

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER
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NEXT MEETING

Our vice-president and program chairman Joan Johnston has planned a fascinating program for us for September which is a SECRET!!! You must come to the meeting to find out what it is. We will meet in Varna as usual on the second Saturday, September 13. Come at 10 AM and bring your wheels and any show and tells from the summer. If you took Nancy Morey's Dyeing Workshop, bring your samples so everyone else can see what they missed!

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Please add these names to your membership list.

SOME MESSAGES FROM YOUR OFFICERS

Marty McGee will be on the TODAY SHOW on Sept. 4. She will be traveling with her llama, Champagne, to New York so that they both may appear LIVE on the program. She hopes that Champagne doesn't spit all over somebody while on national television.

Our thoughts are with Helen Kiker, who lost her father on August 24. Helen asks that you all return the books and magazines that you have borrowed from the library so that she can take inventory.

Your editor has made one of those Momentous Life Decisions! I am going back to school. I never finished my bachelor's and am registering at Cornell to major in Social Work. Hence, as newsletter editor, I need HELP, or replacement. Please let me know if you have any interest. The newsletter is now on a Macintosh computer, so it is really very easy and quick to do.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 16 - Registration deadline for 1986 Handspinner's Seminar

Sept. 25 - Deadline for Anne Kreckle Workshop

Sept. 27 - 4th Annual Heritage Craft Festival, sponsored by Geneva Historical Society on grounds of Rose Hill Mansion, Geneva. To demonstrate or sell: Jean Neff, Geneva Historical Society, 543 S. Main St., Geneva, NY 14456

October 18 & 19 - Central New York Handspinners Seminar. Theme: "Design - From Fiber to Finish", Minnie Bloehm, keynote speaker. "We have planned this seminar to encourage participants to spin out of their ruts and to spin into new directions of accomplishment. We can all improve our technique, learn new twists to urn, new colors to ply, venture into original designing, try a new fiber, dare to be unique." For registration: Cherry Valley Spinners Guild, Mrs. Shirley Howe, 5507 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Cazenovia, NY 13035. 315/655-8883.

These are Joann Schaff's notes for her program on Knitting With Handspun.

Knitting with Handspun is technically just like knitting with commercial. It forces people to become thinking knitters - very easy, but scary at first. I prefer 2 ply - more durable, less apt to bias, and springier.

How much yarn do you need? Some basic yardages as a guide:

<u>Chest size</u>	<u>Yards (bulky - fine)</u>
22 - 24 "	300 - 350
26"	350 - 500
28"	475 - 600
30"	550 - 775
32"	650 - 900
34"	723 - 1000
36 - 38"	800 - 1200

Some points which may affect yardage:

1. Lace takes less
2. Cables etc. take more
3. Vest needs approx. 2/3
4. Adult hat 100 - 250 yds., mittens same

My rule is THINK BIG - always spin or get extra. Use several different yarns in patterns - i.e. make cuffs, etc. in a different yarn.

Knitting is GAUGE - Making a swatch: not 1x1, 4x4 is ideal - any less and gauge will not (maybe) be true. (This was always - still is - my biggest hurdle.) Measure swatch very accurately on a hard surface. Measure in a couple of different places, also measure 1/4 or 1/8 stitches. Be prepared to rip out. Then do the piece until about 3" above ribbing (if any) and measure on a hard surface (not your lap). If too big you will probably have to rip. If too small, figure how much (you can probably get a good gauge now) and start increasing at regular intervals until the desired number of stitches is reached about 1" before underarm. If it is way too small you will probably have to rip.

Now you have your gauge and your yarn, what do you do? To adapt patterns, use those with diagrams such as those in Phildar, etc.. To make your own pattern see Norma Sweet / Bonnie Ralston books; use a sweater that fits you. Back neck - about 1/3 of shoulder measurement, 1/2 for a child. Don't slope shoulders unless a vest, or shoulders very sloped.

