President’s Message

It is hardly June and so much of the warm weather things we all do have already started. The deadlines for state fair entries are looming and our lives are full with vacation plans, canoeing, gardening and all of the other things that summer brings.

I will be missing this meeting, being away at the CNY Fiber Festival, but I am sure that the spinning and conversations will go as well as always. I hope to see many of you at the Celtic Games (see p4) spinning booth.

Jim

Agenda
Reports from:
• T-shirt committee
• Oak Hill spinners
• Celia Quinn workshop
• Fleece to shawl group

The State Fair Wool Booth Exhibition Spinning.

JUNE 11th PROGRAM - Fiber Swap & Spin In!

Bring one or more fiber types to swap (2-4 ounces,) in baggies. And bring your hand carders, your drum carder and your wheel, of course. AND you might even want to bring “stuff” to card into your fiber for a bit of fun--Angelina, silk scraps, fiber.

I’ll have index cards so we can lay the fiber out & label it. Then we can mix & blend to our heart's content!

Please wash & clean out as much VM as possible, as a courtesy, after all, who wants to spend this time picking out debris?

Char
www.caravanfiber.com

Name Our Newsletter

Hello,

I am, Susan, your new newsletter editor.

I am trying to get up to speed with this as quickly as possible. Please send pictures and articles and notices to me by the 26th of the month before the newsletter goes out to ensure its inclusion.

Our newsletter needs a name. So far some choices are: Fiber Bites, Hoofprints, Stash News & Rovings.
May Meeting Minutes

1- **Nominations** - Accepted
President – Jim J
VP - Sue Q
Sec – Audrey L
Treas - Vickie M
Newsletter – Susan S
Programs – Charlotte S
Ratified
New Officers begin in June 2011

2- **from Mary**
1-shirts are in progress

3- **from Vickie, Marjorie & Susan** – Celia Quinn remains open exclusively to the guild through May, then opens to other participants.  See page 6 for the sign up form.

4- **from Ayne** – New Membership Cards.  See page 4 for more info.

5- **from Audrey** – Spinning continues at Oak Hill Manor
Next demo is Thursday 5/26, 10-11:15.  Everyone is welcome.

6- **from Marianne & Ruth** – Sheep to Shawl - will finish warp and have more practice sessions.  They meet each month directly after the business meeting.

7- **Committees** –
Membership – Wayne
Charity Work - ?
Library- Ruth
Website – Teresa
Roc Day – Jim
Newcomers - ?
Programming – Char, Sharon
Special Programming – Marjorie

8- **State Fair** – applications are due in early July.

9- **from Wayne** - Scottish Games will again be in Stewart Park the last weekend in June.  Wayne will host the spinning booth.  Please join him there.  See page 4 for more details.

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**Program Calendar 2011 - 2012**

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| May 14 | June 11 | July 9 | August 13 |
| Elections | Spinning New Fibers | Gradient Dyeing Workshop | Spin IN @ City Farm Days |

| September 10 | October 8 | November 12 | December 10 |
| Try a Wheel group swap | Wheel Maintenance (get your wheel ready for the workshop) | Felting Workshop | Holiday Party |

| January 14 | 11-Feb | 10-Mar | 14-Apr |
| Roc Day | | | |

| 12-May | 9-Jun | 14-Jul | 11-Aug |

| 8-Sep | 13-Oct | 10-Nov | 8-Dec |
Interesting Sheep Facts.

- A one-year old sheep is called a hogget.
- A two-year old sheep is called a two-tooth.
- Sheep grow two teeth a year until they have eight.
- If you see a sheep on its back, lend it a hand because a sheep can't get up from that position. If left on its back too long, it will eventually die.
- President James Madison wore an inaugural jacket made from the wool of sheep raised on his Virginia farm.
- There are about 900 different breeds of sheep.
- One pound of wool can make ten miles of yarn.
- The small intestines from 11 sheep are needed to make 1 tennis racket.
- Sheep have poor eyesight but an excellent sense of hearing.
- Sheep only have lower teeth that press against an upper palette.
- Sheep make a bleating sound. A baby lamb can identify its mother by her bleat.
- There are 150 yards (450 feet) of wool yarn in a baseball.
- When Woodrow Wilson was President, the First Lady had sheep graze on the White House lawn to keep it neat and well trimmed.
- Lamb is the lowest in cholesterol of all red meats.
- Spinning wool into thread began about 5,000 years ago.
- Ewes typically give birth to twins.
- There are about 1 billion sheep on the planet.
- Sheep prefer running water when they drink.
- People started raising sheep over ten thousand years ago.
**10% Savings at JoAnn Fabrics all the time.**

Pay your dues, come to a meeting and receive your very own Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Membership Card.

Once you have this card you can register at JoAnn Fabrics for their organization member discount.

