

GUILD NEWS

The Monday group had a large turnout to see and hear Jean Nowack speak on using handspuns in knitting. After seeing some of her sweaters, we are now all inspired to knit a seamless, well designed, well fitting garment! Thank you Jean for sharing all those tips and ideas.

The business transacted included the following:

1. It was voted to offer a newsletter subscription only, for \$6.00. This would be available to non-members and subscribers would get no other benefits of membership in BSHG. (This does not apply to those guilds which exchange newsletters with us)
2. The Nominating Committee presented its report and offered the following slate of officers for 1983:

President	Jean Currie
Vice President	Joan Johnson
Secretary	Virginia Lance
Treasurer	Mary Anne Sumner

Becky Church agreed to look after the Library and Marianne Horchler will edit the Newsletter. Thanks to the Committee and to those who agreed to be nominated

3. Virginia Lance reported on her efforts to rent the Varna Community Association room for meetings. It was voted that the Monday meetings be held there at the \$20/day fee - this will include heat and a storage space. Although it will be nice to have a "home" for some of the Guild's stuff, the Saturday group is still left without a permanent location. Because of this, there was some discussion about combining the two groups and holding meetings on Saturdays. Most people present said they could come to Saturday meetings. Please think about this idea - if you have any comments please let Ginny Lance, Jean Currie or Joan Johnson know. We will discuss this more at a later meeting.

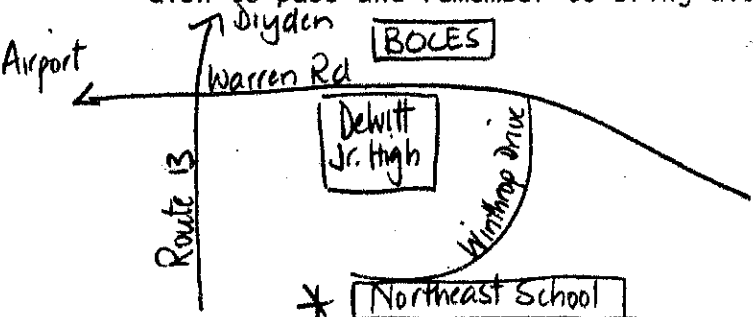
4. It was decided unanimously, that the Guild would donate about \$15-20 worth of yarns to the Learning Web for a fundraising auction they will hold in November. Jean Warholic agreed to look after this.

5. There was a little discussion on new policies for rental of the Guild wheel and carding machine. We have had some problems with near loss, and poor use of this equipment so Gretchen Sachse is working on some new policies which promise to be tough! More discussion about this at the November meeting.

MEETINGS

November 5-7 Bro. Kim Malloy Workshop at Varna. All parts are now full but contact mary Anne Sumner, 257-5754 if you want to be on the waiting list.

November 13 Combined meeting of the Guild at the Northeast School at 10am, dish to pass and remember to bring along your projects for us to admire.



Mary Ann Lynch (she of State Fair 1st prize fame) will discuss our work. Sunny Bixby could not come but we are glad that Mary Ann will be there.

November 18 Ruth Kerr will make a presentation on Uncovering Coverlets; our neglected textile history. At the DeWitt Historical Society, Ithaca at 7.30pm, cost \$2.50. Bring your coverlets to be discussed and also see the new coverlet exhibited by Gretchen Sachse.

December 13 The Monday Group will meet at the Varna Community Association. Refreshments available, no program - just a relaxing (or frantic?) day to finish up those Christmas goodies.

January 15 Rock Day at Varna, 10am, dish to pass and a time to bring out your wheel again. We are not really celebrating this on St. Distaff's Day but lets just pretend!

ROCK DAY is one of our most important spinning traditions! Rock, rocke, and roc are obsolete words for distaff, the implement used for holding unspun fibers (not just flax) when spinning was done solely with a handspindle. From the German rocken (meaning distaff) came the phrase, "spinning on the rock," and the ancient English holiday, Rock Day or St. Distaff's Day. Rock Day followed Twelfth Night, the Festival of Epiphany, which marked the end of Christmas merrymaking and, on this day, the maids were expected to resume their constant chore of spinning (no spinning being permitted during the Christmas holidays). The plowmen, however, were free until Plough Day, the first Monday after Twelfth Night, and they amused themselves by playing pranks on the spinning maids. Most recently, our Colonial ancestors celebrated the Monday after Twelfth Night by having a "Rock Day" gathering of neighbors for a day of spinning -- much like a quilting bee.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

(No snow date -- it's on unless there is a blizzard!)

OTHER NEWS

The Weavers Journal announces its second Great Weaving Competition. Submit a written article on a successful project in which you used a weaving technique in an innovative or creative way. You need to provide enough information and instruction for the reader to understand the processes involved. Winners receive \$100 for each winning article. Deadline is April 15, 1983. Contact Jean Currie (564-9346) for complete details

Erica Rowe sent the details for the National Angora Rabbit Club Skein Competition. It will be judged at the 59th Annual Americal Rabbit Breeders Association Convention November 8-11, 1982, Seattle, Washington. You must be a member of the NARBC to enter, members dues are \$5.00 & include an annual subscription to the NARBC Newsletter and other good things. Send membership to Connie Cummings, Black River Rd., Watertown, NY 13601. Please call Jean Currie (564-9346) or write Connie for the specific details of the competition.

