A Message from the President

Greetings all!

I am just back from the wilds of northern VT. I exaggerate a bit, but at my Dad's I had no cell reception and no internet, which actually was kind of relaxing. The several knitting and spinning projects I brought with me either remained untouched or should have been; the yarn I spun while there, and the sweater I almost finished, both intended for the competitions at Roc Day, show evidence of the anxiety and frustration of "helping" an aging parent. (If you have not read Atul Gawande's book "Being Mortal," you should, I think.) My Thanksgiving was filled with family and friends, joy and sadness--a typical holiday.

I look forward to spinning with you at the next meeting. Our December party will feature holiday foods, a fashion show of our made-this-year wearables, finished or almost so, and the gift exchange (those wishing to participate should bring a wrapped fiber-related gift in the $10 range). Most importantly, bring your holiday cheer!

Sharon
### Our ROC Day Celebration:
The Schedule

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<td>10:00 - 4:00</td>
<td>Spinning circle: for those who bring wheels and for those who want to try out various wheels (a pendulum wheel is likely to be on display here as well) Spinning circle offers help for beginners Shopping opportunities – see exciting Vendor list, Pg 3.</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>Historical Spindle Demonstration: “Spin like you’re Scottish,” with Lois Swales</td>
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<td>Entries to skein and shawl competitions are due</td>
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<td>11:30 - 1:30</td>
<td>Dish-to-pass luncheon</td>
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<td>Demonstration of spinning flax, with Susan Quick</td>
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<td>Sale of raffle tickets ends</td>
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<td>Presentation of raffle items to winners</td>
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<td>Prizes awarded to winners of skein and shawl competitions</td>
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<td>4:00</td>
<td>Celebration ends for today—we hope to see you next year!</td>
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### Our ROC Day Celebration:
The Chinese Auction

Attendees will find a fine selection of handmade fiber goods donated by our members to help defray the cost of our meeting site. Here is your opportunity to bid on beautiful handmade items and possibly go home with a bargain in both beauty and cost! Past auction have featured handspun yarn skeins, hats, scarves, shawls, socks and other wooly bits.

**NOTE:** Membership DUES ARE DUE starting in January for 1 year. See signup sheet at back of newsletter. Or bring $20 to give to our treasurer at the next meeting. Check or cash gratefully accepted.
Laurie Ament, glassmaker
Handmade drop spindles with glass whorls, shawl pins, buttons, and glass beads.
isinglassdesigns@yahoo.com

By Jim—Hilltop Woodworking
Hand-turned spindles, folding stools, Spin’n Rides, and other spinning accessories.
hilltoppaddles@earthlink.net

Dear Mary Handspun and Handwoven
Hand-woven and hand-spun towels, scarves, and placemats as well as hand-knit socks from my hand-spun yarns. Hand-spun skeins, from cobweb to chunky weight, from dyers such as Hello Yarn, Southern Cross, and

Spunky Eclectic  mmille18@twcny.rr.com
Graceful Arts Fiber Studio
Dyed roving, hand-dyed sock yarns, knitting, crocheting and tatting supplies.
www.Gracefulartsfiberstudio.com
threads@empacc.net

Llady Llama Fiber Company
Hand-painted yarn and carded fiber batts, hand-turned drop spindles, niddy noddies, diz and threader sets, orifice hooks and shawl pins. Project totes and needle cases. www.lladyllamafiberco.etsy.com

Nistock Farms
Roving, dyed locks, dyed sliver. Drop spindle kits, sheepskins. Cotswold yarn, drop spindle kits, quilt batting, fiber tools and equipment. Cotswold and other fleeces
www.nistockfarms.com  sheepmom@empacc.net

Holly Partridge fleeces
Teesdale fleeces and locks, other breeds to include Wensleydale.

