President’s Message

December, time for our guild's party. Remember, if you wish to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift that is wrapped, but not labeled. This is a fun time for all and a chance for us to share the joy of surprises prepared for us by our fellow members. In the past the food to share has leaned heavily on the desert end of things, but I am always surprised at the variety of that as well as in the thought put into the gift exchange.

With our holiday party in mind we also need to remember next month's bash for the public, Roc Day. Yes, it is only one month away so please remember to sign up on the volunteer list (p5 and at the meeting). Also, Ellie is still collecting handmade and other fiber related items for the auction. Part of the proceeds will go to the Southern Tier Food Bank.

I am looking forward to a good time, but YOU have to come for that to happen.

Jim

Winter Retreat at Stella Maris in Skaneateles. March 10 and 11. Please speak with Anne Furman for more details and to sign up. Space is limited.

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Rte 34B, in Lansing, NY

December’s Program

Sharon has a game for us to play.

Gift exchange.

Holiday foods to share.
President Jim Johnson called the meeting to order and asked for a "Once-Around" to learn what everyone was doing.

Margaret F is working Icelandic wool naturally dyed with madder, goldenrod and logwood.

Carol F wore a vest she made of alpaca.

Betty S had put a shawl on the show and tell table – It’s made with Wensleydale wool.

Audrey L put out the hats and mittens (40 hats and 20 sets of mittens) that were made with a lot of help from guild and reading club friends.

Eleanor May showed us her purple felted hat replete with a new flower felted by Sharon Gombas. Ellie is the "keeper" of the auction for Roc Day and asked us to please remember she needs contributions and she will hang on to them. Please also keep in mind she will sleep better if the contributions roll in sooner, than later.

Jean Curry has recently returned from her trip to Bhoutan. The country is located between India and Tibet. Jean showed us woven shawls and said the best collection of woven goods and artists' wares were at the airport. Many of the artists are in rural areas and some are handicapped. They produce beautiful intricate patterns by backstrap weaving - often in poor light. They do more weaving than spinning in Bhoutan. We saw a nicely woven bag that cost her approximately $12. There was also a complex woven wall hanging.

Wayne H confessed he hasn't spun since September at Judy's Day and is re-learning.

Jean is spinning Shetland wool and put a skein in for show and tell.

Teresa was busily working on a plying ball and had produced a great little vest for her baby boy. She used Corriedale/Blueface Leicester in three ply combining her excellent spindle spinning and also her spinning wheel.

Lois S is leaving our meeting early today to teach medieval spinning to a re-enactment group. She showed us samples of old spinning wheels in miniature and taught us how to identify their ages and the techniques used to operate them. She wore an indigo-dyed tunic type sweater made of (moth eaten) Corriedale and something else (she couldn't readily recall). Her design had removable sleeves should the weather change. Continued on page 3.

Program Calendar 2011 - 2012

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Cheryl and Lee Miller reported having their first fleeces prepared to spin. Unfortunately, they recently lost their ram.

Mary Miller showed us a woven scarf she made from her spun Wensleydale and woven with sock yarn. It was very light and airy.

Angelica St. Laurent was spinning fleece from her "mud wrestling" sheep!

Ruth Allen spun up some thick yarn which was produced from triple plied laceweight handspindled yarn.

Susan S reminded us that the Newsletter needs "stuff." Please get articles to Susan by the 25th of the month preceding the next month's meeting. Susan was wearing her latest original pattern - the Newport Shawlette. Beautiful work!

Yoneh was gifted Musk Ox fiber by a friend in Alaska in trade for teaching the friend how to spin. It was collected randomly as Musk Ox "brush" off fur on posts and other objects. The friend has a field of fiber collecting bushes.

