

# 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,  
route 34b.

11AM to 3PM

June 12, 2010

## President's Message and Agenda

*Jim Johnson*

Although summer is almost upon us it is not too soon to start thinking about plans for the fall programs and indeed about Roc Day. If any of you have something that you want to be included in the agenda please contact me before the first Wednesday of the month and I will see to it that your item(s) will get to the newsletter editor so that they may be included in the printed agenda and get the attention they deserve.

### Agenda for June 11 Business Meeting

- Greeting and show and tell
- Announcements
- Program: wheel tune up or "the feeding and furnishing of your wheel." This will be a short presentation by Jim Johnson followed by a break-out group where individuals with wheel problems or concerns can have them addressed. Simple repairs will be done during that time.

## Upcoming Programs

*Susan Sarabasha*

**June meeting:** Jim will do a **wheel tune-up workshop** after the business meeting. Bring your wheel and questions. ALSO bring a dish to pass for lunch!

**July 10: Round robin wheels/spindles:** Wanted to try out other wheels or spindles but were too shy to ask? Now is your chance.

Bring a wheel with an empty bobbin or an empty spindle, and we will have the opportunity to try each other's spinning tools! The Guild will provide fiber, or bring your own. Optional dessert to pass.

**August 14: Spin-In--**a chance to relax, spin, and see what everyone else is working on. If it is not too hot we will spin outside.

Bring a summer dish to pass for lunch!

## Editor's Notes

*Marianne Pelletier*

Given that it's late May/early June, our writers are either dealing with cleaning up from final exams, or, like me, struggling to the end of the fiscal year in a frantic office. I'm afraid that we don't have a feature story for this month's newsletter. It does make it easier to print and mail.

Please send me your stories on:

How you learned to knit?

When you started spinning?

What prompted you to take up spinning and weaving?

If you had a room full of alpaca fiber like I do, what would you blend it with?

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## *Notes from the May Meeting*

We hope that 2 or 3 people will help set up and put away the chairs for the June meeting. We need to return the room to its normal bingo set up.

The church may offer us a spot to put a cabinet for storage of the library. At present, our library is tucked in a private closet, which can not be a permanent arrangement. Jim Johnson offered to design a cabinet that can hold our library, offer a top for the church to use for literature, and be locked for Guild protection.

## Other Notes

Ruth Allen sent this link to an article on "spider silk protein being produced in goat's milk, and all the applications for its use." Ew. Read on:  
<http://www.carleton.ca/catalyst/2003/s2.html>

Jay Miller sent this link to a *New York Times* article on communal felting in a NYC loft:  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/13/garden/13rugloft.html>

## 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](mailto:fudger28@yahoo.com) for inclusion on this list.*

### Stitch 'n Pitch with the New York Mets

June 5. The National Needle Arts association invites you and your knitting to a few Mets games:  
<http://www.stitchnpitch.com/snptickets.asp> To go to the Binghamton Mets games instead, see here: <http://www.stitchnpitch.com/MiLBHome.asp>

### Maine Fiber Frolic

June 5-6, Windsor, ME. I just got back from Maine and the lobster is delicious this year.  
<http://www.fiberfrolic.com/>

### Pleasant Mountain Fiber Arts Workshops

Once again we are pleased to present a three day instructional fiber arts event **June 18 - 20** in Denmark, Maine. The program includes a wide variety of fiber workshops: spinning, dyeing, knitting, crocheting, rug techniques, jewelry, rug hooking, silk painting, carding, penny rugs, basketry, punch needle, stitchery and felting techniques.

Nationally known felter **Sharon Costello** is our feature artist this year.

Full details about the workshops, accommodations and registration information can be found on our website: [www.pleasantmtfiber.com](http://www.pleasantmtfiber.com).

### Meg Swanson's Knitting Camp

July 1-5, Marshfield, WI. In case you hated your other summer camps.  
<http://www.schoolhousepress.com/camp.htm>

### Focus on Fiber

July 9-11, Madison County Fair. They are looking for exhibitors. They say, " The fairgrounds are in Brookfield, which is located about 30 minutes south of Utica. " They did not leave a web page, but the note came from Pam Haendle, [pamela.haendle@bnymellon.com](mailto:pamela.haendle@bnymellon.com).

### **North Country Spinners**

September 24-26, 2010

Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center, Johnsonburg, NJ, Warren County.

<http://www.northcountyspinners.org/retreat.htm>

### **Interlaken Historical Society Country Fair and Plowing Day**

The Interlaken Historical Society will again hold their Country Fair and Plowing Day at Brook Farm on **Saturday, September 25th, 2010, 10am - 4pm**. They invite the BSHG to bring your spinning wheels and provide spinning demonstrations during the day. The barn at Brook Farm (right on Rt89 in Interlaken) is a 1903 Wells post and beam barn, quite astonishing in its size and great condition. There will be other old fashioned crafts, animals etc. and the vintage plowing demos are interesting and fun. You will be inside the barn so weather is no problem. Contact Jean at [ejeancurrie@gmail.com](mailto:ejeancurrie@gmail.com) or one of the organizers, Allan and Ann Buddle at [orchardland@zoom-dsl.com](mailto:orchardland@zoom-dsl.com) if you can come.

### **Northeast Handspinners Conference**

November 5 to 7 at the Grand Summit Resort, Mt. Snow, VT.

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**Christine Johnson**  
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## Sale of Celia Radke's stash

At her untimely death, Celia Radke had the winning stash. On June 19, 2010 from 10am - 2pm it will all go on sale at the house of Jean Currie, County Rd 153, Interlaken. Most of the sale is yarns with a few spinnable fibers. Celia had great taste in fiber, so this is high quality at great prices. If you want a heads-up about what you might see and will want to buy, go to:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0Aq6HH9sEgdpxdEtzNE5uU21sTzBMcG9xUlpsNU RtZ0E&hl=en>

### 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, Sharon Gombas, 177 Salmon Creek Rd. Lansing, NY 14882. Send the ad to the newsletter editor, Marianne Pelletier, at: [fudger28@yahoo.com](mailto:fudger28@yahoo.com). If you have a question for her or others, you can email us through the links at the top of the newsletter.

*Susan's Spinning Bunny*

**OPEN HOUSE**



Sat, June 26 from 12-5  
Sun, June 27 from 11-3

**Refreshments**

**Dyeing Workshops**

**Discounts and Door Prizes**

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