Message from the President

Hi, All:

In these days of growing light, I wish you all the best in the brand new year, and look very much forward to joining with you again for an occasion of merriment, tradition, conviviality, feasting, sharing, raffles, merchandise, demos, workshops, and learning opportunities. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Roc Day celebration on Saturday the 12th, and bring them with you, if you can, to help us spin the new year in.

We are still in search of items to include in the brown bag raffle. If you wish to contribute something, please make sure that we get it by Friday afternoon at setup time.

With warm regards,
Wayne

Roc Day

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Vice President Sue Quick
Secretary Angelika St. Laurent
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Workshops Marcia Weinert
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Roc-Day Coordinator Yvonne LaMontagne

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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!
Roc Day:

Our annual Roc Day celebration will be held on the second Saturday in January, 1-12-2019. See the schedule on page 3, the volunteer schedule on page 4, and the vendor list on page 5.

Help Needed for Publicity: All members are asked to print out a poster or two (the pdf-file will be sent along with this newsletter), and hang them somewhere, where they are well visible.

Roc Day Competition: Anne Furman and Allison Treater worked out a theme and the rules for the 2019 Roc Day Competition:

UFO Project Contest for Roc Day

1. Dig out one of your unfinished objects and turn it into a finished project.
2. Use your own hand spun yarn except for embellishments, buttons, etc.
3. Finish the project you started. You may have to undo part to achieve that end. ie: turn a long sleeved sweater into a short sleeved sweater because you ran out of yarn on the second sleeve but NOT turn a sweater into a hat or shawl.
4. If you are one of those spinners who spins as they knit, you may introduce new yarn from the same source as the original yarn of the UFO.
5. A short history - how old (best guess), when started, who for, and anything else you want to add. Keep it anonymous.
6. Judging will be people's choice.

Hand in your project latest by 11am on Roc Day. Prizes will be awarded at 2:30pm.
Roc Day Schedule

10:00-4:00  Spinning circle, shopping opportunities

All Day:  Demonstration:  Exotic Wheels (Wayne Harbert)

10:30-11:30 Workshop:  Dorset Buttons with Renata Ribner Brenner

11:00   Demonstration: Historical Handspinning with Lois Swales:
          An American-Irish Castle Wheel

11:00.  Last chance to hand in your project for the competition.

11:30   Demonstration: Mohair Horse Cinches with Charlotte Sharkey

11:30- 12:30 Workshop:  Charkha Spinning

11:30-1:30  Dish-to--pass luncheon

12:30   Demonstration: Baltic-Style Pick-up Band Weaving with Angelika St. Laurent

1:00   Demonstration: Spinning Flax with Sue Quick

1:00   Sale of raffle tickets ends

2:00   Presentation of raffle items to winners

2:30   Prizes awarded to winners of the competition

4:00   Celebration ends for this year--we hope to see you next year!

Paper Bag Raffle:

We still could do with more donations for our paper bag raffle. If you have something to donate to this years raffle, please bring it either on Friday, January 11th, while we are setting up (4:30pm-6pm) or contact Lynn Anguish directly to arrange a meeting to bring items to her house (Snyder Hill Road). Since it takes a while to properly display all items for the paper bag raffle, we won’t be able to include items brought later than 9am on Roc Day. (Late items will be quite happily included in the paper bag raffle of 2020.)
## Roc-Day Volunteer Schedule

If you’d like to volunteer, and haven’t signed up yet, or need to change your times please, contact [Yvonne LaMontagne](mailto:yvonne.lamontagne@gmail.com).

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Roc-Day 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.

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.

Kelli Terwilliger, Llady Llama Fiber Co. - Hand dyed yarn, top, and batts, project totes, spindles, shawl pins.

Julia Gray, Wool Ewe Play - Plant dyed wool, needle felted critters, hand made books, plant dyed hand spun and commercial yarn, & felt.
**Guild News**

**New Workshop Coordinator:**
Marcia Weinert volunteered to be our new workshop coordinator.

**Spinning Retreat:** Our annual spinning retreat will happen on the weekend of February 22\textsuperscript{nd}-24\textsuperscript{th}. Kathy Thomas is organizing. We have reserved the 'Galilee' house at the Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center, just outside Moravia. The cost of the weekend which includes 4 meals will be $177.50. We will bring our own food on Friday (22\textsuperscript{nd}) evening and we will have leftovers on Sunday for lunch.

If you are planning to attend the retreat and have food allergies or have ethical/religious objections to certain food groups, please, let Kathy know by February 8\textsuperscript{th}.

If you would like to participate in the retreat or have any questions or need to record food preferences, please contact Kathy at katiris2@yahoo.com.

**Our Annual Holiday Celebration:**

On December 8\textsuperscript{th} we had our annual holiday celebration with gift exchange and much show and tell. Here are some photos (by Angelika St.Laurent and Wayne Harbert):

- Woven Shawl
- Knitted Hat
- Felted Bag
- Gifts:
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 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!!!

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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
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@simontl.com. Business cards are published free for current members.