENTRIES ONLY

**Arts and Crafts Entries Close August 1, 1984  
IMPORTANT: SEE RULES ON PAGE 6**

EXHIBITOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

IF MAILING ENTRY		
Check below for return mailing:		
<input type="checkbox"/> UPS	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Pickup		
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance \$ _____		
Value \$ _____		
Postage Enclosed \$ _____		
Entry Fee \$ _____		
		TOTAL \$ _____

RETURN BOTH WHITE AND YELLOW COPIES

SECTION	CLASS	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION

This form is not an entry tag. All entries must be listed on this entry form. Additional items will NOT be accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* "Handed Down: Traditional Artists in the Montessori School":  
New exhibit starting July 17 at the DeWitt Historical Society in Ithaca. Included in the exhibit: basketry, shearing, carding, spinning, knitting, quilting, and braided rugs, with objects made by the students. On display will also be textiles from the Society's collection. Museum hours are 12:30-5PM, Tues.-Sat. Admission is free.
  - \* "Make-It-With-Wool Weekend" will be held at Sangertown Square Mall, New Hartford, N.Y. (near Utica) August 3 & 4 during Mall hours. There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving, shearing etc. and a fashion show. Demonstrators are still needed (free space) as well as vendors (\$50 a day for 9'x9' space - items must of course be wool- or sheep-related). For further information or to volunteer to demonstrate: Millie Bankert, 315/861-5602, or Michael Dunham, 315/797-8520.
  - \* Upstate Crafts Fair: Aug. 2 (5-9PM), 3 (10AM-9PM), 4 (10AM-6PM) and 5 (10AM-6PM) at the Ithaca High School.
  - \* SPINNERS DAY at the Cooperstown (N.Y.) Farmers' Museum is Saturday, August 25. Rain or shine. (Spinners will be housed in the numerous buildings at the museum if it rains; outside under the trees if not!) Please call Virginia Lance (257-3737) now if you plan to attend. We must send in the names of the spinners planning to go. Otherwise, we will give those going a "membership card" that should allow them in the door at no charge. You are to be in place by 10 a.m. and should plan to stay at least until 5:00 when the museum closes. Rabbit Goody, the resident Domestic Arts Supervisor for the Museum, reports that a pot luck meal is perhaps going to be arranged afterward, so we will all have a chance to visit!
- THE SPINNING JENNY at the Cooperstown Museum is a very special piece of equipment and will be in use part of the Aug. 25 day. Rabbit is planning on a possible workshop on the Jenny for Oct. 19-22. More on this later. (Talk to Jean Warholic if you are interested in the meanwhile!)
- \* Central New York Sheep & Wool Festival, Sept. 8, 10AM till ?, at the Norwich Fairgrounds, Norwich, N.Y. Sponsored by the Allegheny Plateau Sheep & Wool Producers Coop, Inc. Will include sheep-to-shawl demonstration, fleece show & sale, sheep sale, skein & garment competition & more. For additional information contact Lisa Ann Merian, RD 1, Box 118, Brackett Lake Rd., Bainbridge, N.Y. 13733.
  - \* Rainbow Dyeing Workshop with Nancy Morey, Sept. 1, 9AM-5PM, at The Woolery, 1193 Stewarts Corners Rd., Genoa, NY. Tel. 315/497-1542. For more details see "Advertisements".

NOTES

- The Golden Fleece Spinning Society is asking for donations for the 2nd Central N.Y. Handspinners Seminar (Oct. 20 & 21). Send your items to Betty Wilson, P.O. Box 91, Clay, N.Y. 13041, or notify her if you plan to bring your donation with you to the seminar. If you are sending by UPS send to : Carol Bell, 5530 Piazza Lane, Clay, NY 13041.
- WANTED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES: The location of any spinning wheels or related equipment signed GREGG, WILLIAMS, or FARNHAM. Please contact: Peter Farnham, 55 Rexford Street, Norwich, NY 13815.

- A new guild (by the name of Spinners & Weavers of Central New York - 1) is being formed in the Clinton/Utica area. Their first meeting will be held at the Kirkland Town Park on 7/19 at 10AM. Subsequent meetings will normally be held on the third Thursday of each month at the St. James Episcopal Church on Williams St., Clinton, at 10AM. President of the new guild is Joyce Hebert, 693 Martin St., Clinton, NY 13323 (853-3167).
- Elizabeth Rolfe is returning to England next month and will be happy to act as middleman for inquiries about British equipment, fibres, etc. See her at Spinners' Market Day July 29 or check future newsletter for address.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

\* Rates are \$1 for 1 run, \$2 for 3 runs. Make check payable to BSHG and send along with ad to Marianne Horchler, RD 1, Genoa, NY 13071.

BUYING ANGORA WOOL, especially fawn. Prefer long-staple, plucked wool. Erica Rowe, RD 1, East Freetown, NY 13055. 607/863-3554. 1/3

Rainbow Dyeing Workshop with Nancy Morey, sponsored by the Woolery, Sept. 1, 9AM-5PM. Will cover: History of dyes & dyeing, Dyes commonly in use today, Preparation for Dyeing, Dyeing process, Use of Yarns & Fibres (+ demonstrations & hands-on). Fee is \$20 payable to The Woolery and deadline for registration is August 20. Rain date for the workshop is Sept. 2. For more info. or to register write The Woolery, R.D. 1, Genoa, N.Y. 13071. Tel. 315/497-1542. 2/3

Jumbo head (complete with maidens and base) and 3 Jumbo bobbins for Ashford. \$30.00, call 315/677-9930 evenings. Cindy McCaffery. 2/3

Consignments wanted for new wool and yarn shop in Lafayette. Weavings, sheepy items welcome. (315) 677-9430. 2/3

FRESH ROMNEY FLEECE: BLACK, GREY, AND WHITE. These are clean, healthy, cured and well-skirted from sheep selected for handspinning wool that has luster, length, softness and low shrinkage. \$3-5 per pound, seconds and skirtings much less. Breeding stock is available at reasonable prices. 2/3  
Gretchen Sachse (607) 347-4396 nights.

