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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Summer is coming to an end and goldenrod is starting to flower around here. For me that is the time to think about dyeing, since goldenrod flowers give such a brilliant yellow. Our guild is planning on a Japanese Indigo dye-workshop in October. Wayne Harbert kindly offered to host the workshop in his home on October 12th. Our next meeting, September 14th, will be held at All Saints Parish Hall in Lansing.

We also start now to think about Roc Day. Anne Furman and Allison Morris have worked out our next Roc Day competition, a neck warmer made from 3 1/2 ounces Targhee top. For all interested, the fiber and rules are available at the next meeting.

Hope to see you all in September,

Angelika

Message from the Editor

Greetings all. My name is Suzanne Schwartz and I’ve been a member of the Black Sheep Spinners Guild for several years. I began using a Canadian Production Wheel. I then took to using a drop spindle for ease of transport. I now use a Bosworth Charkha for cotton spinning, but my go to spinning tool remains the drop spindle.

For the next year I have agreed to take over putting the newsletter together. The format may look a bit different from the last one because I am working in Microsoft Word. It is my intention to deliver the newsletter on the first weekend of every month.

If you wish to continue with the guild please contact Louise Henrie (henrielm6@aol.com). Members who have paid their dues will receive the monthly newsletter, contact information for fellow guild members, and will be notified of Fiber Events, Workshops, Demonstrations and Festivals. If you have a change of email, phone, or address, please notify me so that I may keep the mailing list current.

I will be using email as a primary vehicle for disbursing the monthly newsletter. If you know of someone who does not have email and wishes to receive the newsletter, please notify Louise or me.

Please send me announcements for the newsletter by the third weekend of the month. Provide the name of the event, date and times of the event as well as a brief description with contact information that I may add to the newsletter. I can send out special announcements on short notice. As always, pictures make the newsletter more visually interesting. If you go to a really awesome event let me know about it so I can add it to the newsletter.

I look forward to serving the Black Sheep Spinners Guild.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Schwartz
Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter

**Guild Business News**

The next guild meeting will be on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:00am-3:00pm at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing, NY.

The Guild meets on the second Saturday of every month. Exceptions are possible—see location changes in the latest newsletter!

**Guild Meeting Location**

Starting this summer, our rent will double to $100 a day ($1200 a year). The congregation also indicated that they like more flexibility in using the Parish Hall for other activities, and have asked us to pay on a monthly basis, rather than for the full year. We voted to keep using the parish hall unless a better and cheaper site is found. Wayne will inquire with the parish if we can still rely on the parish hall as a regular meeting spot and especially, if we can rely on the space for Roc Day. All members are asked to be on the lookout for an alternative potential meeting location in a reasonable price range.

**Raise in Membership Fees**

In order to cover our higher rental bills, we voted to increase membership fees by $5 to yearly fee of $25 starting January 2020.

**New Guild Officers**

- President: Angelika St.Laurent
- Vice President: Sue Quick
- Secretary: Wayne Harbert
- Treasurer: Louise Henrie
- Newsletter: Suzanne Schwartz
- Workshops: Marcia Weinert
- Webmaster: Rosane Mordt
- Roc-Day Coordinator: Yvonne LaMontagne

**Address List**

We put together an address list featuring, names, email addresses, and telephone numbers. The list is available in printed form at guild meetings or by request to Secretary, Wayne Harbert at weh2@cornell.edu or phone 607-564-9328.
Fiber Events, Craft Fairs and Workshops

Natural Dye Workshop, September 14, 2019

We are planning to hold a natural dye workshop with a focus on indigo at Wayne’s house on September 14, 2019. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wayne. 
wen2@cornell.edu
607-564-9328

Indigo Plants
Image Curtesy of Wayne Harbert

Volunteer Opportunities
Fabulous Fiber Arts Weekend Sept. 28 & 29

The Farmers’ Museum
P.O. Box 30
Cooperstown, NY 13326
607-547-1400

August 15, 2019

Greetings Fellow Fiber Artists,

The Farmers’ Museum will host “Fabulous Fiber Arts” weekend this year on Sept. 28 & 29. Per past years, we are inviting groups of local Quilters, Spinners, Knitters, and other fibers arts to join us for one or both days.

Should you wish to accept our offer to participate, please come prepared to set up and demonstrate your craft and art to the public that visits our Museum. We will provide a space for you and your equipment in one of our historic buildings. Extra chairs and tables will be provided as requested. A hospitality area will be set up with coffee and doughnuts in the mornings on arrival, and a lunch will be provided at noontime.
We ask that you arrive around 8:30 AM and enter at the side gate by the school house if you have equipment to be unloaded. Vehicles must be removed to the parking lot by 9:30, before we open our doors to the public at 10:00 AM. We close the Museum each day at 5:00 PM and cars may enter the same gate for load out of equipment.

Admission for demonstrators is free, but we will need the names of those who plan to attend each day so our admissions people may check you off as you enter through the Main Barn entrance.

We are following the same format as previous years. Last year, the event’s focus was on Dyeing. This year the museum plans to return our focus to Spinning and a display of some unique Spinning wheels in our collection.

