A Message from the President

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all! This issue is devoted to our January party. Find here info on our schedule, competitions and vendors. Please pass it along to all your friends and acquaintances. See you there--I am off to start another shawl.

Sharon

Volunteer List for Roc Day 2016

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There are several unclaimed spots left; please contact Sharon if you can fill them. Floaters are important, especially if the weather is bad. See you there!!!
**Our ROC Day Celebration: The Schedule**

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| 10:00 - 4:00 | 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. |
| 11:00      | Historical Spindle Demonstration:  
              | “Spin like you’re Scottish,” with Lois Swales |
| 11:00      | Entries to skein and shawl competitions are due |
| 11:30 - 1:30 | Dish-to-pass luncheon |
| 12:00      | Demonstration of spinning flax, with Susan Quick |
| 1:00       | Demonstration:  
              | “Spin like a Roman,” with Lois Swales |
| 1:00       | Sale of raffle tickets ends |
| 1:30       | Presentation of raffle items to winners |
| 3:00       | Prizes awarded to winners of skein and shawl competitions |
| 4:00       | Celebration ends for today—we hope to see you next year! |

**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 auctions have featured handspun yarn skeins, hats, scarves, shawls, socks and other wooly bits.

**ROC Day**
Sat. Jan 9th, Lansing NY

**ROC DAY UPDATES:**  
Publicity: Sue Quick  
Kitchen: Anne Furman  
Kathy: Kitchen organization helper  
Allison: Competition Organizer  
Jean & Mary: Judges  
Tammy: Meet & Greet for the Spinning Circle  
Lois: In persona demos for historical spinning: Scottish & Roman  
Ellie: Chinese Auction Organizer; **She needs more handmade Items- first thing on ROC day is the last minute to donate.**

**BSHG Meeting,**  
Sat. Feb. 13th, “A Musical Opportunity!” , Lansing NY- please bring a spinning wheel to share as we go from chair to chair and test them all out!

**BSHG Spinning Retreat,**  
Fri, Sat, Sun. Feb. 18th, 19th, 20th, Painted Post, NY  
(North of Corning – http://www.watsonhomestead.com) Details on cost TBD.  
**NOTE: Membership DUES ARE DUE starting in January for 1 year.**

See signup sheet at back of newsletter. Or bring $20 to the next meeting.
Laurie Ament, glassmaker
Handmade drop spindles with glass whorls, shawl pins, buttons, and glass beads and other tools incorporating glass. 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.
Xmas Party, Gift Exchange & Show & Tell – Dec 2015

* The Newsletter Editor lost her December notes – interviews with spinning wheels will appear when she locates them. Sigh.

Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner and Stillmeadow Finnsheep in print!!! The Shepherd Magazine on Finn Sheep

Elizabeth also shared her 1973 somewhat amateur-built wheel she made whole again by making flyer arms, Distaff top from a chair spindle as well as providing her own homemade pottery oil cup for the steel post on the table.

New spinners Susan and Simon. Susan is a soapmaker who brought popular soapy gifts. Angelika encouraged her to come to our party and bring her spindle.

Thanks to Angelika for pixs
An impromptu & fascinating presentation on sewing sanitary supplies for impoverished girls living in restricted circumstances overseas.

Rosane and the start of her quick project – a set of handspun fingerless gloves just like the favorites she made last year–will she have enough handspun??????

Mrs. Benson, Aziza's Mother in Law, stopped by to introduce a charity sending out reusable female hygiene kits called 'Days for Girls'. We saw the cleverly designed reusable female hygiene pads, which enable young girls to attend school, even when they have their periods. Generally cheerful color prints are preferred, as the washed pads are hung out in the sun (and public!) to dry. You can help this worthy cause. For more information see www.daysforgirls.com

The finished handspun Swiss Sheep pillow off to its sheepy owners in Switzerland as a thank you for daughter hosting.

The Big Green Cotton Yarn Cone – Making your handspun singles go farther and last longer for your offsprings offspring. At least it is not BROWN!!!

Carol tackles ORANGE tops. She has plans to calm it down when she plies.
Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: __________________________

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!!!

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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 (t welder62 AT yahoo.com)

Robin Nistock is looking for a used wheel to teach on: would prefer a Louet but would take any modern brand with a single drive and Scotch/Irish tension. The simpler the better. ;-) Would prefer good working order but damage can be fixed so if anyone has a neglected modern wheel <robin@NistockFarms.com>

Yarn Culture

Open for retail beginning October 30, 2013
Hours: W - Sa 12p-6p
Open everyday online at www.yarnculture.com

Guild members get 10% off for in-store purchases.

Find us at 1367 Fairport Rd., Suite 855; Fairport,NY
(behind the AMF Fairview Lanes in the Fairport Office Park)
585.676.4694

Convert your Baynes hook flyer to a SLIDING PINCH HOOK FLYER for $32.00 including rebalancing. See Jim Johnson at a meeting or call 607-564-7178 or email hilltoppaddles@earthlink.net.

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