

Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter



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Upcoming Meetings

June 8, noon, Varna: Show and Tell will be featured. Also preparations for Market Day.

July, August: These meetings are traditionally held at members' homes. Where shall we meet this summer?

May Meeting Report — Jill Lott

Our May program was given by Susie Hokanson of Marathon, who is a spinner, weaver and one of the founding members of the guild.

Susie spent a couple of weeks in Sapporo, Japan last year to visit her daughter, then a student with the Rotary Exchange Program.

While she was there, Susie had the opportunity to stay with three different families and to learn about the Japanese culture and their wonderful textiles. She showed us many pictures and samples of the fabrics created by their precision spinning and weaving.

Market Day Update

Yvonne LaMontagne

Mark your calendars! Sunday, June 24 for Spinner's Market Day at 4-H acres from 11-4:30. Bring your families and friends, bring your wheels and good spirits, bring your checkbooks and put in a call for warm, sunny weather. There will be many vendors to tempt you with their wares, delectable food from The Portable Feast, the natural dyepot to dye a skein of wool, and a sheep to shawl demonstration. And of course the two beautiful afghans for raffle. We will also be visited by the Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild, who will set up their own table to demonstrate.

As the time draws near, the plans are taking shape. Many have volunteered; more are needed, especially in the areas of set-up and the beginning spinning corner. All who are involved, or wish to be involved, in Market Day, please try to attend the June meeting or sign up with Yvonne LaMontagne at 273-3204. Fliers for postering will also be available at the meeting. Help get the word out by sticking up a few posters!

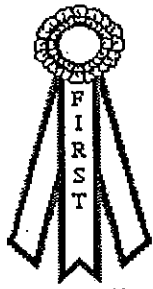
The afghans will be at the June meeting and on display at Handwork. Thanks to all who contributed time, materials, and skill to pull them together! Much of our revenue comes from the sale of afghan raffle tickets, so get out there and sell those tickets. Contact Shelly if you need more. Money from ticket sales goes to Nancy Wilson; bring it to the June meeting or Market Day.

All those with items to sell at the Guild table, please bring them to the June meeting or get them to Nancy Wilson by then. Information on preparing items for sale is in the April newsletter. Let's give the guild table a real productive look! Enclosed with this newsletter please find a sheet of raffle tickets and a Market Day flier, on the back of

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The Vendors

So far Nancy Morey has 12 vendors lined up to turn your \$\$ into lovely fibers and sheepy stuff: Caledonia Farm (Debbie Kirkaldy), Woolsworth Ltd. (Laurel Schuman), The Tabby Shop (Mildred Scudder), La Terre Benie (Steve Abelman), Lizabeth Farms (Emma Hendrickson), The Woolery (Marianne Horchler), Shadeyside Farm (Nancy Morey), Kathy Garnsey, Clearing Corriedales (Dick Luce), Sue Jacobson, and Moonshadow Farm (Laura Michel).



NY State Fair

It's not too soon to start thinking about the New York State Fair. Think about it from several perspectives:

1) What lovely yarns and projects have you been working on this past year? Wouldn't you like to see them on display at the Art & Home Center? Take the plunge! Finish them up! Enter your work! Win small prizes! Remember, no guts, no glory. (The entry forms have not been mailed yet, but should be available soon.)

2) Sheep to Shawl, Sunday, September 2. See related article.

3) The Wool Center: Imagine a small building with shelves full of feathery, carded wool batts. Make that Border Leicester batts, every color of the rainbow. Now imagine sitting in a comfy chair and spinning as much as you wanted, any color, any texture, with a choice of wheels, then making leisurely forays out to see the rest of the Fairgrounds. Sound like heaven? (or "very boring"?) If this is your idea of a good time, your day is coming. Every year, the Wool Center seeks volunteers to demonstrate spinning, weaving, dyeing and carding during the Fair. BSHG usually chooses one particular day, but you are generally welcome to sign up for more time if you like. Soon we'll be hearing from Millie Bankert, director of the Wool Center about signing up, so figure out your favorite day and let Sharon know. As for me, they've promised me a bunk bed! No kidding; this is really great fun.