Wanted: Great wheel (walking wheel) in working order with all parts. Kathie Garnsey, 315/364-8889. 1/1

For Sale; Corriedale Sheep, Five white ewes, about three years old, all carry a black gene, \$35.00 each. Two Black ewe lambs, born in March, \$45.00 each. Two black ram lambs, born in March, \$35.00 each. One ram one year old, \$80.00. All are healthy with nice fleeces. The only reason we are selling them is we don't want to be tied down to so many animals. Also we have several Angora bunnies, adults, bucks, and does, all are \$10.00 each. Call Pam (607) 739-5006. 1/1

Ashford & other spinning wheels, many fibres, hand & drum carders, spinning accessories, knitting machines, wool yarns, books, T-shirts, posters, stamps, sheepy items, more. Also registered white & colored Finnsheep, registered black Border Leicesters, and Finn crosses, mostly Finn x Dorset and Finn x Border Leicester; portable electric fencing & chargers. Free catalog - mail order or come to: THE WOOLERY, R.D. # 1, Genoa, N.Y. 13071. Phone: 315/497-1542. No shipping charges on Ashford wheels and on most of our knitting machines. 8/12

FOR SALE: Registered Lincoln and Registered Romney Sheep. Also for sale, crosses of these two breeds plus crosses with Border Leicester in Grey, charcoal Brown and Black.  
Gloria Scannell, Weavercroft Farm, R.D. # 1, Schodack Landing, N.Y. 12156. 518/732-2916. /9

New exciting items at THE WOOLERY: among them, new spinning wheels, books, Jumbo ball winders, umbrella swift/skeinwinders, domestic wool top, ready to spin, grades 54's (\$6/lb.) & 62's (\$7/lb.). Many new sheepy items, several tote bags & T-shirts made exclusively for The Woolery: "Where's the lamb!", "Let Wool Work for Ewe", and "I Will if Ewe Will" (the latter featuring 2 sheep facing & smiling (!) at each other. Come to the shop or order from our free catalog. THE WOOLERY, R.D. # 1, Genoa, N.Y. 13071. 315/497-1542. 1/3  
The shop will be closed July 21-28.

### SPINNERS' EXCHANGE

The following was sent by Pamela Arquette of Millport (It appeared in the May/June issue of Sheep Tales):

How to tell if there is a Spinner in the house.

you can't sit down at their house unless you move the knitting needles or yarn.

Lint-type stuff is on the arm of every chair.

The kitchen sink is often found to be full of wool washing, not dishes.

The big pots on the stove smell funny and you hope it's not lunch.

Reading material consists of craft magazines and knitting patterns, even in the bathroom.

Balls of yarn are used for a center piece on the kitchen table, dining room table, end table or any table.

In the winter, you can't get too close to their woodstove because of the mounds of wool drying in front of it.

In the summer, their yard is frequently covered with white stuff and it's not snow!

Small children in this household are shown photos of an iron, a drum-carder, and a spinning wheel. They know immediately the drum-carder and wheel and how to use them, but they have difficulty with the other.

Children of this household are amazed when you say you can't spin. They think this is what every mom does all day.

Before you leave a true spinners house, you're asked if you want to brush down with a lint brush.

When you finally leave, you are always presented with a gift of something warm, beautiful and handmade with love. You resolve to go home and really get busy on something creative!

From Mary Ann Sumner:

General Mordanting Instructions (from Saturday meeting)

Brightest colors are obtained with very white wool and tin mordant (though tin may be harsh to wool)

Alum yields very bright colors -- just a little lighter than tin

Deepest colors are obtained with chrome N.B. Chrome is highly toxic; USE WITH CARE

Iron darkens color

Copper sulfate darkens many colors by developing a green tint

FOR ONE POUND OF WOOL:

Dissolve in boiling water one of the following:

mordant	Alum	1/2 Cup	Copper 2 TBL	Chrome 1 TBL	Tin 1 TBL	Iron 1 TBL
optional						
cream of tartar		2 TBL	none	1 TBL	1 TBL	1 TBL

For pre-mordant:

Add 4 gallons of cold water and begin to heat

When tepid add wet wool and cover the pot

Simmer one hour

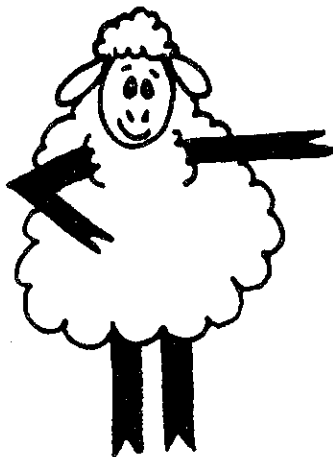
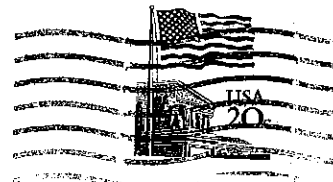
For tin wash and rinse thoroughly

All others cool in mordant solution; squeeze out moisture and dry or procede to dye.

Simultaneous mordanting:

Add mordant to warm dye bath and continue dye recipe

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