Spinner's Hill
Hand-dyed roving, fiber blends, batts and yarns. Also fiber arts supplies. www.spinnershill.com

Stillmeadow Finnsheep
Finnsheep roving and washed locks, felted bags, stoneware pottery including yarn bowls.
stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontiernet.com  www.stillmeadowfinnsheep.com

Susan's Spinning Bunny
Hand-dyed fibers and yarns, wheels, patterns, kits, accessories and felting supplies.
susan@spinningbunny.com  www.spinningbunny.com

Trinity Farm
Icelandic and Shetland fleece, rovings, and hand-spun yarns, hand-made sheep milk soaps, original needle-felted creations.
Our ROC Day Celebration:
The Competitions

We look forward to receiving your entries for this event. You may submit 5 entries, which should be received by no later than 11 o’clock the day of the event. This year we will take one class at a time for judging, leaving the other entries on display, and return each class to the display table once judging for that class is complete. Awards will be presented at 3 o’clock. Participants may pick up their entries at this time.

There are no restrictions on the number of entries in any class, for a total of 5 entries.

Attach to each entry an envelope. The outside of the envelope should show the class, and information on the fiber, preparation and intended use. Your name and guild affiliation go on the inside please.

Classes are as follows:

1) Proficiency of spin: a two ounce skein 100% wool
2) Proficiency of spin: a two ounce wool blend or other fiber
3) Novelty yarn: 2 ounce skein, spun using any technique or fiber
4) Novice yarn: 2 ounce of yarn spun by a person new to spinning in the last year
5) Project basket: in a basket or container of your choice, artfully presented, (SEE PHOTO PAGE FOR AN EXAMPLE) provide the following:

The pattern for which the fiber is intendedAt least 4 ounces of fiber spun for the projectA sample of the fiber unspunA knitted, crocheted woven, etc., sample demonstrating the pattern.

PLEASE NOTE: For all classes, entries made on a drop spindle or charka may be submitted at weights half of those stated. Hence, for classes 1 through 4, one-ounce skeins will be accepted, and for the project basket 2 ounces will suffice. Be sure to identify these skeins, please.

We will also have a Project competition this year. You have a choice of making a shawl using one of the two provided patterns as a beginning template. The yarn used for this project must be handspun. Choose from Pattern I: Eight Triangles Shawl or Pattern II: Holey Shawl. See Patterns in our April 2015 Newsletter. (for those of you who like to work on last minutes deadlines.........). April 2015 Newsletter URL for download here:


We will be asking attendees to participate in our viewers’-choice selection. Vote on the submission you most like, for whatever reason. The entry with the most votes will be awarded a prize.
Robots Spinning and Plotting more Meetings – Nov 2015

Our Treasurer, Vicki Marsted is sitting on the right in this photograph. She is eagerly awaiting your membership dues! See Page 6.

Uh, Wait. What???????

Thanks to Angelika and Wayne for the Photos.

Plotting new activities while faithfully spinning
Membership Form

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Preferred email: PRINT NEATLY ______________________________________________________

Phone # _________________________________________________________________________

This information will be shared with registered guild members. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let Vicki Marsted know.

Please list your wheel(s) _________________________________________________________

Do you spindle spin? Yes or No (circle)

Do you Knit? Weave? Crochet? Dye? (Natural or Chemical?):

Would you be willing to share your skills with other members (ie: teach beginners, present a meeting topic, demo to the public, etc?)

If you raise fiber animals, please list them here________________________________________

We need your help on committee(s). If you would like to volunteer, let Sharon Gombas, our president know!!!

• Roc Day
• Programming
• Newsletter
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• Treasurer

Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Sharon Gombas.

Please fill this out and either bring it to a meeting or mail it with your check for $20 to: Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln St, Cortland, NY 13045
For Sale: Kromsky Spinning Wheel. If interested
Contact Tammy Fazzi (twelder62 AT yahoo.com)

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.

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

Spindles & Whorls from Lois & Laurie
handmade medieval & viking inspired drop spindles with interchangeable artisan glass or pottery whorls
www.missingspindle.etsy.com
www.glassbead.etsy.com

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
newsletter@blacksheephandspinnersguild.com. Black & white business cards are published free for current members.