

It's the smell of wet wool that bothers me.

April Meeting Where?

The second Saturday of each month at Varma Community Center on Rt. 366. Bring lunch, a cup too! We Start at 11:00am and end at 3:00pm.

What's Doing?

Rainbow dying workshop for April. We need several pets (the porcelain kind), if you own one bring it along, gloves and stir rods too. All present will share the rainbow to spin and use.

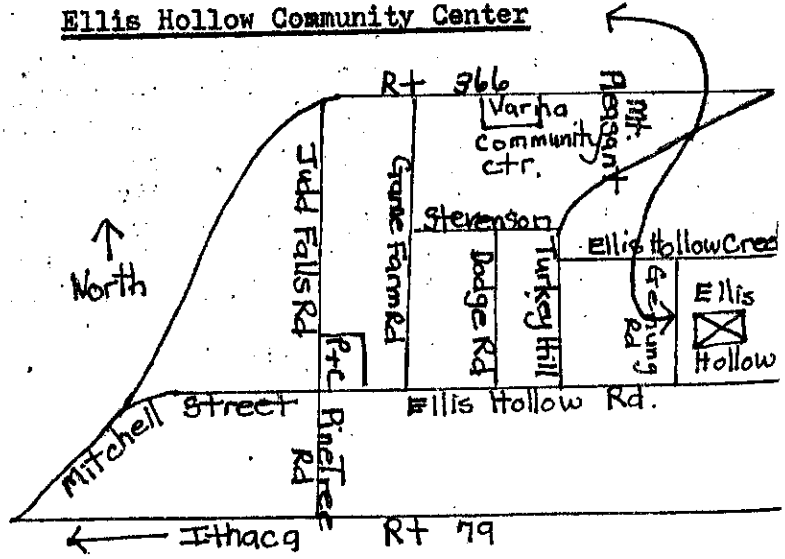
Minutes March Meeting

Huckle buckle who's got the buckle? (keys)
 Due to no keys the first half of our meeting was held in the parking lot. Our meeting was short as it was and that made it seem shorter still. The "Finishing Handknit" workshop by Nancy Morey will be held on Sat April 23 at Ellis Hollow. See attached map. There are still openings. The cost per person will go down the more attend. Anyone interested? Call Shelly 256-1458 evenings, or sign up at the April meeting. August means Cooperstown. Ellie May will be our liason. All persons interested in a day of spinning (the 14th) at Cooperstown contact Ellie. We'll have a sign up sheet at the April meeting. Maybe a carpool for that day too. April 9th's program will be rainbow dying. Everyone present will be given some of the wool to spin and create something. Everyone try to bring some natural colored yarn (leftovers or skeins) 2 ply to the meeting. We will be making an afghan (ie the one featured in Spin Off) to be auctioned off. During the Middle Ages "clothe faires" were established in cities through out Europe. They were rather like our craft fairs of today. Spinners brought their yarns, weavers sold cloth, there was bartering of dyes and fleeces. It was an opportunity for the artisans to relax while they gossiped, ate, drank and traded. Eventually guild halls were built on the sites of some of the fairs. Taken from Spin Span Spun.

Market Day, June 26, is taking shape. Much still needs doing. Our advertising will follow the "Clothe Faire" theme. Want to help? Volunteer for a little bit of the days activities then all of us together can make the day into a real good "clothe faire". Our thanks to Kathy Halton, a great sock maker, and instructor. She led us (step by step) through the heel and to the instep. Then we knitted to within 3" of finished sock and used regular toe cast off to finish up. She also demonstrated her sock knitting machine and displayed a large variety of socks she has knitted. Yours truly did too much chit chatting and had to rip out and get personalized attention. Thanks again Kathy.

MOM

Meet our member co-vice president, Celia Radke. I was born and raised in the Bronx, NY and moved to the Central NY area in 1978. We (my husband Henry and I) had always wanted to leave the city and my employment at Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research provided the opportunity when they moved from Yonkers, NY to the Cornell campus in Ithaca. We are really happy to be out of the city but Henry is getting very tired of the winters. At the institute I have been doing research on insect-plant interactions. Most recently I have been working with the Monarch butterfly, studying the induction of migratory phase. I have been Knitting for as long as I can remember. I became acquainted with spinning when I visited the sheep and wool festival in Norwich, some five years ago. Spinning seemed to be an appropriate progression after knitting. Since then I have acquired quite a few spinning wheels and I recently purchased a loom and weave sporadically. I have also braided rugs, made herbal wreaths and gardened (growing and drying the herbs and flowers for the wreaths). However, these days I do not seem to have the time to do all of these things. I have realized that my favorite is knitting, since I always find time to buy yarn and knit.



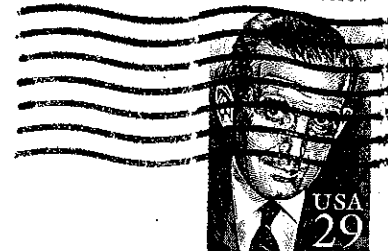
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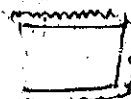
- March-----Socks with Kathy Halton
- April-----Rainbow dye a fleece Celia Radke
- May-----Market Day update. Baskets-spokes will be provided, you bring yarn for weaving Mildred Scudder instructor.
The 15th Geneseo
The 1st Weekend-Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
- June-----Finish ing touches for Market Day
Bement/Billings Homestead same day
- July-----Road trip
- August-----The 14th Cooperstown. If you are going let Ellie May know by July 7th.
- September--Garage sale, help for beginners
- October----Show and tell from the State Fair
The 3rd weekend-Rheinbeck
- November--Wool combs, Marie bryhan and Kay Stickane instructors
- December--"Silk for Life" ideas, Nancy Demjanec and Anne Furman

\$10.00 Bargain Table

What can you get for \$10.00? Roughly speaking a homemade cake or cookies. Maybe a "T" shirt. No! No! No sweaters or vests. An individualized newspaper? Barely half pair of shoes or slippers. A hat? Well maybe the decorations. Socks? Relax for a weekend? Show and tell motivation? Can you put a price on friendship? Never! Well we got all these things and more this year for 83¢ a month. Want to share in the bargains? Send in your dues today and become a member of BSHG. (Best little Spinning Hall Guild around).

Garden Thoughts

Plan now to plant herbs for sachets and moth bags. The artemesias, which have pretty grayish green feathery foliage work great as do the thymes and mints. Tansy, santolina, sweet woodruff, rosemary, sage, lavender, rue, pennyroyal, sweet marjoram, lemon verbena, and bay leaves are all sweet smelling moth repellents. A good recipe includes southernwood, wormwood, and tansey. Toss together your favorites with the three above mentioned herbs, some orris root chips, a good splash of pennyroyal oil, maybe a little dried orange &/or lemon peel. Fill sachets and tuck amongst your woollens. The scent is so good you'll want to use these little bags all over the house.



Whether they be little pillows, triangles, drawstrings, or salvaged stockings, I know you'll love them.