

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, Lansing.

President's Message

Jim Johnson

I would like to thank all of the people who volunteered in any capacity at Roc Day. The positive feedback I have received from members, guests and vendors indicates that we did a good job of being hosts to this wonderful mid winter fiber frolic.

In this issue of the newsletter there is a membership form. Please print it out, fill it out and bring it to the next meeting. We will have some extra copies if you forget. The reason for this form is so that we can better serve each other and the larger community. Also, it will make the life of the treasurer easier, so if you have already paid 2011 dues, fill it out and bring it in. If you have not paid for 2011 yet, consider it a gentle reminder and fill it out, bring it and your dues to the meeting. [Ed. note: Dues for 2011 are still \$20. Make your check payable to Black Sheep Handspinners Guild.]

There is a fun program planned of tasting, either desserts or fiber. The next meeting can be considered a part of a high fiber diet. See you on the 12th and good tasting.

Tentative agenda for 2/12/2011

1. introductions and show and tell
2. drawing of the name.
3. Roc Day report and Roc Day financial report
4. Discussion of the duties of the various official volunteers, ie. officers, committee chairs, the webmaster, and newsletter editor.
5. A program possibility for the fall.
6. Start thinking about nominations and volunteering for the next two years. (Nominating Committee?)
7. Retreat and other announcements.

Whew, that's a #%@* load of work, but we can do it.

Program for February Meeting

Susan Sarabasha

Bring fiber and/or a dessert to share.

- Put 5 small samples (10-12" or half an ounce) of your favorite roving /batt/top in a baggie.
- Tag each with the fiber type, how it was processed (roving/carded batt/ top)
- Its color name if you know it.
- Where you got it, if you remember.

We will 'taste' (share/sample) these during our February meeting.

Please feel free to bring a favorite dessert to share as well, or instead of fiber.



Fiber & Dessert
Tasting

ROC DAY!

From *Spin-Off*, Winter 2005: "Legend has it that spinners in olden times did not have to spin during the twelve days of Christmas. The first day of Christmas is December 26, Twelfth Night falls on January 6, and the next day is Saint Distaff's Day, a time for spinning wheel to be pulled out of corners to begin work again. ... Since a distaff was a *rocke* in Anglo-Saxon, so Saint Distaff's Day may also be called "Roc" or "Rock" day.

And now we tip our hat to the man who normally tells us the origins of our spinning terms, followed by other photos from our wintry celebration.





The Chinese Auction

Ellie May and Jean Currie

The "Chinese Auction" was a success. We made \$500. The hand made articles are the big draw. Some of the other items got a very few tickets. So think about what you want to do for next year. Recipients have asked for the name of the donor of the hand made items, They want to thank you. So we decided we will provide a card for the maker's name, fiber content and washing instructions.

Thank you for your hard work. We do note that items that were brought after 10:00 am did not get a lot of tickets, and ask that donors bring them earlier next year. Thanks!





Upcoming Events

Marianne thanks Knitters Review for a lot of these entries.

From Eleanor (hartquist@frontiernet.net): The Weavers' Guild of Rochester also has a Weaving and Fiber Arts Center where a variety of courses are offered. Please go to www.weaversguildofrochester.org/center and click on the Courses link.

Pittsburgh Knit and Crochet Festival

February 11-13, Four Points Sheraton, North Mars, PA. Bring your copy of *Mars Attacks*.
<http://www.pghknitandcrochet.com/>

Stitches West

If you go, please ask my friend Duffy to sing for you. You'll love it. February 17-20, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA. <http://www.knittinguniverse.com/flash/events.php>

Yarn Crawl

What happens after you spin too much and have worn out your ankles. February 19-20, Northern New Jersey. <http://www.greatamericanyarncrawl.com/>

Bothwell Spinin and Fibre Festival

Because you know I have to give you an excuse to fly somewhere. March 4-6, Bothwell, Tasmania, Australia.

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