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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Winter gave us a reprieve during our annual retreat with beautiful warm sunshine at the shores of Owasco Lake. It was a nice group of old and new spinners. I’m already looking forward to going next year again.

Our March meeting, 3-14, will be our annual garage sale. If you have fiber, tools, yarn, or pattern books that you do not quite as much love as you once did, bring them along and let them find a new loving home.

Hope to see you in March,
Angelika

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

Guild Business News

Notes BSHG Meeting 2/8/20

Several people volunteered for a workshop committee to pursue possibilities for workshops. These workshops could occur outside meetings or during meetings and might include instruction for beginners.

Sharon Gombas
Lois Swales
Rhonda Porras
Louise Henrie
Kathie Halton

Angelika suggested having a "lock" day. Angelika will bring dyed Romney locks for Guild members to experiment. This is tentatively scheduled for the April meeting.
Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter

Newsletter
Rachael Skye has volunteered to work on our social media and has agreed to take over the newsletter. She will be in touch with Anne Sheldon who was taking care of the Facebook page. She will meet with Suzanne Schwartz to discuss the transition of taking over the newsletter in May.

The March BSHG meeting will be at All Saints Parish Hall in Lansing. This will be our Annual Garage Sale!

The April BSHG meeting will be at the Varna Community Center.

Angelika knows someone who is looking for a felting machine or kiln.

Roc Day was discussed and ideas for next year were noted. A good time was had by all and it was our best Roc Day yet financially.

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.

Danby Fire Hall is inexpensive but has poor 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.

We need to update the member list. A PDF of the existing list will be sent to members. Corrections may be sent back to Wayne Harbert.
Past Events

Blacksheep Handspinner's Guild Winter Retreat 2020

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

Here is a quick note from Angelika:
There were some of items left behind: A pair of black shoes, white and black (with some color) striped cotton scarf, a bottle of white wine, two spoons, and a ceramic with a few colorful stripes around the edge.

Angelika took these items home with her and will bring them to the Meeting on March 14th. If you need anything earlier, let her know.

Below is a note from Nancy Nosewicz nnosewicz@aol.com.

I am the BSHG member who seldom comes. I was wondering if you could copy this email to all the members.

I have 3 sheep available for free. They were supposed to be someone’s Easter dinner last year....we adopted them from the slaughterhouse last year as babies.

Two are Leicester something or other and the third is a Romney, I think. Two are girls and one is a neutered boy. They are very attached to each other and need to be together. I do not have the pasture to support them and they need green pastures. I do not want them eaten. Their wool looks beautiful!

Nancy Nosewicz

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

Thank you Messages

A quick note from Angelika:

I also wanted to say that I really enjoyed going to the retreat and give a huge shout out to Kat for organizing this.

Cheers,

Angelika

Several of the spinners that attended the spring retreat wanted to thank Kat for all of her hard work in organizing the retreat in Casawasco this year. It was greatly appreciated!

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.

Finally here is an interesting article from the New York Times that was submitted by Shelly Manrino

Vendors

Trinity Farm
Registered Shetland and Icelandic Sheep
Handspun Yarns, Carded Fiber, Wash-Skirted Fleece
Margaret G. Flowers  Matthew W. Dietert
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
Buttons, Pins & Beads
by Isinglass Design

Glass whorls for medieval & viking inspired spindles
www.glassbead.etsy.com
facebook.com/glassbeadstudio

Llady Llama Fiber Co.
Fine Fiber Arts Products
Kathi Verwigger
(716)673-5050
lladyllamafiberco@gmail.com
Shop: www.lladyllamafiberco.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@vtec.rv.com
www.etsy.com/shop/FeltedFlora

Loopy
Award-Winning Design & Instruction
Marcia Weinert
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Name  ________________________________________________________________
Address  ________________________________________________________________
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, 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