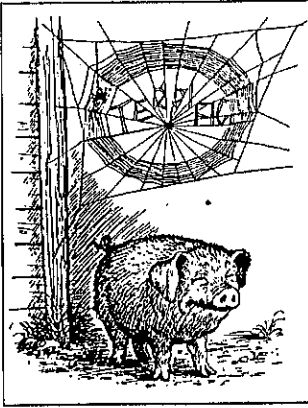


BLACKSHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1992

ARANEUS DIADEMATUS, the spider who starred in E.B. White's Charlotte's Web overcame the constraints of

wet silk to fashion a highly efficient and structurally advanced orb web as well as saving her young friend from the slaughterhouse.



The Blacksheep Handspinners Guild meets 2nd Saturday of each month from 11-3 at the Varna Community Center on Rt 366. If your coming North on 13, take a left at the sign just past NYSEG and if your coming South on 13, take a right at the sign about 3 miles past Triphammer Mall at the Treeforms Furniture Store. If coming from Center Ithaca, the community center is about a mile past the vet school on the right.

RAINBOWS IN MARCH:

HOTWATER ACID RAINBOW DYEING - WOOL FLEECE OR YARN

Plan for a colorful afternoon on March 14th when Debbie Benzer and Deb Miller will show us how to rainbow dye yarn and fleece.

The meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shelly Marino and Ellie May will donate their dye pots so we have enough to go around.

Please bring up to 1/2 pound (8 oz.) yarn, heavy duty plastic bags and rubber gloves. Yarn is to be skeined, tied and have an identifying marker. We will provide a fleece for the fleece pot.

Everyone will be able to take some home..(if you have a plastic bag!)

FEBRUARY'S MEETING:

The Varna Volunteer Fire Department probably marvelled at the shining floors and glistening tabletops after our February hatmaking extravaganza. I know my shoulders and neck will remember that afternoon's relentless scrubbing and kneading as an aerobic exercise that would sooner be left to the YMCA's kinder and gentler classroom techniques. I must have burned 600 calories and torn a hole in any cholesterol deposits I had lurking in my frame.

But we all had great fun and Ellie May had to yell the few announcements over the din of voices and the soft grinding of the many carding rollers. Yes, we will one day have name tags and the yarn for the afghan is coming in steadily.

A few last messages concerning the availability of beds, vegetarian cuisine at the upcoming weekend retreat at the WATSON HOMESTEAD were given before Alison and Marion took over and the mayhem began.

We looked like a beginning beauty college class as we carefully draped and coiled colorful tresses of carded fleece over basketballs and soccer balls.

The soapsuds sloshed in all directions as some of us dribbled the gussied-up and soaking basketballs around the room or gave them a massage a la Divine.

The hats were later peeled off the balls and given another treatment at the washboards before they were steamed and pulled into shaped. And what hats they were! Alison remarked how surprised she was at the range of styles that materialized from the hat frames.

I think the Blacksheep madhatters are ready to do it again during better weather. I've even thought about making one in the driveway,

somewhere in close range of my car.

Thanks again Alison Lovejoy and Marion Smith.
We all had a great time.

UPCOMING NEWSLETTER FEATURE:

Dear Black sheep Handspinner Guild Member,

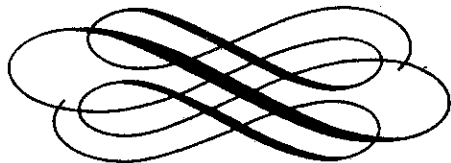
The BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNER GUILD NEWSLETTER will feature a new article soon. Entitled "GETTING TO KNOW EWE". The article will feature guild members in each newsletter. the purpose of the article will be two-fold, fun and simply another way for us to get to know each other. You might say "well, we already know each other", but with new members and busy meetings, sometimes we don't get to talk with each other like we would like. Besides, did you know that Nancy Wilson and Kim Slack run a catering business in their spare time, or Celia Radke climbed one of the highest peaks in the Himalayas or that Debbie Benzer has spun elephant hair? Okay, so none of those members have done those things, but I have your attention now...and what kind of things will we discover about each other?

Please complete your questionnaire and return to me. You never know when you will be the featured guild member in the new article.

If you need more space, use other paper or the back of the questionnaire. My address is:

Nancy Demjanec
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Trumansburg, NY 14886

Thanks for your cooperation.....Nancy



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	CREDIT	DEBIT
Dropspindle kits:.....	23.00	30.50
Drumcarder rental:.....	41.00	
Membership dues:.....	616.00	
Copies for guild handouts:.....		16.26
Beginners Workshop.....	50.00	
Rita Buchanan Workshop:.....	770.00	523.33
Market Day:.....	599.00	673.36
Rock Day:.....		63.50
Varna Hall Rental:.....		250.00
T-Shirt Sales:.....	49.50	
Newsletter postage:.....		196.21
Newsletter printing:.....		190.36
Magazine Subscript:.....		103.00
Newsletter Ads:.....	51.00	
Library:.....	19.95	7.22
Video Tape:.....	25.00	47.10
Administrative Postage:.....		5.80
PO Box Rental:.....		35.00
Misc:.....		45.80
Insurance:.....		100.00