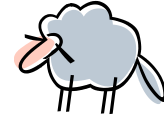


WOOL GATHERINGS...



The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society

The mission of the Society is to preserve and perpetuate the art of hand spinning; to promote interest in spinning by educating the public through demonstrations, lectures, displays, and news/social media; and to provide instruction and social life in spinning for its members.

Next Meetings: Saturday December 16, 2017, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Holiday Celebration and Open Spin

Hostess: Lorraine Savidge, Treats: Lorraine Savidge, Elaine Montambeau

Bring treats to share with the group if you are so inclined. Lynda DeLallo will be giving a side demonstration on how to warp a rigid heddle loom and will be available to answer your questions about this loom that has been called a *weaving gateway drug*.

Remember to bring your lunch and coffee mug.

NOVEMBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

\$7336.09 balance

Meeting Hostess

We need hostesses for the for 2017/2018 meetings, see the signup sheet.

Clothing Order

The clothing order was distributed.

Donations

The guild voted to donate \$250 to Heifer International. Angela will select a combination of gifts that total \$250.

The guild voted to donate \$250 to the church for our monthly use.

Fiber Frolic

Jill Robinson has received 14 Fiber Frolic 2018 vendor applications, there is space for 14 vendors.

Amy King Workshop

The guild will be hosting workshops by Amy King June 23rd and 24th. We need a workshop committee of two or three people to receive and review members' class requests, ensure all those turning in applications in a timely manner are registered for at least one class, create waiting lists if necessary, and send out confirmations. Contact Jill if you are interested in being on the committee. Registrations will be accepted starting in February 2018.

Amy will be driving from her home and staying overnight in a hotel Friday through Sunday night. She'll be bringing fiber and yarn for sale between and after class sessions. The workshop will be held at the Clay Senior Center or the Clay Welcome Center in the historical park across the street from the Senior Center.

New York State Fair Fiber Competitions

Guild members suggestions on how to improve the competition class descriptions were discussed. Joyce Lock will email the following recommendations to the NYS State Fair Competitions committee (our suggestions are in red):

DIVISION M HANDSPUN YARN

Any fiber - each entry in classes 1, 2 and 3 must attach a white 3 x 5 card or paper indicating a plan for usage. Skeins should be approximately 2 to 4 ounces in weight (~~4 1/2 ounces for specialty yarns – silk, angora, cashmere, etc.~~). List fiber content of article.

1. Proficiency of spin for plied yarn, 1 skein – ~~2-ply~~ evenness of spin and evenness of ply ~~color~~
2. Yarns for clothing, 1 - skein for use in weaving, knitting, crocheting, macramé, etc.
3. Novelty yarns, 1 - skein for any use
5. Adult hat, scarf, cowl, mittens, gloves, etc (knit, crochet, etc.) *Removed requirement that entry be a set with a hat*

New Class: Proficiency of spin for singles yarn, evenness of spin

DIVISION F HAND KNITTING

New class: Knitted Lace, any article

DIVISION G CROCHETING

New class: Tunisian Crochet, any article

SENIOR CITIZENS

New Division – HANDSPUN YARN

The same classes as the Handspun Yarn Division of the Arts and Home competitions

At the May meeting we'll review what changes were implemented, how to interpret the class descriptions and the standards judges use when evaluating fiber entries. The purpose is to get more people to enter in 2018!

Community Outreach

Linda Bishop-Surbeck mentioned the Knitted Knockers project (<https://www.knittedknockers.org/>). There is a need for these knitted or crocheted breast prosthesis for women in Central New York. Linda will collect and distribute any you make. Kathy Excel will bring skeins of ultra-soft cotton yarn to sell at the December meeting.

Spinning Fiber Raffle

Twenty fiber prizes were raffled off as part of a generous fiber donation to the guild. More raffles will be held at future meetings.

Events for your Calendar (* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

April 14, 2018	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 27-29, 2018	Yarn Cupboard Retreat & Market
May 5-6, 2018	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
May TBD, 2018	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY
June 9-10, 2018	CNY Fiber Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Bouckville, NY*
September 2, 2018	Fleece to Shawl Competition at the NYS Fair Wool Center

2017-2018 Calendar and Program Plan (at the Church Unless Otherwise Noted)

September 23, 2017	Annual Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 21, 2017	Bus Trip to NYS Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY
October 28, 2017	"Bust Your Stash" Guild Challenge Kickoff and Market Day
November 18, 2017	Using Ravelry, Facebook, Audio Books, and Instagram
December 16, 2017	Open Spin and Holiday Party
January 20, 2018	Annual Roc Day Celebration
February 17, 2018	Open Spin and Market Day
March 17, 2018	Annual Auction
April 14, 2018	Fiber Folic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 21, 2018	"Bust Your Stash" Show and Tell
May 19, 2018	Movie Morning with a Spinning DVD
June 16, 2018	Annual Picnic
June 23-24, 2018	Workshop with Amy King
July 21, 20178	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 18, 2018	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 25-26, 2018	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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