The Black Sheep Handspinners’ Guild
January 2009 Newsletter
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The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm on the second Saturday of the month at the Varna Community Center
Route 366 in Varna, New York. Exceptions are the months of December, June, July, and August when we meet in member’s homes.
In January, Roc Day will be held in a new location. Please let the guild know your thoughts and opinions on the event.

Roc Day Committee
Ruth Allen, Anne Furman, Sharon Gombas, Wayne Harbert, Jim Johnson, Carol LaBoire, Sarah Mehta, and Teresa Porri, and Susan Sarabasha.

Last meeting, which was to take care of just a few bits and pieces, was December 23rd. No more meetings. But we could still use a couple of volunteers.

Diane Christian will be our artist this Roc Day. You can find her Etsy site at: http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=6245200 and see examples of her wonderful work. The yellow felted flower is just one of many types of gorgeous felted articles she creates. Don’t you think Spring?
Sign up at the “Welcome Table” for one of her two Roc Day workshops. Fee is $25 and includes materials.

From Downtown Ithaca, Elmira and the South:
Take NY Route 13 North to the exit for Triphammer Road. Exit onto Triphammer Road and turn right (south).

From Cortland, Dryden and the North:
Take NY Route 13 South to the exit for Triphammer Road. Exit onto Triphammer Road and turn left (south).

Rentals should be returned to the guild library in the same condition as when borrowed. Cleaning the carder is the borrower’s responsibility. A fine of $15 for carder returned needing to be cleaned.
Email ahf@zoom-dsl.com to have your name put on the list as the next in line to borrow a piece of equipment. If no one is next the current renter may keep it.

Felting Machine – 2 weeks and renter responsible for connecting with the next renter. Email ahf@zoom-dsl.com to have your name put on the list as the next in line to borrow a piece of equipment. If no one is next the current renter may keep it. The renter is responsible for replacing needles $5 for 2 weeks. Currently with Sharon Gombas.

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The Roc Day celebration is being held in the parish hall which is on the lower level, please park in the upper lot and follow the signs to the red door. Go down the stairs and turn right down the hall. Mobility impaired parking and entrance is the lower parking lot.
Upcoming this year

**Black Sheep Handspinners' Guild**

January 10, 2009
Roc Day at new location

February 14, 2009
Guild Meeting in Varna

February 1, 2009
Fiber Bowl Sunday, see ad below for more info.

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**To place an ad**

A check for $5.00 made to BSHG for an ad to run three times (a year is $15) should be sent to the current treasurer, Eleanor May, 1360 Slaterville Road, Ithaca, NY. 14850. Send the ad to the newsletter editor, Anne Furman at: ahf@fltg.net. If you have a question for her or others, you can email us through the links at the top of the newsletter.

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**Fiber Bowl Sunday**

Sunday, February 1, 2009 from Noon to 5PM

It’s time for our annual Fiber Bowl Sunday
Great snacks to nibble on, fibers to try out, and lots of specials to purchase.

**Shadeyside Farm**
109 Brown Road
Oxford, New York, 13830
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