Message from the Editor

Dear Fellow Spinners,

At the June meeting, our long-time president Sharon Gombas and our treasurer Vicky Marstedt stepped back from their offices. It’s time to give them both a big ‘Thank You!’ for several years of service to the Guild. Without our Guild officers’ work, we would not be able to hold our regular meetings, Roc-Days, and workshops that make being a member of the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild so much fun.

Also many thanks to the officers, who agreed to stay on: our Vice President Sue Quick, our Programming Coordinator Majorie Inana, and our Webmaster Rosane Mordt.

And finally thanks to the volunteers Nancy N. and Louise Henrie who are taking over the duties of president and treasurer.

Angelika St. Laurent

Next meeting is on July 8th from 11am-3pm, and we’ll Spin and Chat.

President          Nancy N
Vice President      Sue Quick
Secretary           Angelika St. Laurent
Treasurer           Louise Henrie
Newsletter          Angelika St. Laurent
Membership          Marjorie Inana
Programming         Marjorie Inana
Webmaster           Rosane Mordt

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!
Guild News:

Guild Officers:
We have a new guild president Nancy N. and a new treasurer Louise Henrie.

Our vice president Sue Quick will be the keeper of keys and be responsible for set up at our monthly meetings.

Linda Cortright Presentation:
The Shuttle and Spindles Fiber Guild of the Newark Valley Historical Society is holding a special meeting on July 8, 2017, 10am - 2pm. The Guild invites everyone to this great event. It is free but bring a dish to pass for lunch.

It is their 20th Anniversary and they have a special guest, Linda Cortright. Linda publishes Wild Fibers Magazine https://www.wildfibersmagazine.com She will share stories of her amazing world travel and will bring lots of goodies to show.

Jean Currie has traveled a lot with Linda and can attest to great stories, amazing photographs, and she guarantees you will have a wonderful outing to Newark Valley. The location is the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum on Rt 38, Newark Valley.

If you are interested in car-pooling call Ellie May 272 8224.

NY-State Fair Competitions:
The NY-State Fair organizers call for submissions to their fiber arts competitions. The Fair will be held August 26th to September 9th in Syracuse NY. Deadlines for entry (that is when to send the organizers the filled out form in order to participate, actual items are due later) are July 3rd for Arts and Crafts (item due August 4th), July 17th for wool and fleeces (August 20th, or 23rd to 30th), July 19th for rabbits, and July 21st for sheep and llama.

All information on how to enter competitions can be found here: nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter

For questions, call the Entry Department at 315-487-7711 ext. 1337 or email us at maryellen.daino@agriculture.ny.gov
Dear Guild Member,

I am an Australian living in Germany and I’m the host of the Fruity Knitting YouTube Channel. In each episode I include an interview with a prominent knitwear designer, fibre artist, yarn producer or sheep farmer.

In case you didn’t know about our channel I wanted to share with you three interviews in particular that I think you and your guild members would find very interesting as weavers and spinners.

I hope you enjoy watching and if so I would be grateful if you would share the episodes with your guild members.

Best regards,

Andrea, Fruityknitting.com

Here are some episodes that are of special interest to spinners:

**Episode 29 – Tarndie – Home of the Polwarth**

We interview Tom Dennis whose ancestor first developed the Polwarth sheep breed which is a wonderful fleece for spinning. Tom is still farming Polwarth sheep, descendants from the original flock in Victoria Australia and is now the 6th generation to farm the original homestead. They sell Polwarth fleece and tops all around the world.

**Episode 24 – Shetland Wool with Oliver Henry**

Oliver Henry is the top wool classer of Shetland’s Jamieson and Smith. He is a well-respected expert on Shetland sheep and their fleeces. Oliver was responsible for first setting up the ‘Shetland Wool Week’.

**Episode 23 - Fleece and Fibre with Deb Robson**

Deb Robson’s book the ‘Fleece and Fibre Sourcebook is a well-respected reference for spinners, dyers, knitters and weavers. Deb researched over 200 sheep breed fleeces.

**Episode 7 – Philosopher’s Wool Company**

Ann and Eugene Bourgeois founded the Canadian Philosopher’s Wool Company in the late 80s to support sustainable agriculture and to produce wool yarn that is natural and organic. They became very well known for buying fleece from Ontario farmers at a decent price by profit sharing and selling their Canadian yarn kits for Fair Isle sweater, shawls and cardigan throughout Canada and North America.
### Membership Form

*Please type or print*

Name: ____________________________

Address:____________________________________________________

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Preferred email: PRINT NEATLY ___________________________________________________

Phone # ____________________________________________________

This information will be shared with registered guild members. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let Louise Henrie 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 Nancy, our president, know!!

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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Angelika St.Laurent. Please fill this out and either bring it to a meeting or mail it with your check for $20 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

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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, 6 Circle Drive, Cortland, NY 13045. Send the ad in digital form to the newsletter editor, angelika@simonstl.com. Black & white business cards are published free for current members.