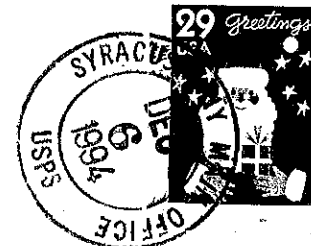


Black Sheep Handspinners Guild



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MOM

Meet our member Diane Blaisdell. She moved to the Ithaca region from Bear Mountain near N.Y.C. She attended college and raised three children. She was a Real Estate broker for 24 years, a Notary Public, N.Y.S. Building and Fire Inspector and Adult Care Administrator. She has always enjoyed working with wool- and building house-in her spare time. They live in a huge log home that they built that is adjoining Tremans State Park. They call it Pine Country, it has a big stream, seven acres, sheep dogs, family, and finally a spinning wheel! Now retired (Thank God) with six grandchildren. My turn to enjoy she exclaims.

Want a Dog?

A friend of Ellie's has a Sanoyed dog 11 years old. Very loving house pet that needs a little exercise. The master has health problems and can't get out. If interested call Bobbie Kieton 273-4215.

Let's be Proud of Handspun

Sails woven of handspun were trusted long before Ulysses sailed for Troy; they caught the winds of the Mediterranean for the Phoenicians and the Romans. They carried the ships of the Vikings to far horizons, Cortez to Mexico, Pizzaro to Peru. They withstood the wild storms as Magellan made the first voyage around the world. Colonial America was founded by people carried across the Atlantic by winds caught in sails made of handspun cotton and linen.

Spin Span Spun

New Officers

Election took place in November. Our officers for a new two year term are;
President: Sharon Gombas
Vice-presidents: Anne Furman
Celia Radke
Treasurer: Rickie McClure
Secretary: Kathy Halton
Newsletter: Lee Buerkle
Library: Nancy Denjanec

Congratulations!

This and That

Last meeting of the year. Membership is up for re-renewal. Send or bring to the December meeting the enclosed membership form with dues of \$15.00 and suggestions workshops etc.

Day competition: a small skein (less than 2 ounces) of handspun yarn of unusual fiber to be presented in an artful/extraordinary manner.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Shetland lambs, super fine wool for spinning. Purebred Shetland ram (brown) and 3/4 Shetland ewe (white). Sold as a pair. \$400.00
Diane Blaisdell 607-277-0771

Market Day Report

Vendors	\$420.00	Rent	\$40.00
Raffle	310.00	Ins.	75.00
	\$730.00	Pub.	54.00
			\$169.00

Net Profit \$561.00

December Program is "Silk for Life" presented by Nancy Denjanec and Anne Furman. Thanks to Marie Bryhan and Kay Stickane for the GREAT program on wool combs!



December Meeting Where?

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

Our new officers are in negotiation with Varna over rent and less meetings in this building. We are investigating another option. The Women's Community Center in downtown Ithaca. Dorothy Huey will fill in the details.

Rock Day

Charlotte Altman is general chairwoman for this very interesting day. Tentative speaker is Sandy Yahner, art teacher, weaver, puppeteer. Nancy Morey will try to garner the vendors again. Sorry for this late mailing of the newsletter. I tried to hold off till I knew the right Saturday for Rock Day but haven't heard from Varna as yet. The speaker is available the first Saturday but not the second which is our regular meeting day. Watch for possible date change for the January meeting.

November Minutes

Charlotte Altman will chair Rock Day. Next months meeting will be party time. Plan to come and enjoy each others company good food and bring along your current project Bring along your favorite goodie to share.

New member Sarah Bennett showed a gorgeous sock she knit USING HANDSPUN yarn she spun using a drop spindle.

Vernice Church brought her 1st in class, & best overall winning lace dress she spun and knit from 80% silk/20% wool blend.

Ellie May shared a grey fleece that she had overdyed in indigo-a beautiful tweed- and also overdyed in madder-net so attractive. Went to Rhinebeck and bought some Corne wool, Tussah silk, that is varigated.

Celia brought the hats, yarns and sweater that she entered in the State Fair. We had a discussion about the ribbing. Judges said she had the wrong side out. But we decided emphatically that there is no right or wrong side.

Marie told of the Alice Starnere's workshop she and Celia attended. Basically they were not impressed, but managed to salvage the weekend by hunting out intriguing shops. Lee Buerkle brought felt slippers she is trying on her own from instructions handed out at one of our workshops.

Shelly has made socks and mittens as a thank you to her Aunt Sissy (in-law). 1st wool she had spun low those many years ago. She also spun wool from Market Day purchase of several years ago-more mittens. That's the way to end a year, get those old projects finished. Debbie Benzer had no show but sure had a tell. The big tell is, she and Dave are getting married and moving to Washington D.C. The date mentioned was Dec. 16 but as of this day Dec. 9 ^{a day before had} meeting day is the special day. It ended that she ^{had} a show after all. The jacket she wore was felted by her.

Kay Stickane showed a baby's hat, made from a merino wool kit, shaped as a strawberry. It is adorable. She also had a new wheel, a Majaeraft, bought at Rhinebeck.

Nancy Demjanec told about her new yarn shop, she sure is knitting up a storm using the beautiful yarns from her shop.

Diane Blaisdell will swap her ram for a knitting machine..

Elizabeth is shopping for a guild. she has been spinning for 25 years. She and her husband are raising a flock of finnish cross sheep. She showed a skin of mohair that is 7/8's angora, and admitted to owning 7 wheels. Linda Helms is experimenting with dying. She brought a skein dyed with black Rit and blended with a glitzy strand.

Anne Furman our self proclaimed sargent-at-arm shared an afghan yarn.

Kathy Halton is making a gansey from a warm and beautiful brown merino yarn. She bought the book Knitting Ganseys.

JoAnne Hog showed us a scarf and hat set knit mohair.