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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Roc Day was a lot of fun. What a great way to start a year! It came with some last minute changes, but somehow it all came together well.

The pot-luck lunch was delicious, many thanks to everyone who took the time to prepare a dish and to Anne and her team who set everything up and did the dishes.

Ellie’s paper bag raffle was full of interesting items. Thanks to everyone who made and donated items, sold and bought tickets and to Lynn and Sue who spent hours setting up.

The Roc Day competition had so many entries, one more beautiful than the next. Lots of thanks to our judges and to Allison and Anne who came up with the challenge and organized the competition.

The classes and demonstrations were well done and inspiring. Thanks to Wayne for organizing and to all the teachers and demonstrators for their time and willingness to share their expertise.

The vendors had once again way too many lovely things to sell. Special thanks to Carol Haff from Hidden Alpaca Farms for her willingness to come at less than 24h notice.

The spinning circle was fun and there were many guests from other guilds. Thanks to Renata for keeping the communication with the other guilds going. Also thanks to everyone, who sat at the welcome table, hung posters, worked as floaters, announced raffle wins, helped with set-up and clean-up. And most of all thanks to our Roc Day coordinator Yvonne for keeping everything together and organized.

Roc Day would not be what it is without so many of us working together to make one really wonderful day.

Angelika

Guild Officers

President Angelika St.Laurent
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Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter

**Guild Business News**
The next guild meeting will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020 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.

The main focus of the meeting in February will be sharing our current projects and discussing ROC Day.

March meeting we will be holding our annual Garage Sale.

**Guild Meeting Location**
All members are asked to be on the lookout for an alternative potential meeting location in a reasonable price range. It must have adequate parking.

**Membership fees are due in January**
Because of increased rent, we voted to increase membership fee to $25 yearly starting January 2020.

If you know of folks who would like to join, please have them contact Louise Henrie and pay dues at: henrielm6@aol.com.

**Address List**
We put together a list featuring names, email addresses and telephone numbers. This 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.
Past Events
ROC Day 2020
Spinning Circle, Vendors

Workshop: Fiber Tools with Marjorie
Demonstration: Historical Hand spinning with Lois Spinning on Anna Codde’s 1529 replica Spinning Wheel
Workshop: Drop Spindle Spinning with Rosane, Marjorie, and Suzanne

Dish-to-pass luncheon. Thanks to Sue and Anne.
Wool Dying with José
Demonstration: Chain Mail with Beth
Demonstration: Card Weaving with Rachel
Prizes awarded to winners of the Neck Warmer Competition

**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.
Celebration ends for this year--we hope to see you next year!

More pictures can be seen on the ROC Day 2020 Photo Album

https://photos.app.goo.gl/ca1KfAAiM1HJhVj39
Thank you Messages

Wayne Eugene Harbert

A special thanks to the demonstrators and workshop leaders: Marjorie, Rosane, Suzanne, José, Lois, Beth, Rachel, Dana.

Lynne Anguish

I would like to thank everyone that helped with Ellie's Auction this year! It takes quite a bit of work to set everything up the night before and sell tickets all day and I was really happy that so many stepped up to help! And also many thanks to the people who spent time making great items for the Auction! I think the new space we had added to our success as it was easier for people to browse the items. Special thanks to Lois, Wayne, and Louise for adding their special items for the silent auction. This year I believe we broke the record for income from the auction. YAY!

Lynne
Vendors for ROC Day 2020

Thanks to all our Vendors

Mary Miller, Dear Mary Handspun and Handwoven - Hand-woven and hand-spun towels and scarves, 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, spindles, patterns, kits, and accessories.

