The Black Sheep meet from 11am - 3pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing.

Happy 2018!

As this dark season turns so cold that even the snow groans in complaint with each footfall and the beleaguered turkeys take refuge in the branches of the trees, what could be more fitting than gathering to celebrate the fibers that keep us snug through it all? I’m very much looking forward to seeing you at our Roc Day celebration on Saturday the 13th. Please come share in the excitement, conviviality, food, raffles, merchandise, demos, workshops, and learning opportunities. Bring a friend (or two, or three) to help us spin the new year in together.

Wayne Harbert

Next meeting is on January 13th from 10am-4pm, and we’ll celebrate

Roc Day

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Guild News:
Minutes from December 9th 2017

Membership Dues: With the new year, the membership fee of $20 is due again. Our treasurer, Louise Henry will collect membership fees during the next few meetings. If you can’t make it to the meetings, mail a $20 check to Louise Henry, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Roc Day: Roc Day preparations are coming along well. All of our previous vendors will return, except for Still Meadow Finnsheep. A list of vendors is on page 4.

Yvonne handed out Roc Day posters. Please, hang them where they will be seen. There is another copy of the poster on page 7.

Charka Workshop: If you happen to have a charka at home, please, consider bringing it along and lending it for the charka workshop.

Felting Workshop: This is a wet felting workshop, in which every participant will take part in making one large joint creation. Laurie will finish it up after the workshop. Laurie would appreciate donations of feltable wool for her workshop.

Lois suggested to have a table for members to sell some of their own artwork. There seemed to be interest in having a member-made table, probably next roc-day. Such a table would be for finished hand spun yarns/objects only, not for destashing.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelika St.Laurent

Warmth for Freezing Elephants:
Marilee Williams found this lovely article on people knitting and crocheting blankets for orphaned elephants in Myanmar, where temperatures have fallen into the forties, which for is about the lowest temperatures in Myanmar became for years:

NY-Times article
Roc Day Competition:

Show What Hand Spun Yarn Can Do in a Hat

Use any technique for a hand made hat that uses 100% of your own hand spun yarn and of your own making. That means the hat can be knit, naalbinding, woven, crocheted, knit/fulled, etc. The hand spun can be any fiber(s), plies, or colors. Only hand spun yarn, no beads, no ribbons, no feathers, no shells, sticks or stones, etc.

If you want to enter more than one hat in the competition, they must be different techniques or patterns. For example with 2 knit hats, 1 Fair Isle/1 cabled. Or 3 hats, 1 knit/1 crocheted/1 woven. Or 3 hats, 1 intarsia knit/1 rib knit/1 woven. Or 4 hats, 1 knit/fulled/1 brioche knit/1 lace knit/1 crocheted.

A small sample (12 inches or so) of the hand spun yarn used should accompany the hat. The hats need to be turned in at the competition table by 11 AM in order to be up in time for them to be numbered and displayed and time for people to vote on them. Hats will be judged by the public as each person entering will receive a voting ballot to be deposited in a large container labeled Vote for Your Favorite Hat. The prizes will be announced at 1:30 PM just before the auction. There will be first, second and third prizes.

Hat entries may be donated to the Chinese Auction, however this is not mandatory. You can take your prize winning creation back home with you, if you like.

Fiber Tasting Table and Fiber Quiz

The fiber tasting table is a chance for spinners in the spinning circle to try out a new kind of fiber or fiber preparation. It’s meant to be taste, not enough for project. It is also an opportunity for new spinners to have some fiber and spindles available to try out the craft. The fiber quiz is related, mostly meant to feel fiber and guess their origin. There will be a prize drawn at the end of the day, for one person who matched all the fibers and origins correctly.

Thanks to many donations from Guild members we will have a very varied set of fiber to guess their origins, and a lot of nice and exotic stuff to try out our hands on. So stop by and give a spin to some fiber, you have never tried before.
Roc-Day Schedule

Doors open 10:00 to 4:00

All-day events:

  Traditional Mexican Weaving, José Buenaventura
  Pendulum wheel, double-flyer wheel, Wayne Harbert
  Fiber Tasting Table, Angelika Laurent

10:30  Workshop:  Felting
11:00  Last Chance to Hand in Your Hat for the Hat Competition
11:00  Demonstration:  Sock Knitting Machine, Lois Swales
11:30  Demonstration:  Traditional Weaving and Dyeing from Oaxaca, José Buenaventura
11:30  Workshop:  Charkha Spinning
11:30-1:30.  Dish-to-pass lunch
12:30.  Demonstration, Kumihimo, Marjorie Inana
1:00.  Demonstration:  Spinning Cotton on a Great Wheel, Kathy Hilton
1:00  Sale of Raffle Tickets ends
1:30  Demonstration:  Spinning Flax, Sue Quick
2:00  Presentation of raffle items to winners, followed by awarding prizes to the winners of the hat competition.
Our Vendors

Jim Johnson, Hilltop Woodworking - Hand-turned spindles, folding stools, Spin'n Rides, and other spinning accessories.

Mary Miller, 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.

Karey Solomon, Graceful Arts Fiber Studio - Dyed roving, hand-dyed sock yarns, knitting, crocheting, and tatting supplies.


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

Lisa Merian, Spinner's Hill - Hand-dyed roving, fiber blends, batts, and yarns. Also fiber arts supplies.

Laurie Ament, Isinglass Design - Handmade drop spindles with glass whorls, shawl pins, buttons, and glass beads.

Susan Sarabasha, Susan’s Spinning Bunny - Hand-dyed fibers and yarns, wheels, patterns, kits, accessories, and felting supplies.

Margaret Flowers, Trinity Farm - Icelandic and Shetland fleece, rovings, and hand-spun yarns, hand-made sheep milk soaps, original needle-felted creations.
### List of Volunteers

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Saturday, January 13
10 am- 4 pm

Celebrate a New Year of Spinning and Fiber Arts

All Saints Church Parish Hall
347 Ridge Road
(Corner of 34B & Myers Rd)

Vendors
Fiber Display
Dish To Pass Lunch
Spinning Circle
Chinese Auction
Homespun Hat Contest

Demonstrations:
  - Spinning Flax, Cotton
  - Traditional Mexican Spinning, Dyeing, and Weaving
  - Sock Knitting Machine
  - Exotic Spinning Wheels
  - Kumihimo

Workshops:
  - Charkha Spinning
  - Felting

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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 our president, Wayne Harbert, know!!!

Roc Day
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Treasurer

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
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, Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Send the ad in digital form to the newsletter editor, angelika@simonstl.com. Black & white business cards are published free for current members.