



BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS *****

October 8, Noon at the Varna Community Building/Firehouse on Rte 366 in Varna. SWAP AND BARTER !!! Bring in your old and/or unused "stuff" -- and let your junk become someone else's treasures. Forming a nominating committee will happen at this meeting. If you are interested in taking on an officer position, please let the committee know! Rotating the responsibilities of the guild keeps us hopping and alive as a group.

November 12, Noon in Varna. GENTLE CRITIQUING of guild members' finished projects traditionally takes place in Nov. Kay has arranged for an experienced spinner/fiber worker to come in to critique our work. What could be more wonderful than seeing all of our sweaters, hats, mittens, blankets, blouses.....in natural, warm colors, and exploding with dyed wonders spread out across tables! Be part of it. Bring in your work. Finish a project or two. For beginners, consider this a challenge -- take that icky looking yarn you think can't be used for anything and just go ahead and knit it up and watch the magic happen! You'll be amazed.

We should also be hearing all about SOAR this meeting from Nancy Morey and Kay Stickane who are traveling out west this week to attend the spinners' convention run by Spin-Off.

ELECTIONS for 1989 OFFICERS will also take place this month.

PIONEER FESTIVAL at the CAYUGA NATURE CENTER *****

→ October 22 10 AM - 4 PM ←

If you have not yet signed up with Elly May (272-8224) to demonstrate and teach at the festival, do give her a call. "The Festival will include music, storytelling, dancing, nature walks, contests, and an old-fashioned hearty meal. It is a fun, educational, and all-around worthwhile experience which draws 1000-1500 people each year." Elly is organizing guild members to provide a well-rounded exposure to spinning to those who come to the festival. We may even end up doing a full demonstration of a sheep-to shawl. With the emphasis on educating. Carding, spinning, weaving, knitting, dyeing will be demonstrated.

ADVERTISEMENTS *****

For Sale: 60" LeClerc Counterbalanced or Jack Weaving Loom. Like New. \$1500.00 Joyce Hebert 315/859-0903, evenings best.

Lambs & Rams for Sale: White 2 year old Border Leicester ram; Colored (dark grey) 7/8ths Border Leicester ram; White & Black Border Leicester Cross Lambs. All are very reasonably priced. Nancy Morey, PO Box 48, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745. 656-4737.

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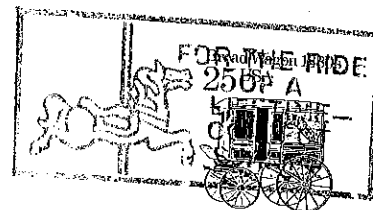
An addition to last newsletter's listing:

Nov 19, Sat. Annual meeting of the Empire Sheep Producers, featured speaker is Ron Parker. For info, Nancy Morey 656-4737.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!! To member Carol Wanagel and family on the birth of Jill on October 2 -- and welcome to the world.

***** NATIONAL SPINNING AND WEAVING WEEK OCTOBER 5-11 *****

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL SPINNING & WEAVING WEEK
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AFGHAN FOR GUILD RAFFLE
[48" X 64"]

Natural colored swatches reflecting the diversity of the guild's members.

Propose limiting the materials to animal fiber and color to undyed, natural shades. And yarn size to no finer than sport weight.

NEED a total of 20 contributions:
(finished size is crucial)

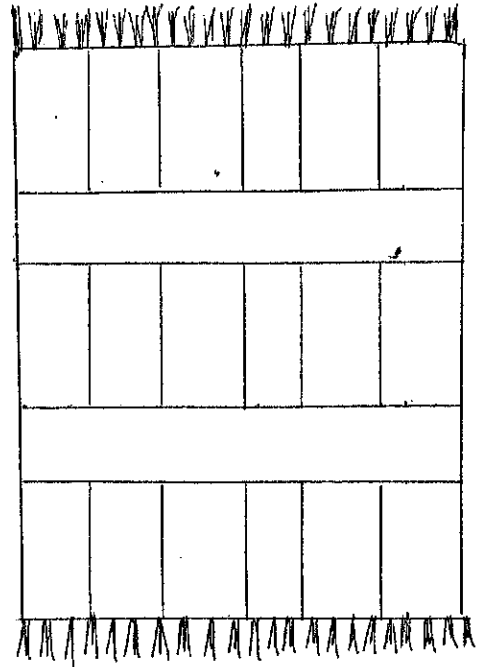
18 swatches to measure 8" X 16"
2 strips measuring 8" X 48"
to offset smaller pieces



Variety of yarn size is encouraged, as well as method of construction (knit or crochet).

~~*~~ Please provide enough extra yarn to make fringe on one end.

It would be IDEAL if all the needed pieces could be pulled together by the May meeting, so that the finished product could be displayed locally as advertisement prior to June 1.

Anyone willing to do one or both of the 8" X 48" strips, please contact: Kay Stickane 277-3379



 Three cheers for Kay Stickane—Market Day Coordinator!— who came up with this wonderful Guild project for the June 21 Market Day Raffle! Knit or crochet—any style, any stitch, any natural colored animal fibers, or any combination thereof—  your swatch (or swatches for those heavily inspired) for the afghan. The only other criteria is to keep an eye on the measurements so the afghan will be relatively rectangular when completed. Bring your contribution (or have a friend bring it) to the May 9th meeting. After the program on color, we will spread the swatches out for arrangement into a final pattern so that they can be crocheted together by Kathy Halton, Kay Stickane and ?.... ? you....? ?

