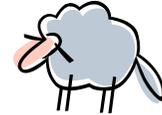


# **WOOL GATHERINGS...**



## ***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.*

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**Next Meetings:                    Saturday November 18, 2017, 10:00 AM**  
**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**Baldwinsville, NY**

**Using Ravelry, Facebook, Audio Books, Instagram and Google Groups**  
Presented by Angela Mann

*Hostess: Jill Robinson, Treats: Lynn Wilson, Betsy Walker*

**Please arrive early so you are ready for the business meeting to start at 10:00 am.**

For this month's program, Angela Mann will show us how technology can enhance your fiber experience using various online resources.

At the October meeting we discussed requesting changes be made to the NYS Fair Competition categories in Spinning, Knitting, Crochet and the Senior Division. A request went out to guild members for their suggestions. This month we will come up with specific recommendations based on your input, so a letter can be sent to the appropriate fair official. The competition categories can be found in the 2017 Arts and Crafts Rules <https://nysfair.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2017-Arts-and-Crafts-rules-classes.pdf>. Remember, if you don't like the current competition categories, the only way to improve them is with your input. Please send your suggestions to [goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com](mailto:goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com) by Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be compiled for discussion at the guild meeting.

### **OCTOBER MEETING**

President Jill Robinson called the business meeting to order.

#### **Membership**

Members were reminded to pay their 2017/2018 dues by the November meeting. Membership cards were distributed.

### **Clothing Order**

The clothing order is in and we are waiting for it to be completed.

### **New York State Fair Fiber Competition Winners**

Jill read the thank you notes from the winners of the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society awards.

### **Donations**

The guild will discuss our annual donation to Heifer International in November. Last year we donated \$300.

### **Fiber Frolic**

Jill Robinson has received 12 Fiber Frolic 2018 vendor applications, there is space for 14 vendors. The return deadline is the end of October.

### **Bus Trip to NYS Sheep and Wool Festival**

Attendees discussed the festival. There were a few bus inconveniences, Angela will contact the bus company. All agreed the bus driver really came through in correcting the problems and they weren't his fault.

Suggestions for future bus trips were made: Fiber Festival of New England combined with a trip to Webs, and the Adirondack Wool and Arts Festival.

### **Programs**

A "Try My Wheel" program had been proposed previously. Jill queried the guild to see if we were still interested and if enough members would volunteer their wheels. Since enough members are willing to let others try their wheels, this can be a program later in the year.

The "Bust Your Fiber Stash" guild challenge was announced - it simply means that participants review their yarn/fiber stash and make something from it. The results will be presented at the April 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.

### **New York State Fair Fiber Competition Categories**

Since there is always grumbling and confusion over the class descriptions in the Spinning, Knitting and Senior Citizens competitions, we discussed how to make improvements. Since Linda Miller is familiar with the NYS Fair timeline, she said the suggestions need to be sent to the fair by the end of November. Joyce Lock will send out an email requesting guild members make specific suggestions that will be reviewed at the November meeting.

### **Amy King Workshop**

The guild will be hosting workshops by Amy King June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The guild voted to purchase Amy King's Spinning Foundations class from Craftsy. We will show segments of this beginning spinning class at future meetings. The sale cost is \$25. Angela Mann will create a Craftsy account for the guild and purchase the online version of the class. This is being done in lieu of Amy King's two day beginning spinning class for the guild workshop.

The guild voted to select Amy's "Sock It To Me" one-day class for the Saturday workshop and the "Long Draw Truth or Dare" and "All the Single ... Yarns" half day classes for the Sunday workshops. Jill or Linda Bishop-Surbeck will contact Amy King with these requests.

We also discussed how members will register for classes. Once a signup date is determined, it will be first come, first serve. Members should designate their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop class choices and send in the class materials fee (amount yet to be determined). Concern was expressed about members getting shut out of all classes. The workshop committee will ensure that everyone who turns in an application in a timely manner will get into a class. Waiting lists will be created if needed. We will also be soliciting committee members and would love to have volunteers.

Jill arranged that the classes will be at the Clay Senior Center or the Clay Welcome Center in the historical park across the street from the Senior Center. Both locations will provide ample space for the classes and Amy's store, and both have bathrooms and a full kitchen. The Town of Clay is allowing us to use the facility at no charge.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$7874.36 balance after purchase of new bag for the tent and the projector

### **Meeting Hostess**

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

**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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