



BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER
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NEXT MEETING

June 14 at Varna 12 NOON

We will all be pitching in to make nifty little dinwidges to sell at Spinners Market Day. Please bring some or all of the following:
long-staple, clean greasy fleece
washed, carded wool
sheepskin scraps
remnants of lace, ribbon, calico
little, smooth sticks for making God's eyes
remnants of handspun yarn - all colors
sewing tools, glue, string.

We also are looking for inspiration for what to make. Please think about nifty little items you have seen/made, that you can teach other people to make. We need YOUR help; please come. If you can't come, but have ideas call Mary Ann, 257-5754.

NEWSLETTER ON VACATION

The newsletter will be taking a vacation this summer. This is the last one until late August, so please make sure all the dates you need to remember for upcoming meetings, etc. are on your calendar before you throw it out. The deadline for the next newsletter will be August 23. I will be at the Nancy Morey Workshop so you can give me your ads or anything else for it at that time.

SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS

July 12, Noon, at Joan Johnston's House, 1025 Bostwick Road, Ithaca.
272-2697

August 9, Noon, at Mary Ann Sumner's house, 107 Neimi Road,
Freeville. 257-5754

Both these meetings are just mellow, get together to spin and chat times. At Joan's, carding may be a subject of discussion; at Mary Ann's dyepots are welcome. If you need directions, call.

SPINNERS MARKET DAY

Plan to come to our Spinners' Market Day! It is great FUN - we have a chance to visit with handspinners, weavers and other textile enthusiasts from all over Central New York and northern Pennsylvania. Come spend a pleasant day and have delicious food (including lamb) prepared by The Portable Feast. There are still some areas where Mary Ann needs help: parking, spinning in the fleece-to-shawl demonstration, selling at the Guild sales table, and especially set-up. If you can be there early, or can help in any other way, please call her at 257-5754. Your help with this day will make it more fun and less work for all of us. Call her NOW and offer your assistance, or sign up at the June 14 meeting.

And SPREAD THE WORD - tell friends and anyone you think will be interested in coming. It is open to the public and we'd like to see them there.

A few of you are being sent some posters with this newsletter. Please post them in the next week or two in some good places.

Raffle tickets are also included with this newsletter. Please really work at selling them. Money and filled out tickets should be given to Joann or Mary Ann. We are hoping to bolster our treasury with the raffle, but whether or not it works is up to you. More tickets may be had from Mary Ann or Daisy.

See you on the 29th!

NANCY MOREY WORKSHOP

Please get your applications in to Helen Kiker, 14 Redwood Lane, Ithaca, as soon as possible. There are still spaces. Nancy gives a wonderful workshop on her exciting rainbow dyeing technique. Color combinations you never thought of on all kinds of fun fibers. Expand your spinning imagination! For registration forms call Helen 273-3124.

STATE FAIR

August 29 is the date for the BSHG to demonstrate in the wool booth. Wool and wheels are provided AND you get to keep what you spin. There is a loom, too, if you want to weave, again you get to keep what you have done. Free admission too. The more the merrier. Plan to carpool. Call Marty McGee 607/243-5282 if you can come.

COMING EVENTS

June 29 Spinners Market Day at 4-H Acres. Mary Ann Sumner coordinator.

June 30 DEADLINE - Upstate Crafts Fair Aug. 7-10. For more information send stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Upstate Crafts, PO Box 173, Ithaca, NY 14851, or call 257-4618 or 273-4783.

July 23 - Troy Fair Wool Day. Handspun article competition. Dawn Landis, RD 1, Box 279D, Monroeton, PA 18832

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD LIBRARY

- Jaines, Patricia - Spinning Wheels: Spinners and Spinning
Black, Mary - Weaving for Beginners (2 copies)
Bogdonoff, Nancy - Handwoven Textiles of Early New England
Boyd, Margaret - The Mail-Order Crafts Catalogue
British Sheep Fleece Samples
Collingwood, Peter - The Techniques of Sprang
Crockett, Candace - The Complete Spinning Book
Dunwell, Steve - The Run of the Mill
Earle, Alice Morse - Home Life in Colonial Days
Fannin, Allen - Handspinning: Art and Techniques
Fennelly, Catherine - Textiles in New England
Finger Lakes Directory of Arts and Crafts
Gates, Barbara - Seneca Shepherds Sheep Producers Directory
Gehret, Ellen and Keyser, Alan - Flax Processing in Pennsylvania from Seed to Fiber
Gerber, Frederick - Cochineal and the Insect Dyes
Gordon, Beverly - Feltmaking
Grae, Ida - Nature's Colors: Dyes from Plants
Handweavers Guild of America - Suppliers Directory
Hochberg, Bette - Fibre Facts
 Handspindles
 Spin, Span, Spun
Horne, Beverly - Fleece in Your Hands
Kiot, Jules and Kaethe - Kumi Himo: Techniques of Japanese Plaiting
Kronenborg, Bud - Spinning Wheel Building
Linder, Olive and Harry - Handspinning Cotton
McLallen, Helen - Cochineal & the Chemistry of Mordant Dyeing
Oakley, Geraldine - Steps to a Tailored Jacket: An Illustrated Workbook
101 Questions for Spinners
Outerbridge, David and Thayer, Julie - The Last Shepherds
Pauli, Karen - The Care and Feeding of Spinning Wheels
Pendleton, Mary - Navaho and Hopi Weaving Techniques
Pennington, D. and Taylor, M. - American Spinning Wheels: Pictorial Guide
Pompilio, Loretta - Soft People, The Art of Dollcrafting
Schorsch, Anita - Pastoral Dreams
Seven Valley Weavers Guild - The Revival of an Historical Craft: Our Linen
 Textile Heritage Patterns
Simmons, Paula - The Handspinnners Guide to Selling
 - Spinning and Weaving with Wool
Stearns, Martha Genung - Homespun Blue: Study of American Crewel Embroidery