Elizabeth K-G advised us of Barber Pole worm - that attacked some of her lambs this spring and summer. The wet spring probably had a lot to do with it - as the grass was near impossible for her Finn Sheep to keep down. She also related that the Finn Sheep Breed Association celebrated its 40th year in 2011. Elizabeth also told us about needing a large flyer for her wheel and after patiently waiting for her husband to "get to it" she took matters into her own hands and produced one! She also has a Finn ram for sale.

Lynn A is working away on her personally designed sweater with sheep around the bottom. Each sheep breed depicted is knitted in its own fleece. Lynn still is haunted by 8 lbs. of brown wool (she's gaining - she started with 13 lbs. - though she didn't say how long ago that was).

Charlotte S is showing us machine felting today. She has a video and the guild's machine set up for those who would like to try it!

Carol L is spinning CVM (California Varigated Mutant) and Ramboulet fiber.

Ayne S is working on her first cable knit sweater. She also showed us her first quilt!

Vicki reminded us that dues now follow the calendar year. To renew your membership please see her with the $20. There will be no more mailed newsletter, unless under special circumstances (see Vicki) because it is too expensive. Printed copies will be available at monthly meetings. Ellie will continue to print copies at home and get them to Jean Warholic at Long View Nursing Home. They also can be viewed on our website.

With some discussion, it was decided that workshops will need a special line item designation for bookkeeping purposes. Any extra monies left from previous workshops will be left in the line item to be used as scholarships in the next workshops. There will also be a line item designation for programming.
Minutes continued

Quarterly treasurer's reports will be made to the Newsletter.

Marjorie A told us there is another workshop coming up. It will be announced in the next Newsletter – see p9. We will have Carol Wood from Alfred, NY on April 28th, to teach complex color from natural dyes. Some tools we will have to bring will be carders & spinning wheels. It is set for the Hampton Inn again and will cost $55 for members, and will include materials. Sign-ups will start in December.

It was mentioned that it might be cheaper and would be a larger room if we rented the All Saints room (that we usually meet in). She will look into it.

Also, Abby Franquemont will be available the end of October next year to give us four different 3-hour workshops - they will include spindle spinning, wheel or spindle spinning and wheel mechanics.

Marjorie A reminded us she will be teaching hand carding at Roc Day and recommended Clems and Clems and Schacht cards be used. Elizabeth Kinney-Gosner suggested we each bring carders to the next meeting for Margery to check out.

Mary Miller reported on the Tee Shirt order.

**Long sleeved mock turtlenecks - $20**

**Short Sleeved Tee s- $12**

Please sign up with Mary.

We are using the old logo and it is silk screened so there should be no problem washing the shirts. Exact change or checks are appreciated.

**Holiday Party** will be at the December meeting with "Round Robin" drawn numbers for a gift. Please limit yourself to $15-20 and make your gift fiber-related or handmade. Holiday food would also be welcome.

Jim asked for and had people volunteer to "clear" the room and reset tables and chairs after this meeting.

**New Business**

Cathy C asked if we could list equipment for sale on the website. Yes, per item $5/three months, for members. Newsletter is $5 an ad.

Susan Sarabasha told us that Miyaki City, Japan is Ithaca's sister city. While the children have received much support since the tsunami - the elderly have not. Scarves of wool or acrylic, any size, are being collected. "The Shop" at the bottom of Buffalo Street is accepting them for shipping.

December 9th is the Grey Barn Craft Sale.

Roc Day will have a new additional table - Member Made! All members are invited to sell or show items they have made. If you want a free space on the table, please volunteer to spend time running it. Talk to Sharon to get space on this table.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Lowes, Secretary
Roc Day January 14, 2012 Volunteer Sign Up

Contact Becki Terwilliger to sign up

564-9008 or rterwill@aol.com

We are asking each member to sign up for at least a total of one hour.

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2012 Roc Day Workshops - Saturday - January 14, 2012

All Saints Church in Lansing- 347 Ridge Rd. (Rte 34B) Lansing NY.

