President’s Message

I hope your spinning is going well. I have been taking the time to fill a couple of bobbins for which I have no idea of the use. But then I am a process spinner. I know many of you are product spinners and I occasionally have a purpose in mind before I start, but that still seems strange to me. How are you on the scale of process to product? That might be an interesting poll to take.

The Roc Day committee met after the last meeting to go over the process and organization of the day. Along with the debriefing we decided to have the first meeting of the new committee in July so that we could get the organization jump started before the fall. Be thinking if you would be able to serve the guild in this way next year.

Remember, this month guild will be meeting on the third Saturday of the month. Also, be thinking about what we as a guild want to do for our meeting in May, as there is a long-standing conflict for the second Sat of May. Some options are to hold the meeting at a member’s house if anyone has enough space, move it to the Lansing Library, or to move the date. Jim

Feb. 15, 2012. Swiss shepherd Markus Nyffeler walks with his flock of sheep through a snow covered field in Muehlethurnen near Bern, Switzerland. Photo by Michael Buholzer of Reuters. See more here.

from Anne F

March’s Program

In addition to our scheduled Member Made, I will have a game prepared, and prizes. All materials / tools to be provided (by me).

Any questions to be addressed / answered by our Knitting Experts at the April meeting should be brought to the March meeting to allow time to compile a how-to etc.

I hope to see you at the retreat! Sharon
The Roc Day committee met after the regular Guild meeting. It was agreed that despite the weather, and three vendors unable to participate, Roc Day was a success!

We want to thank everyone who volunteered, or pitched in to make this yearly event phenomenal!

The raffles were the highlight of the day, as always! Thank you, Ellie for all of your time and energy!

The new configuration of the spinning circle gave spinners more room and a provided a friendly atmosphere.

The new Member Made table was a success. There will be a coordinator for the Member Made table, with specific guidelines for 2013.

The survey at the front door, gave the committee some insight as to advertising for next year. We need more advertising for the classes. It was agreed we need a large sign in the front hall promoting the classes.

Jim wants to step down as the Roc Day coordinator, so when we meet in July we will need to choose a new person to manage all of the details for 2013. Thank you, Jim for everything you have done to help build Roc Day to what it is now!

We will also be looking for a non-vendor coordinator for the Friday night set-up. Set-up for the room only will be from 5 pm – 6pm. Set-up for vendors will be from 6pm – 9pm.

If you have ideas or a willingness to help, keep the July date open, as the committee will meet after the guild meeting that month!

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Roc Day 2012!

Webmaster Update:

Our ownership of the http://www.blacksheephandspinnersguild.org/ domain name will last with our current web host (GoDaddy) until April, at which point we can either renew with them or move to a different host. I’d be glad to switch to a different host--one that is more local, or less expensive, or less icky in a whole host of technological and non-technological ways. Our needs are quite simple. If you have a recommendation, please contact me, Teresa, at webmaster@blacksheephandspinnersguild.org, and I'll either renew or get a new setup done by the April meeting.

In related news, there may be some brief website downtime in late March if we do move house, but I'll work on making that time as brief as possible, and on not having it happen close to the guild meeting when I know lots of people stop by to check the date and activities scheduled!
Long sleeved mock turtlenecks - $20
Short Sleeved Tee’s - $12
Want one? See Mary.

From Char
Check this out – Rabbit Herding Sheep

February Meeting Photos (taken by Carol L)

Ellie sporting her famous hat.
Jean wearing her felted NZ vest.
Lynn modeling Vickie’s Anemone Hat
Bill’s intricately knitted shawl.
WORKSHOP WITH CAROL WOOD

COMPLEX COLOR FROM NATURAL DYSES----- 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)
Contact: Marjorie

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.

Looking Ahead

Fall Retreat: October 5-7 at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles. We arrive in the late afternoon on Friday and depart by noon on Sunday. Mark your calendar now, and e-mail or call Carol LaBorie to sign up (tusweca_winan@yahoo.com or 277-9108).

Abby Franquemont:
November 3 & 4 2012, Country Inn & Suites, Rt 281, Cortland
Four half day workshops will be offered. There are 16 seats available for each session. Workshop fee of $45 member/$50 non-member per session must be paid at registration and is non-refundable. Full descriptions of each class will be posted in the April newsletter.
Guild member registration will begin at the May meeting and run through the September meeting.
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 Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Thank you.

Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: __________

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

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

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.

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