Greetings all, and happy spring!
I know that spring is here because lambs are suddenly bouncing all over the barnyard (my experience is that lambs do not walk, at least not until their teens). The hills are alive with the sound of maaa-sic, and the best shades of green imaginable are at every turn. A sensory overload of the best kind.

In that spirit, let's gather for a spring ice cream social and circle. We want to see and hear about what our friends have been up to. Ice cream will be provided. Please bring a favorite topping to share, and your cheerful self, for an entirely social event. See you there!----Sharon
We will need more volunteers for the organization of next years Rocl-Day. The more people are working together, the less work will it be for each one. The organizational work will start in September, please, consider if you could be part of it.

Activities planned for the next two Guild Meetings are a visit of a sheep keeper and neighbour of Robin Nistock in April. And dyeing with fiber reactive dyes in May, the Guild will provide the materials.

A couple of fiber related events were announced:

The Toronto Knitters Guild is holding the Toronto Knitters Frolic on the weekend of April 30/ May1 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. For more information see their website [frolic.torontoknittersguild.ca](http://frolic.torontoknittersguild.ca).

The Home Textile Tool Museum in Orwell, PA (1819 Orwell Hill Road, Rome, PA) will open this year with a demonstration on flax on Saturday, May 24th. On Saturday, August 13th, there will be a Waulking event at the Home Textile Tool Museum. Wayne will have more details. Their website ([http://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org](http://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org)) is not yet updated to show this year's events.

The Historic Deerfield Museum, Deerfield MA, holds plant based dyeing workshops from July 1st to August 14th. For more information see their website [http://www.historic-deerfield.org](http://www.historic-deerfield.org).

The Dryden Historical Society is holding a Harvest Festival in Fall to which spinners are invited. However the date is not clear yet, it will either be September 24th or October 8th. Generally it was felt, that the earlier date, that did not coincide with the Guild meeting, was preferable.

The Ithaca Celtic Festival will happen this year on October 15th, probably at Stewart Park.

Both last mentioned events are not yet announced on the internet.
Sad Note: Jay Arda, the co-owner, with his wife Suzanne O’Hara, of the Finger Lakes Woolen Mill has passed away. We took a field trip to their facility in June 2014, and they were very gracious hosts. The obituary is here: [http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theithacajournal/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=178390406](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theithacajournal/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=178390406)
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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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For Sale: Kromsky Spinning Wheel. If interested Contact Tammy Fazzi (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>

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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

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

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For sale from my own happy sheep and rabbits in Trumansburg: Navajo-Churro roving in a variety of natural colors

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