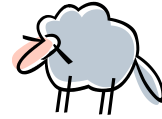


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 September 22, 2018, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Welcome to New Members, Pot-Luck Lunch and Market Day

Hostess: Vickie Marchand, Treats: Vickie Marchand, Joyce Lock

For the Pot-Luck Lunch, bring a dish to pass along with your table setting.

For Market Day, members can bring items to sell - fiber related, food, plants, etc. Non-members may also bring items, but need to pay a \$20 fee to the guild.

Bring items for Show and Tell, especially items you entered in the New York State Fair.

If you haven't yet paid your dues for the 2018-2019 program year, please send your \$20 payment and current contact information to Sue Jones. Checks should be made out to the "Golden Fleece Spinners' Society" and mailed to Sue at 404 Sixth St, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Congratulations to the members who won awards in the NYS Fair Spinning competitions. You can find the complete listing at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/results/>.

Congratulations also to the NYS Fair Fleece to Shawl contest winners. The guild had one team this year - Ginger's Ewes took second place out of two teams.

A BIG thank you to all of you who demonstrated spinning or helped with set up or take down at the Golden Harvest Festival and are doing the same for the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival.

Guild members have a new opportunity to show off their fiber talents – we've been invited to demonstrate at the Empire Alpaca Show being held November 10-11 on the NYS Fairgrounds. Empire Alpaca Association board member Theresa Jewell is looking for people to demonstrate spinning, weaving and knitting with alpaca fiber in order to show the public and the alpaca farmers how we use their fiber. She said the alpaca

farmers themselves have questions about spinning and weaving so this is a good chance to educate the people who are breeding this fiber.

- The show will be held in the new Empire Exposition Center at the NYS Fairgrounds.
- The building will have some heat, but we can't bring space heaters because that would make it too warm for the alpacas, so dress appropriately. It's a chance to use those fingerless mitts we all knit. Hot beverages will be available.
- There will be a large space for demonstrating spinning, weaving and knitting. Remember to bring your own chair and spinning wheel, loom, needles, etc.
- We'll be demonstrating Saturday and Sunday, signup sheets will be available at the guild meeting. Shifts are 10:00am – 2:00pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
- For spinners, you'll have your choice of 4 oz of white, black or brown alpaca fiber. Knitters and weavers will get a skein of alpaca yarn. You can warp your loom with whatever, but please weave with alpaca while demonstrating.
- Contact Joyce Lock with questions or to sign up for a shift at Joycelock3@gmail.com, 315.380.7340. The current signup follows:

Saturday AM Demo __Kate Pelkey (aka Simons-Schryver)_____
10:00-2:00

Saturday PM Demo __Jill Robinson_____
2:00-5:00 __Joyce Lock_____

Sunday AM Demo __Linda B-S_____
10:00-2:00

Sunday PM Demo _____
2:00-5:00 _____

AUGUST MEETING

There was no meeting due to inclement weather.

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

September 8-9, 2018	Golden Harvest Festival, Beaver Lake, Baldwinsville, NY*
September 15-16, 2018	Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, Hemlock, NY*
September 22, 2018	WNY Fiber Festival, East Aurora, NY
September 22-23, 2018	Adirondack Wool and Arts Festival, Greenwich, NY
September 29-30, 2018	Fiber Arts Weekend at Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown, NY
September 29-30, 2018	Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival, Tunbridge, Vermont
October 6-7, 2018	Fall Open House at Lochan Mor Farm, Cato, NY
October 13-14, 2018	Little York Fall Fiber Arts Festival, Preble, NY
October 20-21, 2018	NYS Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY
November 2-4, 2018	Northeast Handspinners Association Gathering, Nashua, NH
November 3-4, 2018	Fiber Festival of New England, Big E Expo Center
November 10-11, 2018	Empire Alpaca Show, NYS Fair Grounds*
April 13-14, 2019	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center*
April TBD, 2019	Yarn Cupboard Retreat & Market
May 4-5, 2019	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
May TBD, 2019	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY
June 8-9, 2019	CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*

2018-2019 Calendar and Program Plan (at the Church Unless Otherwise Noted)

September 22, 2018	Annual Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 27, 2018	Mini classes: Spinning from the Fold and Navajo Plying
November 17, 2018	Knitting Holiday Ornaments, Market Day
December 15, 2018	Holiday Pajama Party and Exchange of Ornaments
January 19, 2019	Annual Roc Day Celebration
February 16, 2019	Care and Feeding of your Wheel with Linda Miller
March 17, 2019	Annual Auction
April 13-14, 2019	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 20, 2019	Open Spin and Market Day
May 18, 2019	Skirting a Fleece with a NYS Fair Fleece Judge
June 15, 2019	Annual Picnic
July 20, 2019	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 17, 2019	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 24-25, 2019	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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