

Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm on the second Saturday of the month at the All Saints Church, Route 34b in Lansing.

We are meeting at the All Saint's Church in Lansing, across from the Lansing Schools, from 11AM to 3PM, Saturday, December 11, 2010.

Program for the October Meeting

Susan Sarabasha

Happy Holidays

Our December meeting program is:

A dish to pass, a spin-in and an optional Gift Exchange.

Please bring a wrapped item or a wrapped package of 2+ items worth \$15 or less to place on the table. You will later draw a number and choose your gift from the packages on the table, open it and do a show and tell for the audience. This is a fun optional exchange each year.



Brown Bag Auction Details for Roc Day

Ellie May

Ellie May is collecting items for the Auction at the December meeting and will accept them on Roc Day (by 11 AM). Anything fiber related is welcome, handmade items draw the most interest. If you are not acquainted with a brown bag auction, this is how it works:

1. Each item is given a number
2. A brown bag for each item, with its number, is hung around the display table.
3. Tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars-you place your tickets in the bag or bags of the item(s) you want. You can put one or more tickets in a bag.
4. Twice during the day numbers are drawn and items given to the winner.

This is a guild fund raiser and needs your support.

Invite to Go Spin

Audrey Lowes

We have been invited to spin again at Oak Hill Manor (on Hudson Street, Ithaca) from 10-11:15 on Monday, December 6th. Those who went last time had a really nice time. The patients are usually quite quiet, but thoroughly enjoyed the "magic" of our spinning and our friendly banter back and forth. Because of time constraints (the Community Room is used for lunch at Noon) we must be ready to vacate at 11:15.

Please mark your calendar and plan to spend a rewarding hour plus with the Seniors of Oak Hill Manor - you will be glad you did!

Any questions, please call Audrey Lowes 657-8242.

Editor's Notes

Marianne Pelletier

I'm sorry that I missed you at the last Guild meeting. I won't be joining you for the December meeting, either, as my daughter will be visiting. I get to see her about once a year and she's not a knitter or spinner.

During this holiday season, we don't have any articles to follow our crab boil. Perhaps it is a signal that we all had enough to eat-- virtually and actually at our recent Thanksgiving holiday.

Here at the farmhouse in Enfield I've spun some white Border Leicester wool with the intention of dyeing it with onion peel. I'm a bit chicken to try it, but it's intended for a holiday gift, so I have to suck it up and give it a whirl. If you have any tips or encouragement for me, write me at fudger28@yahoo.com.

My recent experiments with dyeing with Wayne's Japanese indigo came out interesting -- I dyed roving instead of spun wool and I'm worried that most of the results are felted. Will have to show you at our meeting in February. There are all these big huge strings of varying levels of blue.

And since I'm asking for tips, I have a tumbling haystack of pulled flax that I probably pulled too early sitting under the snow on my deck. It will come in and spend time in the work room to finish drying. If you have tips on when I should set it in the pond to rot, how long, what to look for, all that, let me know. The good news is a friend showed up with a very late birthday present that she said "must have something to do with your spinning thing" and turned out to be a flax hackle! I'm looking for a smaller one to go with it.

Okay, enough filler! Enjoy your holidays. Please sign up to volunteer at Roc Day (I'm sure someone will ask me to pass around the sign up form), and I'll see you there.

Upcoming Events

Marianne thanks Knitter's Review for most of these listings. Oh, and for including Roc Day in their listings. Please forward events you know of to Marianne at fudger28@yahoo.com for inclusion on this list.

Wine Trail Handspinners

Wine Trail Handspinners meet one Sunday a month 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Graceful Arts Fiber Studio, 4760 State Route 414, Burdett 14818. This is an informal group with no dues, membership or leadership. Meeting dates vary – anyone who wishes to be notified of meeting times (generally decided at the previous meeting) should send their email address to Karey Solomon at threads@empacc.net.

There will be a Sheep retreat in February. Friday, February 25 and 26 at Stella Maris. For more information, contact Anne Furman.

Wool and Fiber Frolic

Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud lake Rd, Baldwinsville, NY
sponsored by The Golden Fleece Spinners' Society
Sat, April 16, 2011 from 10am to 5 pm
goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com

Artistry in Thread

A Juried Celebration of the Fiber Arts with Vendors, Exhibits, Lectures & Workshops
sponsored by Rochester Museum & Science Center Women's Council, 657 East Ave, Rochester, NY
Sat, April 30th, 10-4, Sun, May 1st, 11-4
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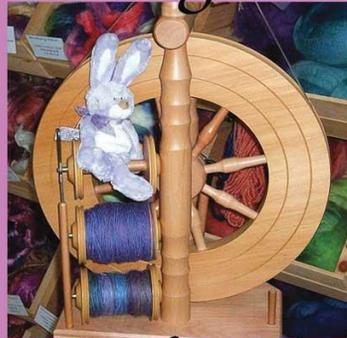
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