



March Meeting Where?

The second Saturday of each month at Varna Community Center on Rt. 366. Bring your lunch, a cup too! We start at 11:00 am & end at 3:00pm

What's Doing?

Kathy Halton will show us how to knit different types of heels for socks. Needed—4oz. worsted weight wool, set of #8 dbl ptd needles. Cast on 40 sts. (14 on two needles & 12 on the third.). K1 P1 for 10" or length desired and bring to meeting. (Rag sock pattern from Candide)

Minutes from February 12th Meeting

The date for Market Day has been set, June 26. We have yet to confirm it with 4-H Acres. Liza Marion and Nancy Morey will contact vendors for that day. We discussed the idea of activities such as beginners corner and washing and dying demonstrations—perhaps using wool that belongs to the guild and/or the guild members. But if we do organize these activities, they will be kept simple. We decided Market Day be a day to get together with other spinners to spin, and perhaps to buy and sell our products. Food was of course discussed. Food vendors will be contacted—the Portable Feast for one. We will need volunteers to sit at the welcome table which will double as the guild table. We could have coffee, donuts and name tags ready for members of other guilds and ourselves too. The general consensus was that Market Day should be more relaxed than in years past. Also, it became apparent that we need one person to coordinate Market Day. Kay, who had not yet arrived was suggested as a great person to handle that job. When Kay did arrive, it was suggested to her. She didn't say no.

Don't forget the finishing workshop on April 23 with Nancy Morey. Time and place to be announced.

It was suggested that we look into moving the guild meetings to Ellis Hollow. It costs less money, the building holds 25 people and has a kitchen. It was suggested that we find out if any commitment on our part toward their annual fair was expected. The big plus—we would save enough money on rent to buy a book a month for our library. Next months meeting will feature Kathy Halton demonstrating heel styles. Have your cuff already knit.

Retreat weekend, March 4, 5, & 6. Ten people signed up with the possibility of two more. Several openings still not spoken for. A vote was taken and everyone agreed that even though it would cost more if all openings were not filled, those signed up would be willing to pay a little more. Believe me, the weekend is that good. It's decadent! The only thing structure is meal time, and no dishes to do. The weekend is a great pre-spring renewal.

DUES ARE DUE! We paid the rent on the fire station/community center and find ourselves broke.

The newsletter editor will be trying to get the newsletter out earlier than in the past. This would give members an opportunity to prepare for the next months workshop. The Saturday after the regular meeting is targeted deadline for submissions. The last part of our meeting was devoted to show and tell. It was wonderful Kathy shared her latest sock—warm and large. JoAnn had a hat made from leftovers—just great! Debbie had yarn spun from mohair dyed by Liza Marion and mixed with white and grey. Ellie was knitting a hat to be felted—for herself, since she gave the others away. Lee showed a big bag of yarn samples from a Ted Carson workshop. Marion went to a dog sled race in Ontario and bought socks and mittens made with yarn blended with dog fibers. Vernice has been busy knitting incredible lace for the pillowcases she is making for her future daughter-in-law. Alison shared the mohair coat she wove. Gorgeous Michele showed the Christmas stocking she knitted. Sharon had a skein of handspun using a single strand of chenille of a lighter color. Pam learned to knit in November and showed her socks. Hester shared pictures of her adorable baby Jacob sheep. Kay had pictures of her 4 new llamas. Her fiber addiction has spread to fiber on the hoof. Linda showed us the Rambouillet she dyed and blended with gold metallic strands. Shelly shared a beautiful baby sweater she had knit for a friend and also a sample of yarn she spun on her great wheel. Lynn, a friend of Maria's, was visiting and showed us her mobius scarf. Great color combo

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Meet our member, Anne Furman, co-vice president She was born in New Orleans, later moved to Texas, and then on to New York State—30 years ago. About 5 years ago she and her husband were out enjoying a motorcycling afternoon and stopped in to see what Market Day was all about She bought a roving of wool/silk and was asked

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by hubby; What on earth are you going to do with THAT? Well she didn't do much. In fact nothing for a whole year. Anne is a teacher and knew Ellie May from whom she borrowed a wheel and began to spin---counter clockwise. At an outdoor meeting she found clockwise spinning was preferred. Like many spinners Anne spins to relax, or should I say unwind. Knitting is not high priority. Needless to say her yarn runneth over. She does have a hand-woven afgahn of her handspun wool though, and will try to do something for State Fair.

Don't forget that booklet is "Bible" for judging quality. The challenge is out, enter your work this year and win a prize.

Upcoming Events 1994

- April 9.....MAFA Spring Conference
- April 23.....Finishing Workshop
- May 21.....Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
- June 12.....Museum Day
- June 26.....Market Day

Need a Fleece?

Kathy Halton's neighbor, Elizabeth Hayes has a few nice ones. Call Angel Ridge Farm 589-6792.

State Fair Entries

At the last meeting Celia And Vernice talked about State Fair entries. They stressed the importance of following guidelines for quality yarn and/or finished articles. Vernice brought several sample skeins and small knitted swatches of her previous entries and awards as examples. State Fair entry booklet lists those guidelines. Puzzled? What shall I do for State Fair? To request an entry booklet listing categories call:..... Art and Home Center
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