This is simply what we plan to emphasize, and will have no impact on what you are expected to do as Quilters, Knitters or Spinners. However we do wish to offer the opportunity for spinners who are participating to showcase any unusual wheels, fibers, spindles, or spinning techniques they have collected or developed through their years of practicing the art and craft of twisting fiber into yarn. We want to show as wide a range of the Fiber Arts practiced in the mid-19th century through today as possible, as evidenced by your works and demonstrations.

Please inform me of your intention to attend by contacting me at g.aney@farmersmuseum.org or Teresa Glisson, t.glisson@farmersmuseum.org, (607-547-1484) on or before Sept. 4 so that we may plan accordingly.

Please feel free to ask questions and offer suggestions as to how we can make the event better, both for demonstrators and our visiting public.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Garry Aney

Master Interpreter of Textiles

The Farmers’ Museum
Ag Day, October 18

Our Ag Day is a one-day event that our fraternity, Alpha Zeta, hosts on the entire Ag Quad to promote agriculture and educate the Cornell community. We have different farm animals on display as well as provide free samples. We also have Cornell clubs table and host events throughout the day so people can win prizes.

Our event is on Friday October 18 from 9am-4:30pm, but we can arrange a shorter block of time if you would like! Most of our activity is from 10:30am until about 2:30pm.

If you are interested I being a part of this please contact Christel Remy Kuck. Her email is cok23@cornell.edu.

General Announcements

Roc Day 2020 Spinning and Knitting/Crochet Challenge

Spin 3.5 oz of Targee wool roving to create yarn. Spinning techniques are your choice – any gauge, any ply, any technique. Use the yarn you spin to knit or crochet a neck warmer (can’t be a scarf or a shawlette). You may choose the pattern.

Use only the fiber provided with no dyeing or additions of any kind. It is not necessary to use all the fiber. It is necessary to use only the fiber provided. Turn in your neck warmer to the contest table by 10:30 AM or earlier as the judges need time to consider entries.

There will be two judgings: one by people’s choice and one by Black Sheep members for proficiency of spinning, knitting or crocheting.

Contact person for this event is Anne Furman.

ahfurman@yahoo.com
607-387-4141
Past Events
Local Fiber Conference

The Local Fiber Conference on Saturday July 27th held on the Trumansburg Fairground. Local Fiber is an initiative founded by Dana Havas. The main purpose of the group is to connect local fiber growers with a market. The conference had a key-note detailing the many ways wool could be marketed and what were the different options for fiber producers. In the afternoon, the conference broke up into a set of smaller presentations and demonstrations. The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild had a team of five people demonstrating all the steps from skirting and washing a fleece to weaving a shawl. Our team consisted of Anna Murry-Bartels, Jean Tyler, Brenda Dietrich, Marcia Weinert, Angelika St. Laurent.

Anna made large signs to indicate each step of the process. Brenda warped the loom before the event started and did all the weaving. We had generally a good time socializing and learning new things even though demonstrating kept us from listening in with the other presentations. There were people interested in all the steps of the process. I got to talk with a couple of people about washing wool. Later people showed interest in picking and carding. One woman tried out every wheel we had brought along. Jose Gonzales demonstrated natural dyeing. It was a fun, laid back event that allowed for a lot of socializing. The focus on the fiber production was quite interesting for a fiber 'user'.

Cheers,

Angelika
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, choonja43@gmail.com.
Vendors

Trinity Farm
Registered Shetland and Icelandic Sheep
Handspun Yarns, Carded Wool, Well Skirted Fleece
Margaret G. Flowers  Matthew W. Dietzert
Aurora, NY 13026
www.trinityfarm.net
315-246-1178  mflowers@wells.edu

Spinning Bunny
Hand Dyed Fiber & Yarn
Hand Crafted Spindles & Stools
Patterns, Kits, Accessories
www.spinningbunny.com
www.etsy.com/shop/spinningbunny
607-227-1216
311B Tupper Rd, W. Danby, NY 14883

Handmade Glass Whorls
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by Isinglass Design

glass whorls for
medieval & viking
inspired spindles

Jim’s Woodworks
Wheels & Spindles
Skeinwinders
Orifice Hooks
Folding Spinning Stools
Yarn Measurers
Wheel Repairs
607/564-7178 or 607/227-1346
http://www.spinningbunny.com

Lady Llama Fiber Co.
Fine Fiber Arts Products

Kelli Terviliger
(716)673-5050
lladylamafiberco@gmail.com
Shop: www.ladylamafiberco.etsy.com

Chemung Valley Fiber Arts Guild
Dedicated to Preserving & Teaching the Art of Handspinning and other Fiber Arts.
http://chemungvalleyguild.wordpress.com/

Felted Flora
Hand Knit & Felted Designs
by Renato Brenner
FeltedFlora@att.net.com
www.etsy.com/shop/FeltedFlora

Undeniably Loopy
Award-Winning Design & Instruction
Marcia Weinert
knitting | handspinning | felting | crochet
585-872-4376 | undeniablyloopy@gmail.com | www.undeniablyloopy.com
Membership Form

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________

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, Angelika
St.Laurent know!!!

Roc Day Website
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Newsletter Treasurer
Membership

Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Suzanne
Schwartz, 114 Sears St. Ithaca, NY 14850 (607) 277-6903. Please fill this out and either bring it
to a meeting or mail it with your check for $25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY
14850