



SEPTEMBER 1991

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEPTEMBER'S MEETING: BEGINNER'S SPINNING WORKSHOP

The September 14th meeting will be held at the Varna firehouse on Route 366 at 12:00 p.m. As promised at June's Market Day, there will be a beginners' spinning workshop. Members of BSHG will instruct participants in various spinning techniques, fiber preparation, and equipment usage. A fee of \$5.00 is required. Spinning wheels, drop spindles, hand and drum carders as well as other equipment will be available.

Celia Radke or Nancy Wilson (533-7992) need those members planning to attend to give one of them a call. They need to know who would like to volunteer teach. Spinning wheels are also needed. If there is a no-show on the part of willing novices eager to learn the ancient, rewarding and stress-relieving benefits of handspinning, then there will just be an informal planning meeting instead.

At the October 12th meeting there will be a rummage sale/exchange and a slide show by Jean Warholic on the Gerber method of dying.

RITA BUCHANAN WORKSHOP

BSHG will be hosting Rita Buchanan, author and frequent contributor to SPIN-OFF magazine on the 16th and 17th of November. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

KNITTER'S FAIR:

We received an interesting flyer about the first annual knitters fair being held in Garden State Park, Cherry Hill, NJ on October 18, 19, and 20, 1991. The fair will consist of an array of knitting classes at all levels.

Among the dozens of classes offered are machine knitting mechanics, understanding fibers, handspinning, Norwegian, bohus and other ethnic knitting styles, finishing and shaping techniques, tapestry knitting, sculptured knitting and many more.

Designers and teachers such as Pricilla Gibson-Roberts, Nicky Epstein and Lily Chin are featured.

Fees are according to hours, 12 hours at \$200 and 18 hours at \$260. Individual classes are also offered.

To register or request information, call 1-800-722-2558.

HOW ABOUT PLANNING A SPINNER'S RETREAT?

I thought if we could get 12 to 15 people together in late January or early February, it would be a great way to break-up the mid-winter doldrums and have a spinners retreat.

We could talk about teaching each other a skill we learned but have never had time to demonstrate to others. Another idea could be organizing small groups and each group teach a particular spinning method. If someone wants to learn the skill, we could ask the student to prepare for the project in advance...(i.e., perhaps Ann Furman could teach how to spin fancy yarns, and we could have 'S' and 'Z' spun yarn ready.)

Think about it. I'll be at the October meeting to get reactions. Do you know of a place we could rent which isn't expensive? Maybe even with a little cross-country skiing in the afternoon?

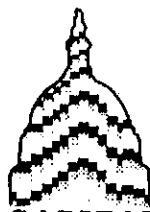
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DYER'S DILEMMA:

This is tomato juice canning season and with my busy schedule, I was ready to can the juice at 10 one evening. So where was the canner? I searched every possible nook and cranny. Alas, it had been turned into a dye pot one day when I had more colors than pots. Fortunately, I have a nice neighbor and I gave her a good laugh when I called at that late hour for a loan.

Eleanor May



A CAPITAL CONVERGENCE '92

Convergence is the name given to the Handweavers Guild of America's biennial gathering of people interested in all phases of the fiber crafts; including weaving, spinning, dyeing, basket weaving and paper making.

The Baltimore Weavers Guild and the Potomac Craftsmen will host Convergence '92 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, DC, July 23 through 26, 1992. Three-day workshops before Convergence and five-day workshops afterward will be held at the American University.

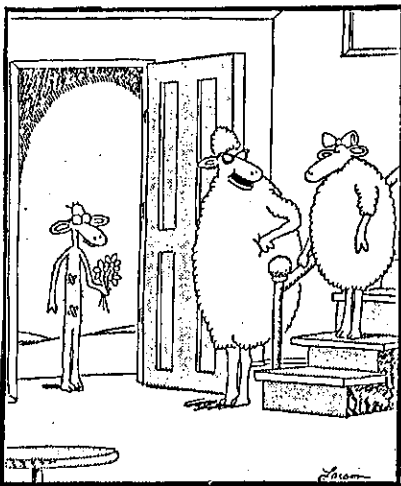
Internationally and nationally known speakers, teachers, business people and of course weavers, spinners and dyers will be sharing and reflecting the vast scope of the weaver's world and art.

Further information will be available in the Fall 1991 issue of SHUTTLE SPINDLE & DYEPOD.

Anyone interested?

SPINNING WHEEL MAINTENANCE TIPS From
Bill Ralph, wheel restorer of Rome, PA

- 1) A way to determine whether an old wheel is a true antique is to look for a nail driven into one of the legs. This was done to prevent the wheel from "walking" along the floor while it was being used.
- 2) Another thing to look for in an antique wheel is "gook" all over the wheel from the oil. Old wheels were generally not polished as newer wheels are.
- 3) Bill cleans his wheels with Mr. Clean and hot water, then finishes the wood with boiled linseed oil and turpentine. If you want to try this method, use pure gum spirits in a 50/50 mix. It works best to use three or four light coats and rub well between each.
- 4) He uses butcher's twine for a drive band.
- 5) He recommends 3-weight motor oil to lubricate wheels because it lasts better than lighter weight oils. Vaseline is also good to use, but harder to apply.
- 6) Oil every two hours!!



"Oh, and here's Luanne now... Bobby just got sheared today, Luanne."

FOR SALE:

Ad Rates: 3-6 lines ----- \$1 one time
----- \$2 three times
7-24 lines ----- \$5 one time
25 lines ----- 1/2 page \$10 one time

For Sale: 60" Glimakra Countermarch loom. Includes bench, 8-harness sectional beam and 10 and 12 inch reeds. \$1600. Colleen Davis, 415 Elm St., Ithaca NY 14850. (607) 277-1151. (3/3)

For Sale: Clean, soft, beautifully shorn handspinning fleeces. Many different colors and breeds to choose from. \$2 - 5/lb. Come visit our flock. Samples available. Elizabeth Hays, Angel Ridge Farm, Spencer, NY (607) 589-6792. (2/3)

Loom Wanted: 22 or 24" Dorset or Baby Wolf floor Loom.
Please call Eleanor May, 272-8224 (3/3)

For Sale: The Louet S90 Ultimate is here! Special guild price \$370.00, shipping included. Regular price is \$439.00. Louet yarn blocker and warping mill, \$100.00. Lisa Ann Merian, Spinner's Hill Shop, RD #1, Box 118, Brackett Lake Road, Bainbridge, NY 13733, 843-6276. (3/15)

A VERY GOOD DEAL FOR A LATE SUMMER BARBECUE!

Three 6 pound packages of frozen, organic lamb spiedies, cut up and marinated for only \$15. Purchased from Northland Farms. Call Nancy Wilson 533-7992 if interested.