

# 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 Meeting:**                    **Saturday March 16, 2019, 10:00 AM**  
   **Grace Episcopal Church**  
   **Baldwinsville, NY**

### **Annual Auction** **Bring your coffee mug and bag lunch**

*Hostess: Linda Brust, Treats: Doreen Xedis, Linda Brust*

The meeting this month is our annual fund raising auction with auctioneer Melissa Turner. Each member is asked to **contribute at least 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. We always have a wide variety of donated items so bring your cash or checkbook and a guest to join in the fun. **Plan on arriving early** in order to display your donations and get a good view of all the items prior to the start of the auction.

#### **FEBRUARY 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** \$5954.12 balance

#### **Fiber Frolic**

Signup sheets are available for the two days of the frolic. Volunteers are needed for setup, takedown, vendor helpers, raffle ticket sales and spinning demonstrations, particularly on Sunday April 14. The Frolic runs from 10-3 on Sunday, and members are asked to assist with breakdown.

Each vendor is asked to donate an item for the raffle. These items will be on display both days with the drawings to be held 2:00 pm Sunday.

### **Guild Equipment**

The guild approved purchase of two additional standard bobbins for the guild spinning wheel. The cost will be approximately \$31 plus tax and shipping. Jill will purchase the bobbins.

### **Demonstrations**

Several guild members demonstrated spinning at the Agricultural Museum during the Farm Show at the Fair Grounds Feb. 21-23. Foot traffic was greater than anticipated, and a good time was had by those who participated.

### **Proposed Breed Study**

Jill suggested a breed study where the guild purchases a large quantity of roving of a specific breed for a specific meeting. Guild members in attendance would receive a portion to spin, and then share their comments and questions with the guild during the meeting. Jill is anticipating that participating members would receive 2-4 oz. each.

### **Fall 2019 Bus Trip**

Options are a bus trip to Rhinebeck in October 19<sup>th</sup> or to the New England Fiber Festival in Springfield, MA November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The latter also includes a trip to Webs in Northampton, MA. To get a sense of member interest, the guild took a vote with the following results:

- Rhinebeck: 16
- New England Fiber Festival: 19
- Either: 10

In order to get the opinion of members not at the meeting, a survey was emailed to all members with the response being similar to the guild vote. More discussion to follow.

### **Conferences**

The Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference (EGLFC) registration form is available on the [eglf.org](http://eglf.org) website. Kate Larson will be giving a three day class on 'Colorful Crimp Preparing and Spinning Dyed Locks'.

### **Announcements**

Promote Real Wool - Jill reminded us to watch out for trick advertising and promotions for products that are "better than wool".

52 Weeks of Sheep Facebook Group - for Facebook users, Jill suggested this interesting group.

Linda Miller reported there will be a new Wool Center in 2020, it will be part of the new Sheep Building.

### **For Sale**

Contact Linda Bishop-Surbeck ([magikalfibers@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:xwvwx@yahoo.com) or **Jill Robinson** at [jillr1751@gmail.com](mailto: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)

April 13-14, 2019	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center*
May 4-5, 2019	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
May 11, 2019	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY
May 25-26, 2019	Springside Farm Shearing Festival, Pompey, 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	Choosing 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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