Equipment: Needles (circular and double-pointed), row counter, cable needle, ball winder, yarn balance, calculator, ruler, tape measure.

BABY AND CHILDREN'S SIZES

	1	2	3	4	6	8	10	12
Chest	20	21	22	23	24	26	28	30
Shoulder back	9	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	12
Bottom to underarm	7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	9	10	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
Armhole depth	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Underarm sleeve length	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Sleeve width at underarm	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

WOMEN'S SIZES

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	10	12	14	16	18	20	S	M	L
Chest	32	34	36	38	40	42	36-38	40-42	44-46
Shoulder back	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	13	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	16	16	17	18
Armhole depth	7	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	8	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Waist</u> to underarm	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Underarm sleeve length	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	18	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sleeve width at underarm	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	15	16	17

Nov. 7 & 8 - Anne Kreckle Workshop hosted by Seven Valley Weavers Guild. FASHIONS FROM HANDWOVEN FABRIC. Pattern adaptation, finishing techniques, and construction details are among the subjects to be covered. Must bring handwoven fabric. For more info. call Mary Ann Sumner, 257-5754.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Registered Border Leicester Ram - white triplet w/ black factor, throws brown and silver lambs from black ewes. 2 yrs. \$250 or trade. Also many colored fleeces still left from my Leicester, Finn, Lincoln and Romney sheep. Mary Munson, 6460 Fisher Hill Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424 3/3

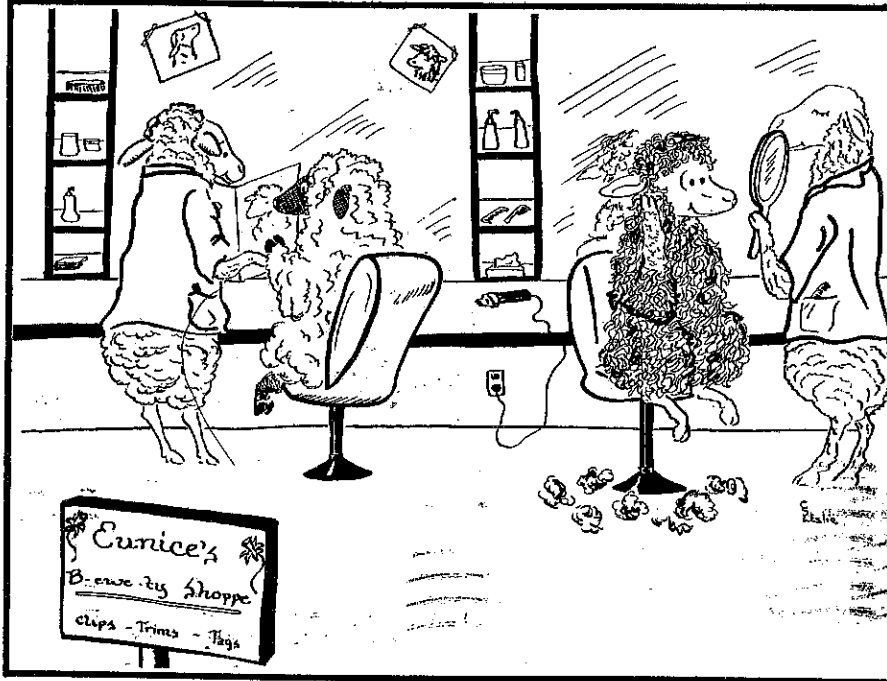
For Sale: Handcrafted Putney Mountain Loom. Solid Cherry, Jack type, 4 harness (room for 4 more). A beautiful loom. 50" weaving width. Excellent Condition. Pat Maxon, Waystation Yarns, Greene Depot, Greene, NY 13778 607/656-7669 1/3

For Sale: 45" Nilus Le Clerc loom - 4 harness, 6 treadle. 2 reeds, bench and shuttle included. Fine condition. \$625 (would be over \$1000 new). Denise Nunn 607/642-5568 1/3

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