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

Heather Warren, Lochan Mor Farm - Roving, yarns, hand dyed locks and raw fleeces from Angora goats, Leicester Longwools, Romeldale CVMs and Romney sheep.
Upcoming Fiber Events, Craft Fairs and Workshops

The Winter Recess Fiber Arts Festival,

Monday, February 17, 2020
10:00-4:00
La Tourelle Resort and Spa

https://www.facebook.com/Winter-Recess-Fiber-Arts-Festival-342656485758998/

https://mailchi.mp/df6fd563b3f6/kc-fiber-arts-festival-2020?fbclid=IwAR138hGzKvrBstvfRK4MUi30kvx5ef3T3f1e0Z44iQR7cOWsxTTTaE-Lj4Q

Sunday, February 23rd from 10am - 4pm

Save the Date! The Knitting Circle fourth annual Fiber Arts Festival will be highlighting a variety of local artisans. Vendors include: Periwinkle Sheep, Moo Roo Yarn, The Black Purl, Zanie Crafts and Firefly Farm. This is the perfect chance to grab your knitting friends and find inspiration for your next project!

Location: RIT Inn and Conference Center (Click the link for directions)

- 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467, USA

Entry Fee: $5 per person
Blacksheep Handspinner's Guild Winter Retreat 2020

February 21\textsuperscript{nd} to February 23\textsuperscript{rd}

Price of $183.75 includes - Shared Room w/shower, 4 meals and linens. The cost includes meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast. We bring our dish to pass, goodies and drinks (wine) etc. for Friday night. (We always have more than enough.)

A non-refundable deposit of $25 is required to hold your spot. Please pay your deposit to Kat by February 1, 2020.

New Members welcome!

Special Dietary needs can accommodated if Kat is notified at least one week in advance.

**No walk-ins are allowed. You MUST Sign Up and Pay in advance to attend.**

**Contact:**

Kat Thomas: katiris2@yahoo.com or (607) 345-7919  
1554 E River Rd  
Cortland NY 13045

Pay with check, cash or PayPal. Non-Refundable Deposit Required.

It's a fun event held at Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center. We stay in Galilee.
Galilee
Galilee is the renovated, former summer home of the Case Family. The history of the building melds beautifully with hotel-style accommodations, creating an ideal place for groups to meet. This is the building most guests equate with Casowasco because of its history, location on the lake, and beauty.

The Rusty Best Memorial Library features an unmatched view of Owasco Lake and a cozy place to enjoy a book. Galilee also has a large living room that is typically used as the main meeting area for groups. The 2nd Floor has seen the most work and has become one of the most luxurious place to stay on site. Almost all of the bedrooms feature their own full baths and a beautiful view.

Galilee includes 12 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, and 9 showers to accommodate up to 29 guests. Pillows and blankets are included with each room. The building features a piano, kitchenette, two gas fireplaces, and two covered porches. The larger porch has been updated for extended use in colder seasons with a transparent vinyl enclosure and propane patio heater. The campfire circle is located a short distance off the south porch, along the shore of Owasco Lake.

History
The history of Galilee is part of its unique charm. The building we now call Galilee was the former summer home of Theodore and Gertrude Case. Built in 1896 and uniquely designed to fit the contour of the shoreline, it quickly became the centerpiece of the Case estate. The railroad that runs along the property dropped off many famous guests during those years - including an alleged visit by Mr. Walt Disney.

After the purchase of the property in 1946, Galilee began to undergo what would be several changes, all with the intent of making the building into a retreat facility. In the late 70’s, it was almost closed for lack of funds to make the upgrades - but through volunteer work and an aggressive fund raising campaign, Galilee survived. Recent history has been very good to the facility. A large gift given by Peg Shields in the name of her parents, the Vetters, has enabled a massive renovation - insuring that this beautiful piece of history will be used for many years to come.
General Announcements

Knitters/Crocheters Needed!

The Boutique at The Cancer Resource Center is running very low of handmade knitted winter hats which are so needed and very much appreciated by our clients.

We are reaching out to you for your "loving hands" support. Can you help us? For more information contact rocio@crcfl.net or Jyl Dowd jyl@crcfl.net.

Thank you!!

Quick note from Kay Stickane:

Ellie’s daughter asked me to share this info with the guild:

The celebration of Eleanor May’s life is set for Saturday, April 18 (time TBD), in the large pavilion at Stewart Park. Please hold the date, more info to follow.

Thank you,
Kay

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

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

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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, Angelika St.Laurent know!!!
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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