4) Spinning contests on Labor Day: Gloves on, blindfolded, two-person spinning — these are but a few of the silly escapades that you can participate in. For details, see the Agriculture booklet from the State Fair. Our own Nancy Morey is responsible for much of this insanity, so expect a good time.

In short, the Fair needs lots of people to make lots of fun. Join in! All volunteers get a free pass to the Fair.

Sheep to Shawl

Teams are forming for this annual State Fair event. This year BSHG plans to field two teams. Interested spinners met on May 20 at Eleanor May's house for a big discussion and even bigger dish-to-pass supper. (It's amazing how hungry you can get, just thinking about all that spinning and weaving.)

So far, "BSHG I" is comprised of Jay Miller, shearer; Eleanor May, weaver; and Debbie Miller, Debbie Benzer and Shelly Reif, spinners. Jill Lott, Sharon Gombas and Kay Stickane will spin for "BSHG II"; they're looking for a weaver and shearer.

News We're glad to hear that Amy Cook's baby is home and thriving.

Vernice Church's husband recently sustained injuries from a motorcycle accident on Long Island. He is now home from the hospital.

Empire Farm Days

Empire Sheep Producers are looking for spinners and weavers to demonstrate at Empire Farm Days, held Tues.-Thurs., August 7-9 on rt. 414 between Seneca Falls and Waterloo. To sign up, or for further info, call Nancy Morey at 656-4737.

Additions to your Membership List

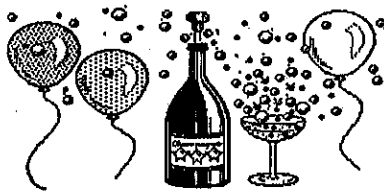
Katherine Halton
RD1, 2505 Danby Road
Willseyville, NY 13864
H: 273-0533; W: 274-4493

An avid spinner, knitter, weaver and dyer, Kathy has been busy pursuing her career in nursing. Welcome back!

Leona Buerkle
145 Union Brick Rd.
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Leona is a new member who I understand will be moving up into our area. Welcome!

LOCATION: CRAFT RD.
OFF OF TRIPHAMMER RD.
PAST PYRAMID MALL



Gala Celebration!

Monty May, long-time supporter of BSHG and owner of Wheaton's Sheet Metal, invites us to celebrate Wheaton's open house from 10am until 3pm on Saturday, June 9. See the new caboose while you enjoy 25¢ hot dogs. Monty assures me that there will be many prizes. If you go before noon, you won't need to miss the Guild meeting!

Silk for Life: New Ideas

Following up on a suggestion from Nancy Morey, the Silk for Life people are now getting local (Wisconsin) black wool, blending it with silk and making socks. In the future they will be producing a carded batt/roving from the silk waste. They are anxious for any feedback you might have for them. Reach them at (414) 384-2444.

Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference '91

Excerpts from a letter from Virginia Clark, Secretary of the EGLFC '91 Planning Committee:

"Planning for EGLFC '91 is progressing! The conference will be held at SUNY Geneseo on June 13-16, 1991 and will include seminars, workshops, juried exhibit, fashion show, guild and commercial exhibits.

"Max Lenderman, a teacher from RIT, and Ankaret Dean from Toronto (does Ikat and basketry) have been selected as keynote speakers.... We are seeking proposal for lectures and/or 'hands-on' sessions and also hope to have all-day workshop(s) to offer.

"Registrar Laurel Araghi, 906 DeWitt Road, Webster, NY 14580, soon will be sending and initial mailing to everyone on the '89 mailing list... Everyone who wishes to remain on our mailing list must return a confirmation to her...

"We'll be sending you more information after our next planning committee meeting scheduled for October 1990."