1. Go to [http://www.joannfabric.com](http://www.joannfabric.com)
2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page. In the 3rd column, 6th item down, you will see *Discount Cards*.
3. Click on those words then on the info page click on *Enroll Now*.
4. Fill out the form with the asked for information. Then click once more on *Enroll Now*.
5. You should be sent your discount card within 1-2 weeks.
6. To take advantage of the discount you will be asked to present BOTH cards at check-out.

**Ithaca Scottish Games & Celtic Festival**

The organizers of the Ithaca Scottish Games and Celtic Festival have invited us to give spinning demonstrations at the festival, to be held the weekend of June 25-26 in Stewart Park.

Wayne Harbert will be setting up a pavilion there, and bringing a few extra chairs. If you are interested in spinning with us, even for a little while, you are encouraged to do so. The people who attend this event tend to be strongly interested in our crafts. You can contact Wayne (564-9328, weh2@cornell.edu) in advance for details concerning parking, etc.

**Sheep to Shawl Team News**

Here we are at work putting together the Sheep to Shawl entry for the Troy Fair. Audrey, who loves to play with words as well as wool, suggested a team name of *Sheep Thrills*. The weaver is Bill Bartlett, the plier is Ruth Allen, the spinners are Anne Furman, Jean Currie, Audrey Lowes, and Marianne Pelletier. Ellie May, who judged at the Troy Fair for years, is our coach.

*Sent in by Anne Furman*
If you have not already filled this membership info form out, please print it, do so and return it at a guild meeting or to Charlotte Sharkey, 5080 Perry City Road, Trumansburg, NY 14885. Thank you.

**Membership Form**

*Please type or print*

Date: ____________

Name: _____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

__________________________________________________

preferred email: ____________________________________

preferred phone # ______________________________ birthday month (opt) ____

Please list your wheel(s)

__________________________________________________

We welcome spinners of all skill levels.

How long have you been spinning? ______

Do you: Knit? Weave? Crochet? Dye - (Natural or chemical)?

Which of your skills might you be willing to share with a member or the group? ie: teach beginning spindling or spinning or dyeing; teach a spinning / knitting / crocheting skill, etc

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If you raise any fiber animals, please list them here______________________________

__________________________________________________

Which committee(s) are you interested in joining?

- Roc Day
- Membership
- Programming
- Charity Works
- Outreach including Events & Activities Schedule for non guild members
- Newsletter - advisory & review
- None

- Library
- Education
- Website
- Nominating Committee (occasional)

Would you be interested in chairing or co-chairing one of these groups? If yes, which one(s)?
CELIA QUINN WORKSHOP
Sponsored by

When: Saturday, Oct 29 and Sunday, Oct 30, 2011
Where: Hampton Inn and Suites, Cortland, NY
Time: 9am – 4 pm
Fee: 1 Day $80 or 2 Days $155

Oct 29 - Spinning to Specification

Learn to monitor the diameter and twist of your yarns in simple ways to develop greater consistency. Practice expanding your skills by spinning yarns of widely different sizes and twists. Exercises include making a successful singles warp yarn, a balanced 2 ply, a gossamer yarn, spinning for a specific knitting gauge, and discussing margin of error between skeins in the same project.

Oct 30 - Novelty Yarns

Expand your repertoire of handspun yarns by learning to produce various novelties that are attractive complements to simpler yarns. At day’s end, your bobbins will hold an intriguing array of colorful, textured, looped, fuzzy and flecked yarns. Our sampling includes boucle, seed yarn knickerbocker yarn, mohair halo yarn, eyelash yarn, Navajo 3 ply, and garneted yarn.

Members Only REGISTRATION

NAME_________________________________________________________
EMAIL________________________________________________________

OCT 29_______ $80
OCT 30_______ $80
BOTH DAYS_______$155

Make check out to: Black Sheep Handspinners’ Guild
Mail check to: Marjorie Inana, 41 W. Court St., Cortland, NY 13045

Registration is non refundable and due by June 11.
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: Vickie Marsted, 219 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Send the ad to the newsletter editor, Susan S, sarabasha@earthlink.net If you have a question for her or others, you can email us through the links at the top of the newsletter.
Harrisville 45" Rock Maple Standard Floor Loom
(54.25" wide, 50.5" deep, 46" high. 32" deep when folded.
4 harness, 6 treadle, 800 inserted-eye heddles.
Features of this loom include: friction brake on the warp beam and ratchet brake on the cloth beam, removable breast and back beams for access during threading, foldable warp assembly to allow passage through a standard doorway even with a warp in place, snap chains for quick tie-ups.

EXTRAS:
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bench
yarns
shuttles
warping board
bobbins
warping tools
winder
how to books, videos
This loom sells for $2750.00 without the extras
We are selling for $2000.
WITH ALL THE EXTRAS!!
Contact: Carol Scileppi
<carolscileppi@yahoo.com>

For SALE

The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild was formed in 1973 and has been meeting to share spinning fellowship and techniques ever since. We welcome all spinners at all levels.