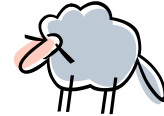


# **WOOL GATHERINGS...**



## ***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 May 18, 2019, 10:00 AM**  
**Therese Bishop's Meeting Hall**  
**6421 Newport Rd, Warners, NY**

### **Choosing and Skirting a Fleece with Ken Wolf, NYS Fair Fleece Judge** **Bring your coffee mug and bag lunch**

*Hostess: Jill Robinson, Treats: Jill Robinson, Lauren Whitney*

Ken Wolf will show us what to look for when purchasing a fleece and how to skirt a fleece. He will also have fleeces for sale. Linda Miller indicated that they are large, nice fleeces and will have been skirted. Members may want to go in together on a fleece since nice fleeces can be expensive.

Ken Wolf indicated to Linda Miller that if anyone has one or two fleeces that they would like him to assess, he is willing to do so. In the interest of time, please limit the number to one or two fleeces.

**Note the change in location of the meeting.** If you need directions, email [goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com](mailto:goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com).

**Note also the location change for the June 15<sup>th</sup> guild picnic, it will be at Grace Episcopal Church instead of Michelle Clark's home.**

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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can't attend the May or June meetings, mail your check made out to the "Golden Fleece Spinners' Society" to Sue at 404 Sixth St, Liverpool, NY 13088.

It's time to sign up to demonstrate at the following festivals. Please consider demonstrating, it's part of our community outreach, it's fun and it still leaves you plenty

of time to shop. Sign up at the meeting or contact Joyce Lock [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com) or (315) 380-7340.

June 8-9                    CNY Fiber Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Bouckville, NY  
September 7-8            Golden Harvest Festival, Beaver Lake, Baldwinsville, NY  
September 21-22        Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, Hemlock, NY

### **MARCH MEETING**

President Jill Robinson called the business meeting to order.

### **Meeting Hostess**

Jill signed up to be a hostess and treat provider with Laureen Whitney for the May 2019 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** \$8,130.31 balance

### **Fiber Frolic**

The general feeling was that the two-day event went well, there was steady traffic both days, but lighter on Sunday. There was a good number of guild volunteers both days. Carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations worked out well in two shared spots, leaving room for twelve vendors. The rigid heddle loom was a big attraction. The two-day raffle brought in \$624, much more than previous years.

The issue for 2020 will be the date since the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of April is Easter.

### **Fall 2019 Bus Trip**

Eighteen members voted for a bus trip to Rhinebeck on October 19<sup>th</sup> while twenty voted for the New England Fiber Festival in Springfield, MA on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The latter also includes a trip to Webs in Northhampton, MA.

Since no one contacted Jill before the May guild meeting to organize the bus trip to the New England Fiber Festival, the bus will be going to Rhinebeck since Angela Mann volunteered to organize it. The registration form is at the end of this newsletter.

There was discussion on the topic of having to have paid your guild membership by June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to get the membership rate of \$20. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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). There are many local sources for future

Heritage Breed Study programs. We are looking into some Oxford fiber for the 2020 study. For more information on heritage sheep breeds see Shave 'Em to Save 'Em <http://livestockconservancy.org/index.php/resources/internal/heritage-sheep>

Joyce Lock volunteered to write up the Heritage Breed Study program for Spinoff magazine and the Northeast Handspinners Association newsletter.

Eighteen members indicated they are interested in a basket making program. Most teachers require a limited number of students. However, many members have already made baskets so they can help. Cheryl Molesky said she might lead the program and Marilee Williams said she could assist. Jill will investigate. More discussion to follow.

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

The NYS Fair Witter Agriculture Museum is sponsoring an inter-guild spin-in Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am – 4:00pm at the fairgrounds. Bring your spinning wheel, fiber, lunch and chair. Contact Linda Brust for more information [spinayarn22@gmail.com](mailto:spinayarn22@gmail.com).

### **Shearing Event**

Lochan Mor Farm will be shearing on May 18 & 19. Heather Warren says visitors are always welcome, it's a nice spot to spin <https://www.facebook.com/LochanMorFarm>.

### **Membership**

Welcome new member Sarah Durling.

### **For Sale**

Contact Jody Gates at [xvwwvx@yahoo.com](mailto:xvwwvx@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)

May 18-19, 2019	Lochan Mor Farm Shearing, Cato, NY
May 25-26, 2019	Springside Farm Shearing Festival, Pompey, NY
June 1, 2019	Inter-Guild Spin-In at NYS Fairgrounds Witter Ag Museum
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.*

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**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 ( )**