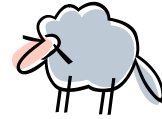


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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, June 15, 2019, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Annual Guild Picnic

Hostess: Linda Brust

Bring a dish to pass, your table setting, a beverage.

Note that we are meeting in our usual place, the church, for this year's picnic.

Sue Jones will be collecting dues for the 2019-2020 program year, bring your \$20 payment and current contact information to the meeting. To keep your active member status, dues are to be paid by September 1st. If you can't attend the meeting, mail your check made out to the "Golden Fleece Spinners' Society" to Sue at 404 Sixth St, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Sign-up sheets will be available for demonstrating at the:

- NYS Fair August 21st - September 2nd at the Wool Center
- Golden Harvest Festival September 7/8th at Beaver Lake Nature Center
- Finger Lakes Fiber Festival September 14/15th at Hemlock

If you aren't able to attend the meeting contact Joyce Lock (joycelock3@gmail.com, 315.380.7340) to sign up to demonstrate at the festivals. Contact Linda Miller (linda@rainbowacrefiberfarm.com, 315.440.6049) to demonstrate at the fair.

Since we were successful last year in getting three new NYS Fair competition classes added and rules for existing classes simplified, show your support by entering your spinning, weaving, knitting and crocheted items. The deadline to register is **July 1st**. The rules and entry forms can be found at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>.

MAY MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report \$7,560.31 balance

Tetanus Shots

Jill reminded everyone to update their tetanus shots since we're coming into show and fleece season.

Fall 2019 Bus Trip to Rhinebeck

Since Birnie Bus had no buses available, Angela Mann reserved a bus with Onondaga Coach for October 19th. The registration form is at the end of this newsletter.

If you pay your dues and sign up for the bus trip by June 30, your bus trip rate is \$20 and you are guaranteed a seat. If you pay your dues at the time you sign up for the bus trip but do so after June 30, and there is still room on the bus, your cost for the bus trip will be still be \$20. The cost for non-guild members will be \$50 with applications being accepted after August 1st.

Programs

The October 2019 program will be a Heritage Breed Study of Heather Warren's Leicester Longwool. We will purchase approximately ten pounds of locks (grey and white carded fiber and some grey locks). For the 2020 study the heritage breed will be Oxford.

Inter-Guild Spin-In at NYS Fairgrounds Witter Agriculture Museum

The NYS Fair Witter Agriculture Museum sponsored an inter-guild spin-in Saturday June 1st. A fun time was had by all.

Mason Dixon Knitting

Mason Dixon Knitting www.masondixonknitting.com has several great articles about knitting. Yarn Detective: Twist and Knitting Style Part 2 talks about how the direction (clockwise vs. counter-clockwise) in which you wind your yarn into a ball from a swift can loosen or tighten the twist leading to different knitting results.

Membership

Welcome new member Sam Bova.

Charity Donation

Due to the drought, the Churro sheep community is suffering. The guild voted to donate \$100 to the cause.

For Sale

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)

June 8-9, 2019	CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*
September 1, 2019	Fleece to Shawl Competition, NYS Fair Wool Center

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	Choosing a Fleece with a NYS Fair Fleece Judge, Warners
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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BUS TRIP sponsored by the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society (GFSS) to:

**New York State Sheep and Wool Festival
Rhinebeck, New York
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

GFSS Members with dues paid in full as of 6/30/19 for the 2019-2020 guild year: \$20
If dues are paid after 6/30/19 & there is still room on the bus, cost will be: \$20
Non-Members accepted after 8/1/19: \$50

The bus trip reservation fee will include an admission ticket to the festival if payment is received by September 1, 2019.

The bus will leave the Grace Episcopal Church parking lot (Oswego Road in Baldwinsville) at 5:30 am and will make one additional pickup at the Wegman's lot (near rows 11 & 12) on Genesee Street (Route 5) in Dewitt at about 6:00 am. One person at that location will receive a call when we are near the exit and we will stop just long enough for those passengers to board. There will be one 15 minute stop on the way and we should arrive at the festival by about 10:00 am.

You will be able to leave your purchases at the bus at a designated time during the day. Please bring a large garbage bag(s) to consolidate your purchased. You will be given name tags for your bags.

The bus will leave the fairgrounds at 5:00 pm sharp. There will be a 15 minute stop on the way home. We should arrive at the Wegman's parking lot at about 9:00 pm, discharge passengers, and then continue to the Grace Episcopal Church parking lot. Since there are several places to eat at the Festival we will not stop for dinner.

Return portion below with reservation check.

Reservation Form: Please make checks payable to Golden Fleece Spinner's Society and send this portion with payment to Angela Mann, 4838 Appaloosa Trail, Clay, NY 13041

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Number of GFSS Member reservations at \$20 each _____ Total: \$ _____

Number of Non-Member reservations at \$50 each _____ Total: \$ _____

Please check one: Bus Boarded at Baldwinsville () Dewitt ()