See registration form for location directions

MORNING - 10:30 - 12 NOON

ROOM A - CATHY CHESNUT - Knitting Technique workshop

KNITTING AND BEADS  10:30 TO 12 NOON - $20.00 CLASS FEE - INCLUDES MATERIALS   CLASS SIZE - 8 MAX

Not a beginner knitting class. Students must know how to Knit - Purl - Yo - K2tog.

This is the class to learn how to add beads to your knitting. You will learn what yarn works with what size beads; when to string the beads on to your yarn and how to do this with a special threading tool; how to place the strung beads as you knit or purl and what method to choose for desired results; how to use a crochet hook to attach beads without stringing and why and when you would want to use this method and what effect you achieve by proper placement of your beads into your knitting.

All supplies and equipment will be provided - this is a technique class and not a project class.

Some vendors will have beaded knitting patterns and kits available after class

ROOM B - TERESA PORRI - Spinning Technique workshop

COLOR MANAGEMENT WHILE SPINNING ARTISAN-DYED FIBER

Wheel or Spindle  10:30 TO 12 NOON - $25.00 CLASS FEE - INCLUDES FIBER      CLASS SIZE - 8 MAX

Not a beginner spinning class. Students must be comfortable spinning and plying yarn from various fibers.

Students will learn how to manage multicolored batts and roving to maximize the color placement in spun yarns. This is the class to learn how to avoid muddy colored yarn spun from multi-colored batts and roving. Make your yarns pop with color!

A variety of techniques and spinning decisions that affect the look of the finished object - including fiber thickness, plying,organizing color sequences and color choices will be covered.

Students need to bring either a drop spindle suitable for medium weight yarn or your wheel in working order, 4 empty bobbins, and a separate lazy kate if you have one.

ROOM C - RUTH ALLEN - Spindle Spinning Technique workshop

BEGINNERS' SPINDLE SPINNING WORKSHOP  10:30 TO 12 N - $20.00 INC MTLS, CLS SIZE = 8 MAX

This is the class for people to test their interest in spindle spinning. Beginners welcome!

Students will learn how to spindle spin using spindles and fiber owned and provided by the guild. You will learn what fibers work best for beginning spindlers and why; what happens when you put twist into fiber and how to manage the spindle and fiber to produce a pleasing usable yarn. This is a skill that develops with practice. Test out your interest in the class before investing in your own spindle and fiber.

NO MATERIALS LIST - Students will borrow equipment and fiber for class use only. Spindles and fiber will be for sale at various Roc Day Vendor booths after the class.
AFTERNOON – 1:00-3:00 PM

ROOM B - MARJORIE INANA - Fiber Processing workshop

CARDING AND FLICKING  1 - 3:00 PM  - $25.00 INCLUDES FIBER  CLASS SIZE - 10 MAX

Not a beginner spinning class. Students must be comfortable spinning and plying yarn from various fibers.

This workshop will give you an opportunity to learn how to use your carders and flicker to prepare fibers in a variety of ways. *Bring your carders and flicker if you have them and a spindle or wheel to try spinning the different preparations that you will learn to prepare in the class.*

There will be loaner hand carders and flickers available if you don’t have your own and are thinking about buying them. There will not be enough for each student, so if you have your own, please bring them or plan to share the loaners with other students.

ROOM C - CAROLYN RIVELLO - Plying Technique workshop

PLYING ON A WHEEL: BASICS AND BEYOND  1 - 3:00 PM  - $25.00 INCLUDES FIBER  CLASS SIZE - 10 MAX

This is not a beginner spinning class. Students must be comfortable spinning and plying yarn on a wheel from various fibers.

Most spinners think of plying merely as putting two singles together and sending them through the wheel the opposite way, but there is so much more to it!

This workshop will teach you how to create one of a kind yarns through plying. We will discuss reasons for plying and ways to get the right amount of ply twist every time; make basic 3-ply and 4-ply yarns: learn two ways to Navajo ply, and *much more as time allows.* *Bring your wheel in working order, 4 empty bobbins, and a separate lazy kate if you have one.* All fiber provided as part of the $25.00 class fee.

