



A Message from the President

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

April 2016

Our April 9th meeting will be in Lansing at All Saints.

Ice Cream Social

We will be providing the Ice Cream. Please bring a topping to share.

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am - 3pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing, NY. Exceptions are possible-see location changes in the latest newsletter!

March Minutes

We will need more volunteers for the organization of next years Roc-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 .

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>) is not yet updated to show this year's events.

The Historic Deerfield Museum, Deerfield MA, holds plant based dying workshops from July 1st to August 14th. For more information see their website <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.

Fibery Events

BSHG Meeting,

Sat. Apr. 9th, **"Ice Cream Social"**

We make sheep happy, why not cows and humans?

Cornell University Renaissance
Faire invitation to Guild
Spinners See Wayne for Details-
demonstrators needed in costume.

BSHG Meeting,

Sat. May 14th, **"Dyeing for Color"**

Sat. August 13th, "Waulking"
Home Textile Tool Museum.
See Wayne for further details.

**NOTE: Membership DUES ARE DUE
starting in January for 1 year.**

See sign up sheet at back of
newsletter. Or bring \$20 to the
next meeting.

Sad Note: Jay Ardai, 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>



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:

2015	2018
2016	2019
2017	2020

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.

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Contact Tammy Fazzi (twelder62 AT yahoo.com)

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