Greetings!

Talking about fiber festivals makes me think that summer is ending all too soon, but talk I will: the fall fiber-fest season is upon us. Before we know it we will be checking out the butter sculpture and entries and demonstrating at the wool booth at the state fair. Hemlock follows in September, and Rhinebeck the next month. All fun, and all in need of volunteers.

A handful of guild members will be making the trip to the NY State Fair wool booth on Tuesday September 1; if you would like to join us you can contact me. Anyone wishing to demonstrate on a day other than 9/1 may; please contact Linda Miller at linda@rainbowacrefiberfarm.com for more info.

For Hemlock and Rhinebeck, go to their web sites (see yellow sidebar, page 2) where you will find a connection to their volunteer page.

Reasons to volunteer:
1) It is fun, and you meet interesting people.
2) You get in free.
3) They are always glad to see you.

So look for me collecting the entry fee at Hemlock!

Sharon
Ellie and Sharon wish to remind you that they are ready to accept your donations for the Roc Day Chinese auction. Proceeds from this event pay the rent on our lovely home at All Saints. We gladly accept all fiber-related items including books and tools. We especially appreciate items that draw the eye—and therefore more bidders—and look forward to your support of the event.

**Roc Day 2015 Details** here:
http://www.blacksheephandspinnersguild.org/rocday.html

And don’t forget to work on your **Shawl for the Roc Day Competition!** Patterns, Eight Triangles OR Holey Shawl In the April 2015 BSHG Newsletter (see page 4) here:

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**Don’t Get Mad; Get Madder!**

**Dye Workshop with Wayne Harbert**

We plan to have a dyeing workshop at the August meeting, featuring madder. We will try to have two dyepots going so that anyone who wants will be able to dye a small batch of fiber. This will take an hour or two, since they need to simmer in the pot.

You should bring the (wool-preferred) fiber or yarn (no more than 4 oz) premordanted in alum.*

You should also come prepared to stand outside for a while in whatever weather should happen to greet us. (This will be an outdoor event; we don't wish to conduct unplanned experiments in the color-fastness of madder on floor tiles.)

*Never Alum mordanted before? See this URL: http://www.earthues.com/aboutmordants.html
Field Trip Fun at the Home Textile Tool Museum
For sale: the BSHGuild table loom needs a good home. It will be at the August meeting for viewing. Make an offer. If you have questions you can call Sharon at 280-8726.

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In an effort to reduce my personal stash, I’d like to sell cotton warp, loop mohair, rug wools, fine wools, rayon and rayon chenille and other interesting stuff at prices ranging from low to ridiculous. I also have a Hansen e-spinner with woolee winder, two bobbins and kate for sale. Contact Karey Solomon at threads@empacc.net.

For sale from my own happy sheep and rabbits in Trumansburg: Navajo-Churro roving in a variety of natural colors
Angora rabbit wool in white Contact Sharon Berger @607-592-4649 or sabberger@twcny.rr.com

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