A Message from the President

Greetings all!

The garden is being put to bed, the dahlias are in the basement (extras will be showing up at the next meeting if I remember), house guests are on their way back to Holland, and I am in the mood for spinning. After all the time spent cleaning house in preparation for visitors I now am tearing things apart looking for the Finn x Border Leicester I carded up for spinning, with a project in mind no less, from a Mary Stepney fleece purchased at Hemlock (even working there did not prevent this), and which has gone missing. I have looked everywhere, I think, to no avail. Did it go to the Salvation Army with the clothes that no longer brought me joy? Is my sister in VT wondering where that bag of fuzz came from? I WILL get better at organizing.

Plans for Roc Day proceed. Our vending friends from last year will all be returning and layout is in the works. Anyone wishing to demonstrate some skill related to spinning, or fiber, should contact me please with information. We will circulate a volunteer list at the meeting, and add it to the web site. Alison will remind us of competition classes and rules, to include the shawls which are new to the event.

At this time of thanksgiving, I am truly thankful for our friendly and supportive fiber community.
Happy spinning!

Sharon

Nov. 14th Meeting Topic:
We’d like members to bring IDEAS for fun, easy-to-make gifts. These ideas can be actual things you’ve made or things you’ve found that you’d like to make that are quick (the Holidays approach!). URLs are appreciated, or cite other sources. If you made it up yourself, instructions of how-to would be nice.
The Spinning Wheel Interviews

Those BIG BOBBIN Louets

It started with Sue Weaver’s wheel and half a pound of dyed BFL wool. Half a pound. When I first noticed her Louet, the bobbin did seem pretty full, but she kept cramming more and more of that wool singles on. I wondered if she’d get it all on there, but she did. 8 ounces, one bobbin. Holy cow, I said. But she was also determined to ply those singles back on the very same bobbin. Any sane person knows that plying will fluff up 2 singles so they won’t fit back on the same bobbin. Sue was unfazed. Her Louet S50 took a deep breath, and together they fit every last bit back on. I’m not saying it was easy, but we all saw her do it at the last meeting—we have pixs to prove it.

Her wheel was a going-away gift from her co-workers at an animal hospital- a big surprise that made her cry. It came all the way from the Netherlands; Betty Gijsbertse (Nat’l Spinning Champion for 2006, the Netherlands) test spun on it before shipping it. Betty explained “Of course Louet is a simple machine of high quality and almost always very well balanced. These qualities recommended for beginning hand spinners. S50 is very light and travels well.”

After Sue got her wool skeined off, I started looking at the other wheels that came to our October meeting. Sharon, Wayne and Louise gathered around a Louet that had traveled from member to beginning spinner member and was still going strong.

Debbie Benzer brought hers too. She admitted that she hadn’t spun on it for a long long time. It came out of mothballs to create yarn from Swiss sheep (they called them Brunnoirsuisse, Neznoir) that her daughter’s host family sent her when they realized she was a spinner.
Big Bobbin Louets, Swiss sheepswool and half a pound of wool pixs
Project ‘Goofs’ and Triumphs
From our last meeting

Sharon showed a sweater with too small a collar, which nevertheless was a winning entry at the State Fair. Allison showed her first dismal attempts at nuno felting. After learning with Sharon, she produced a triumph- a truly lovely shawl. Lynn showed off her unfinished sheep sweater as a goof, since it is too small for her to wear. Laurie showed her goofs at nuno felted silk scarves, having tried to use fiber that wouldn't properly felt. Lois showed a skein dyed pale bluish-grey from the 4 Japanese indigo plants grown in her yard. Japanese indigo proved to be one of the few plants that slugs hate. Mary had already moved three bags of goofs to the landfill. Angelika plied in a turkish spindle that could take eight ounces of bulky four ply (because she knows no fear….). Tammy had refinished the former Guild loom. She had plenty of goofs to share: She had painted the handle just to find out that now it didn't fit anymore. Then having watched the wrong YouTube video, she warped the four shaft loom like a rigid heddle loom.
And then there was Wayne....
With his new, very large spindle toy- a Patented Pendulum Wheel!!!!!

The orange caution tape is to protect passers by from bonking their head on the small cannon ball counterweight.

About Louise’s Hat
Louise knits her way thru a lot of our meetings. That hat you see her working on is now finished. We’re pretty sure she must have a whole lot of KnitPiks colors in her stash. And here is the pattern.
But the singing color music is all her own.
The Art of Fair Isle Knitting, History, Technique, Color & Patterns, by Ann Feitelson

Many thanks to Wayne H, Angelica L, Louise and me for the wonderful pictures to share.
To place an ad

The cost for ads is $5.00 per month for non-members. Current members may submit one business-card sized classified ad per month for free. Send a check made out to BSHG to our treasurer, Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Send the ad in digital form to the newsletter editor, newsletter@blacksheephandspinnersguild.com. Black & white business cards are published free for current members.

FOR SALE: 1810 Great Wheel purchased from Bill Ralph. Miner’s head, spins beautifully. For further info and/or to give it a spin, please contact shelly@chezmyers.com

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 woollee winder, two bobbins and kate for sale. Contact Karey Solomon at threads@empacc.net.

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