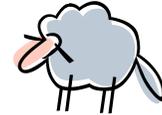


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 Meeting: Saturday January 19, 2019, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Annual Roc Day Celebration

Hostess: Christina Tartaro, Treats: Lynn Wilson, Lynda DeLallo

To celebrate Roc Day:

- Bring your decorated spinning wheel. Traditionally married women would decorate their spinning wheels in green, while single women decorated their wheels in red. There will be prizes for the best decorated wheels.
- Bring a set of comfortable knitting needles and a small ball of yarn. Cast on 10 stitches and be ready to knit for a contest organized by Jill Robinson.
- Bring a dish to pass along with your table setting for the Pot Luck Lunch

Start thinking about donations for March auction. Each member is asked to contribute two items which can be yarn, fiber, knitting, spinning and weaving books, eggs, plants, fiber equipment, basically things that are spinning, knitting and weaving-related. We have already received some contributions from Ginger's stash.

DECEMBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the business meeting to order.

Meeting Hostess

We need hostesses for the 2018/2019 meetings, see the signup sheet.

Treasurer's Report \$6144.12 balance

Membership

Annual dues were to have been paid by the November meeting. The Yearbook with the current membership list will be emailed later in the month.

Annual Donations

The guild voted to donate \$300 to the church for use of the meeting space along with \$250 to Heifer International. Angela Mann works for Oracle and they will match our donation to Heifer International.

Fall 2019 Bus Trip

Suggestions were a bus trip to Rhinebeck in October 2019 or to the New England Fiber Festival in Springfield, MA the first weekend in November. The latter also includes a trip to Webs in Northampton, MA. Note that this is also the same weekend as the NHA Open House. Members were encouraged to think about this for discussion at a later meeting.

Northeast Handspinners Association (NHA) Gathering

Angela Mann will be the Vice President while Pat Henley will be a New York State representative starting with the new term.

Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA)

Lynda DeLallo supplied more information about the benefits of our guild joining MAFA. The cost is \$70 for a two year membership and we would need to supply the name of a representative. The upcoming bi-annual June 27-30 conference will be held in Millersport, PA. Classes of interest might be Natalie Redding, who did a dye workshop set up by Heather Warren and Pat Henley in 2017. Joan Bergen did a workshop for the Weaver's Guild of Rochester that Lynda participated in and shared her samples of felt at a previous meeting. Additional information can be found at <https://mafafiber.org>.

Benefits include:

- Early registration (February 2) for this year's conference along with a \$30 reduced fee for the conference
- Grant program - grant, fellowship and scholarship programs to support our guild in outreach programs, sharing learning and helping novices to learn fiber arts
- Publicity - MAFA offers a place to publicize programs, workshops and events
- Resources - resource site for the fiber community to interact

Yarn Donations

The Onondaga County Public Central Library is still looking for donations of yarn and needles to use in their knitting classes. You can drop items off at any library (they will transport them to the Central branch).

For Sale

Contact Linda Bishop-Surbeck (magikalfibers@yahoo.com)

Saori WX60 loom for sale \$1200 firm. Has a built-in bobbin winder, will include boat shuttle and a few bobbins. Folds when not in use.

Contact Jody Gates at xwvwx@yahoo.com or Jill Robinson at jillr1751@gmail.com.

Harrisville 36", 4 harness/4 treadle 10 dent floor loom purchased new as a kit in 1982. Assembled but never used. It weighs approximately 60 lbs. In very good condition, the leather on the harnesses is still supple. The reed looks like there may be rust, but I can't feel any - it may be discoloration. Does not have top loom tray. Warping board included. Asking \$600.00 for loom and warping board.

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

January 12, 2019	Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day, Lansing NY
April 13-14, 2019	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center*
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
January 19, 2019	Annual Roc Day Celebration
February 16, 2019	Care and Feeding of your Wheel with Linda Miller
March 16, 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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