



Maude, don't eat the daisies.

May Meeting Where?

The second Saturday of each month at Varna Community Center on Rt. 366. Bring lunch-a cup too. We start at 11:00am, end 3:00pm.

What's Doing?

Baskets! Baskets are always in vogue. This meeting we will make a basket from our own handspun yarn. Bring a good supply of yarn with you to the meeting. Basket spokes will be provided. Mildred Scudder will be our instructor. More on Market Day.

Minutes April Meeting

We are in crisis mode. We're out of money. Rent on Varna Community Center at \$360.00 a year is paid thru December. Newsletter costs, deposits, state fees, P.O. Box rental etc. must also be considered. To date we have 37 paid members whose total dues are \$370.00. A voluntary increase of \$10.00 in dues was called for and many members answered. Help, out, see that our treasurer Sharon Gombas receives an additional \$10.00 toward our debts. Last year there were fewer vendors at Market Day, lower profit from raffle, no profit from cancelled Rock Day sales, and fewer members. All of which means no funds to carry us through.

A discussion followed of possible meeting places in the future that would have little or no cost involved. It was suggested we meet in members homes or perhaps Wheatons, Ellie's husbands place of business, or Kathy Halton's cabin in the woods. Ellis Hollow? Dick Luce and Jane North would like to become members. On Saturday November 19, Steamboat Landing Farmers Market will sponsor a wool day. They would like us to join them. We voted to decline their offer due to cold temperatures at that time of year.

Market Day invitations and advertisements were read by Celia. They will be sent to other guilds, area newspapers and radio stations.

The scrap handspun yarn we brought to the meeting will be knitted into an afghan to be raffled at Market Day. Celia started the knitting and each of us in turn will add rows. You must leave a 12" tail each side of every row and knit in garter stitch.

The Johnson Art Museum extended an invitation to BSHG to view their Textile exhibit. Debbie Miller will contact them to confirm a date and time.

Show and tell is always a great part of the meeting and this months was as good as ever. Valerie Rockney shared with us her latest in "friendly" dyed yarns. All were non-toxic with only alum as the mordant. She varied the colors by starting out with natural colored wools in white, grays, and browns, and some were over dyed. With brazilwood as the dyestuff she used sumac for the tannins and baking soda in the rinse. The colors were wonderful shades, pink to red to burgandy and rust. Debbie Benzer took a weaving course while in Washington, D.C. and showed several samples. Nancy Denjanec wore her hand knit sweater, the wool was bought at Market Day. Kathy Halton is knitting a "Fair Isle" sweater for her granddaughter. Shelly finished the socks started at last months meeting. Ruth Cooper and Gretchen Taylor brought two beautiful fleeces with them from PA. They were immediately bought up.

Unfortunately the fleece which was bought to be rainbowdyed was gnarled and dirty. Needless to say, we didn't dye anything. We'll try to re-schedule this activity.

MOM

Meet our member, Lee Buerkle, newsletter editor. I was born in Passaic, NJ, a textile town about 12 miles west of the Big Apple. Married in '52 and moved to the suburbs where I was active for many years in garden club. In the mid '70's transferred to N.Y.S. In 1980 transferred back to NJ near the Delaware Water Gap, and finally retired in '91 to our property in Cortland. While in western NJ I became a

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municipal tax collector, joined the Jockey Hollow Weavers Guild and the North Country Spinners Guild. Our three children are married and all have families of their own, (six grand children to date). I have three looms but only one "ole friend" spinning wheel. The last spinning workshop I attended was with Mabel Ross. I don;t always use her method but found once the math and twist are understood the guesswork is gone and somehow my yarn has improved. If only I could say the same for weaving. My ambition is to weave an old fashioned type overshot coverlet. Ah, if I don't have a dream life becomes dull.

Three Fates

The Three Fates are Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos. The first fate draws the thread of life from her distaff, the second spins and winds it on her spindle, and the third fate cuts the thread when your span of life is done.

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Correction

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1994 Calendar

- May-----The 1st weekend--- Maryland Seep and Wool Festival.
The 15th Genesee
Regular meeting-Baskets-Mildred Scudder instructor
Market Day update (June 26th)
- June-----Finishing touches for Market Day
Bement/Billings Homestead same day
- August-----The 14th Cooperstown. If you are going let Ellie 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 instructors.