For more information on these workshops - go to:

http://blacksheephandspinnersguild.org

To check out our ROC DAY 2012 updates.

You can also contact - Cathy Chesnut - cchesnut@frontiernet.net

Registration forms and payment directions will be posted to website soon.

Registration will start December 1, 2011 and end January 5, 2012 or until full. There will only be registration on ROC DAY if there are workshop openings not filled or cancelled prior to the big day.

This is a 1st come - 1st served experience so if you are interested, don’t delay!
Roc day 2012 Workshop Registration Form

Name - 
Address - 
Phone & Email - 

Please fill in the blanks for each workshop in which you are registering yourself or others.

AM - 10:30 TO 12 NOON

KNITTING AND BEADS - # OF REGISTRANTS ____________ @ $20 = $__________

COLOR MANAGEMENT WHILE SPINNING ARTISAN-DYED FIBER -
# OF REGISTRANTS ____________ @ $25 = $__________

BEGINNERS' SPINDLE SPINNING - # OF REGISTRANTS ____________ @ $20 = $__________

PM - 1 - 3:00 PM

CARDING AND FLICKING - # OF REGISTRANTS ____________ @ $25 = $__________

PLYING ON A WHEEL - # OF REGISTRANTS ____________ @ $25 = $__________

TOTAL ENCLOSED = $________________

If you are registering for more than one person on this form, please send a list with the name and contact information for each person attending each workshop.

Please send your check or Postal/Bank money order and this form to:

Cathy Chesnut
752 west State Road
Cortland, NY 13045

Please email me to let me know that this information is in the mail. I will reply when I receive the envelope. 
chesnut@frontiernet.net

Please check our website - www.blacksheephandspinners.org - for workshop openings and updates

Registration forms and payment must be received by January 5, 2012 to hold reservation.
WORKSHOP WITH CAROL WOOD

COMPLEX COLOR FROM NATURAL DYES—— COLOR BLENDING AND SPINNING

When: Saturday, April 28, from 9-4

Where: Our regular meeting place – All Saints Church

Cost: Members $55  Non Members $65 (includes material fee)

Description:

Learn about the possibilities of color blending and color theory from fiber “dyed in the wool” exploring the dramatic differences resulting from small changes in the proportions of primary colors, black and white. Using fleece pre-dyed by the instructor with natural dyes (cochineal, indigo, weld) and natural/black fiber, students will card, spin and ply yarns in order to learn about the interactions of colors and choosing colors to blend based on the desired results. The workshop will include an overview of natural dyes and their use; topics covered will also be applicable to synthetic dyes.

Note: Participants must be comfortable with spinning and plying on a wheel or a handspindle. Dye work will be described but is not the focus of the class.

Participants need to bring: hand cards, drum carder (optional) spinning wheel or handspindle, knitting or crocheting equipment for swatches (if desired) notebook, and specific project ideas (optional).

Please contact Marjorie if you want to sign up.

10% Savings at JoAnn Fabrics all the time.

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

Once you have this card you can register at JoAnn Fabrics for their organization member discount right at the check-out counter.

FIBERY EVENTS

Roc Day
Saturday, January 14
Workshops, Vendors, Dish-to –pass, raffles, spin-in

Know of any other fairs/events we all might want to attend? Please send the info, with a link, to Susan.
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 14886. Thank you.

**Membership Form**

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| Joined guild in _______ |

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

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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

_________________________________________________________________

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

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


To place an ad

A check for $5.00 made to BSHG for an ad to run three times for members; $5/month for non members should be sent to our treasurer: Vickie Marsted, 29 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 on page 1.

B&W Business card ads are free for Current members.

Convert your Baynes hook flyer to a SLIDING PINCH HOOK FLYER for $32.00 including rebalancing. See Jim Johnson at a meeting or call 607-564-7178 or email hilltoppaddles@earthlink.net.
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