Teal, Peter - Hand Woolcombing and Spinning
Vinroot, Sally and Chowder, Jennie - The New Dyer
Walker, Barbara - Knitting from the Top
 - Learn to Knit Afghan Book
 - A Treasury of Knitting Patterns
Weigle, Palmy - Ancient Dyes for Modern Weavers
Wool Bureau of Canada - The Story of Wool

Periodicals:

Handwoven

Prairie Wool Companion - Issue 8 only

Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot

Spin Off

The Web

Exchange Guild Newsletters Notebooks

The following are people who have joined the Guild since the membership list was printed:

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Please also correct your list: Vernice Church is our secretary, Not Ginny Lance. Thank you.

SPINNERS' MARKET DAY

Sunday, June 29 -- 11-4:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the information below and send in by May 23 (if you wish to be included in the publicity) or by June 25. Make checks payable to "Black Sheep Handspinners Guild" and send to: Mary Ann Sumner, 107 Neimi Road, Freeville, NY 13068. (Questions? Mary Ann: 607/257-5754.)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Fees are \$10.00 for 10'x10' space in pavilion; \$2.00 for outdoors. Bring your own tables, chairs.

In general, what will you be bringing to sell: _____

Need electricity? _____ (Please write on other side if necessary.) 5/86

of the finished piece will be covered. Participants bring to the workshop un-finished swatches woven ahead of time and/or simple looms ("harness looms" are not required).

Joyce Robards

July 10 & 11

LACEY WEAVES

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July 28 - August 1

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Johanna Erickson

August 4 - 8

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Louise Deller

August 11 - 15

INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED WEAVING

Individualized instruction in multi-harness weaving will be tailored to the students' needs. This could include unit weaves, twill, combination weaves and specialty weaves. Students will weave samples, and design and weave articles of their choice. There will be a materials fee.

Louise Deller

August 11 - 22

BEGINNING SPINNING



THOUSAND ISLANDS CRAFT SCHOOL and TEXTILE MUSEUM
314 JOHN STREET • CLAYTON, NEW YORK 13624 • PHONE (315) 686-4123

Dear Fiberartist:

Although there are still openings in most of these classes, we recommend that you register early to reserve a place in the class you want.

We have outstanding instructors; don't miss the opportunity to study with them!

Weaving and Spinning

RAINBOW WORKSHOP

Develop and improve your color confidence by setting aside most of the book-learning and verbiage about color that you may have acquired and concentrate on improving your perceptual skills and talents. This unique series of color experiences utilizes yarn and fiber both on- and off-loom to help open your eyes and your brain to an on-going system of predicting how any color will behave in any given situation. Some basic design also included. (Some dressed looms will be needed for the workshop, but not necessarily one per participant.)

Joyce Robards

July 7, 8, 9

FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Learn a variety of on-loom and off-loom techniques and how to select and execute the perfect finish for your work — whether functional, one-of-a-kind art work, or production pieces with time at a premium. In addition to making samples of classic and innovative warp- and weft-protectors, methods for dealing with selvages, reversible items, the too dense or too sparse warp, and the hanging or presentation of the finished piece will be covered. Participants bring to the workshop un-finished swatches woven ahead of time and/or simple looms ("harness looms" are not required).

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Sept. 27 - 4th Annual Heritage Craft Festival, sponsored by Geneva Historical Society on grounds of Rose Hill Mansion, Geneva. To demonstrate or sell: Jean Neff, Geneva Historical Society, 543 South Main Street, Geneva, NY 14456

October 18 & 19 - Central New York Handspinners Seminar. Theme "Design - From Fiber to Finish", Minnie Bloehm, Guest Speaker, "A Weaver - Enchanting Designer - Who can put it all together and teach us the possibilities of designing for handspun yarns." Also Sue Beevers on "Color in Handspinning", Susan Manes on Mohair, and Dora Swart on "Fables, Foibles, and Fumblings with Fleece". For registration: Cherry Valley Spinners Guild, Mrs. Shirley Howe, 5507 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Cazenovia, NY 13035. 315/655-8883.

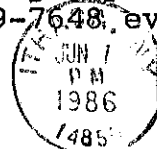
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Registered Border Leicester Ram - white triplet w/ black factor, throws brown and silver lambs from black ewes. 2 yrs. \$250 or trade. Also many colored fleeces still left from my Leicester, Finn, Lincoln and Romney sheep. \$2-5 / lb. Mary Munson, 6460 Fisher Hill Road, Canadaigua, NY 14424 716/657-7752 2/3

NEEDED: Skeins of yarn (any fiber, any color) for indigo dyeing on June 14, 29, and July 12. Call Jean Warholic 607/539-7648, evenings.

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