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which is further info about the day. Thank you,

BSHG June '90

Calendar of Events

June 15-17: Midwest Weavers Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

JUNE 25: BSHG'S SPINNERS MARKET DAY, 4-H ACRES!!! Be there or be square!!

July 12-15: Convergence, San Jose, CA.

August 7-9: Empire Farm Days, rt. 414 between Seneca Falls and Waterloo.

August 24-September 3: New York State Fair.

September 8: Allegheny Plateau-Central New York Sheep and Wool Festival, Norwich.

September 15-16: Natural Colored Wool Growers Association National Show. Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY (near Albany). Features a sheep show, fleece competition and skein competition, as well as commercial booths. Contact Mary Williams, Box 89, Route 32, Greenville, NY 12083, 518-966-8944.

September 22: Fiberfest at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Schohairie County Sheep Producers Assn.

September 23-30: SOAR, Silver Bay (Lake George), NY.

October 20-21: New York Sheep and Wool Festival at Rhinebeck.

November 2-4: North East Handspinners "Gathering", Lower Shaker Village, Enfield, NH. Registration packets: SASE (.45) to Peg Rearick, RR1, Box 100, Hebron, ME 04238. Features Joan Cummer, Sue Beevers, Rita Buchanan, Karen Casselman, Rachael Emmons, Nancy Morey, Faith Wight.

Lisa Ann, for the flier artwork, and thanks to all who are working to make Market Day a success. See you there!

ADVERTISEMENTS * * *

Advertising rates:

3-6 lines: \$1 for one time, \$2 for three times.

7-24 lines: \$5 for one time

25 lines- 1/2 page: \$10 for one time

For Sale: Macomber 72" 4 harness loom with sectional beam, bench, reed, push shuttles. Perfect for rugs or coverlets. Delivery can be arranged. \$2200. Joan Koster, 692-4398, RD 1 Box 32, Itaska, Whitney Point, NY 13862. (5/7)

Angora goat kids born 3/5/90. Purebred, not registered. Also adult does and 2-year-old buck. Moonshadow Farm, 564-9223. (3/4)

Wool & mohair — raw fleeces. Drastically reduced prices to clear out barn! Make me an offer! Border Leicester and crossbreds. Moonshadow Farm, 564-9223. (3/4)

Again available, a few fully-restored, late 19th

century Canadian foot treadle wool wheels. Excellent spinners and valuable antiques. Call now for best selection. Bill Ralph, (717) 247-7175.

For Sale: Skein winder. Handmade of red oak, \$125.00. Jill Lott, 656-7535. (1/3)

Harrisville Designs 36" 4-harness, 6 treadle loom. Includes reed and bench. Perfect condition. \$500.00 firm. Laurel Schuman, (717) 563-1042. (1/3)

What you need is a few good sheep! Selling Romney cross lambs & ewes, Romney ram, and Border Leicester cross lambs. White and colors. Come see and feel! Shelly Reif, 387-6760. (1/3)

Louët "Spring" 36" 4-harness, 6 treadle counter-march loom. Includes reed and bench. Perfect condition (never used), \$700.00 firm. Laurel Schuman, (717) 563-1042. (1/3)

Does anyone have one of Rachel Brown's "Rio Grande" wheels? I'd like to be able to see one. Debbie Serviente, 347-6631.

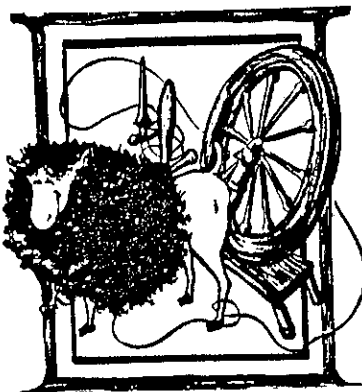
A Word to the Wise

If you are an Active member, and haven't been able to attend many meetings or participate in activities this year, please note that active mem-

bership requires attendance at at least 6 meetings per year, as well as active participation in Guild events.. Only seven meetings remain this year — get with the program!

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Submissions for July/August issue are due by June 25. Really!