Susan Manes from Cazenovia has 100lbs of mohair for sale - if we buy it all, the price to us is \$5.00/lb (unwashed and raw). Jean Currie will go up to get it and so far 70lbs is bespoken. If you want any, please call Jean immediately!

The Alling Coverlet Museum in Palmyra is now closed for the winter but you can make an appointment to visit (call 315/597-5824). A flyer on the museum just turned up in the mail and it sounds like it would be worth a visit (Jean Warholic just called and said it is wonderful!) to see both homewoven and professionally woven coverlets.

The Blackburn Memorial Wheel is now (or still) available - Edna Blackburn has commissioned Perley Bowen, a Pennsylvania craftsman, to make the wheels previously made by her husband Wes. These are lovely wheels and you can see one owned by Eleanor May or Dora Swart. Order from Bonnie Wood, Hemlock Springs Studio, RD #1, Box 427, Austin PA 16720, cost is \$400.

Welcome to new Member Monica Rooney, 30 Banks Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817, a student member with a Siberian Husky

Two wonderful fine examples of spinning and knitting showed up in publications this month which will either inspire you or put you in the depths of depression! In the September SpinOff Quarterly Newsletter, there is a wedding dress and full length veil spun in 2 ply and knitted and weighing a total of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces - yes that's right. It uses a superfine Merino especially bred to produce such fine wool (for the knowledgeable it is 17.5 microns). The hem of the dress has a circumference of 580". Take a peek, it is gorgeous.

In the August Web, there is another fine delight - a shawl weighing 3 ounces of 80's Merino (the older way of measuring a fibre's fineness), spun and knitted in an original design incorporating New Zealand native flowers and Maori patterns for the new Royal baby.

SOME MORE GUILD NEWS (assuming you read this far!)

DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Active	\$8.00
Inactive	\$10.00
Student	\$5.00
Newsletter	\$6.00

With this Newsletter there is an updated version of the Constitution. Please read it and then file it in a safe place where you will be able to find it again!

I AM LOOKING FOR THINGS TO PUT IN THE SPECIAL NEWSLETTER SENT TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS. IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTICLES, CARTOONS, HISTORICAL NOTES, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL PIECES WHICH COULD GO IN THE CHRISTMAS PACKET PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME SOON. WE DON'T USUALLY PUT IN RECIPES OR PATTERNS THOUGH. THANKS!

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ADVERTISING

SPINNING SUPPLIES - come try the little Charkha wheel that folds flat into a book only \$36.00! Try the new Camelot wheel from New Zealand or the beautiful Moss Saxony wheel handcrafted locally. We will have Ashford, Picardy, and Penguin wheels, carders, drop spindles, niddy noddies, bobbins, ball winders and more. Get a jumbo flyer for your Ashford, only \$29. New color poster featuring 18 breeds. Clean colored fleeces and carded cotton. Many spinning books. Call or write for price list or see MARIANNE HORCHLER at a Monday meeting. We sell at the shop, 18 miles north of Ithaca, 20 miles west of Cortland or by mail. Free delivery to the Ithaca area. THE WOOLERY, R.D.1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542

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FOR SALE: 2 black French Angora bucks, born Feb. 17, 1982, \$15 each. 3 black English Angora, born Feb. 1982, \$20 each. CONNIE CUMMINGS, Black River Rd., Watertown, NY 13601. 315/788-3986

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SILK - Beautiful Bombyx Mori and Tussahs - Books - Pennsylvania Cherry equipment. Send \$6.95 for generous samples of 19 silk fiber forms including Italian rovings, Mawata, thrown waste, cocoons, Keba, Frisson. Descriptive information and directions. SASE for price list. FALLBROOK HOUSE, RD #2, Box 17, Troy, PA 16947

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INDIGO DYES to keep you in the blue... Natural indigo patties, synthetic indigo, and Spectralite. May be purchased at meetings or call or write: Jean Warholic, 280 Ringwood Rd., Freeville, NY 13068. 607/539-7648

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TWO GRAND CHAMPION French Angora are among the 21 rabbits recently purchased by us, including the doe who won BEST OF BREED at the 1981 ARBA national show. Offspring from these rabbits will be available soon. Several new bloodlines, higher wool production and two new colors: Apricot and Agouti. Come visit us, and see the newest rabbits. Erica Rowe, Sunrise Farm, 607/863-3554

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ANGORA: carded with wool and ready to spin. Light, soft and strong. Try this easy-to-spin, economical blend. Erica Rowe, 607/863-3554 or Connie Cummings, 315/788-3986

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STUDIO KNITTING MACHINES, \$279 and up. Knit a size large sweater in 2 or 3 hours beautiful designs knitted automatically, and yes, you can use your handspun on knitting machines! For information and prices call or write, Marianne Horchler, the Woolery, RD 1, Genoa, NY 13071. 315/497-1542. Just north of Ithaca

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LAMB for your freezer, 70¢/lb live weight. We can have them processed for you, cut, wrapped, frozen, for \$22 plus tax. Will deliver free in Ithaca/Lansing area. Call 315/497-1542

Bro. Kim Malloy will be over by the time you get this - sorry for the delay! He was great fun, very informative and had lots of nifty hints for us. If you couldn't or didn't come, you missed a great time.