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ROVINOS

A Message from the President

Greetings, and a great new year to all. We start the year with a bang with our annual Roc Day celebration, a day of visiting and fun, of meeting new friends and enjoying each other's company, of raffles, competitions, and fiber to fondle or take home. Come prepared to share your knowledge in the demo and spinning section, meet and greet our visitors, to be a friendly ambassador for the guild.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer to help for Roc Day, please contact me, as there are a couple openings still available.

Audrey asks me to tell you that the February meeting is a summer picnic, so bring your shades and Hawaiian shirts (muumuus too), and a favorite picnic snack. Our garage sale will take place in April, so I will start spring cleaning early in order to be prepared.

Best wishes to all,
Sharon

January 11

ROC DAY!

All Saints Parish
Hall
Myers Road, Lansing

11:00-4:00

Bring your spinning/
knitting/ crocheting,
and a dish to pass.

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Shawl Raffle



The shawl has been hand spun, dyed and woven by guild members in honor of Ruth Allen. Tickets are available from Ellie May. Proceeds will go to Hospicare. The winner will be chosen on Roc Day.



Thanks from Newark Valley Head Start



Audrey, Jean and Sharon showing off the message from kids in the Newark Valley Head Start program, expressing their thanks for the mittens and hats knitted by guild members.

Skein Competition Rules, Black Sheep Roc Day 2014

We look forward to receiving your entries for this event. You may submit up to 5 entries, which should be received by no later than 11 o'clock the day of the event. Awards will be presented at 3 o'clock. Participants may pick up their entries at that time.

There are no restrictions on the number of entries in any class, for a total of 5 entries.

Attach to each entry an envelope. The outside of the envelope should show the class, and information on the fiber, preparation, and intended use. Your name and guild affiliation go on the inside.

Classes are as follows:

- 1) Proficiency of spin: a 2 ounce skein 100% wool
- 2) Proficiency of spin: a 2 ounce skein blend or other fiber
- 3) Novelty yarn: 2 ounce skein, spun using any technique or fiber.
- 4) Novice yarn: 2 ounce of yarn spun by a person new to spinning in the last year.
- 5) Project basket: in a basket or container of your choice, artfully presented, provide the following:

The pattern for which the fiber is intended

At least 4 ounces of fiber spun for the project

A sample of the fiber unspun

A knitted/crocheted/woven sample demonstrating the pattern.

We will be asking attendees to participate in our viewer's choice selection. Vote on the submission you most like, for whatever reason. The entry with the most votes will be awarded a prize.

Winter Clothing Drive at the Church

AnneMarie mentions that the church is collecting 1) new and gently used mittens for the Lansing school, and 2) gently used outerwear for all ages. Bring these to Roc Day.

Fibery Events

Winter Recess Fiber Arts Festival hosted by La Tourelle Resort 1150 Danby Road Ithaca. Monday Feb 17, 10-4. **Free Admission. Handmade local yarn, fiber and crafts. First 50 teachers with an Ithaca Loves Teachers coupon in a door prize.**

We have the Solarium room at Stella Maris in Skaneateles for Friday, Feb. 21 to noon Sunday, Feb. 23. You can also come just Saturday.

17 signed up so far. 4 for Saturday, February 22nd, and 13 for the whole weekend, February 21st to February 23rd. Cost for the single day is \$35 and for the weekend \$150. To add your name for the retreat or if you know you have signed up but haven't received an acknowledgement by the end of November, please email Anne Furman at ahfurman@yahoo.com.

If the guild approves, we are buying a pound of carded wool from Lisa Merian for half-price. We will spin it at the retreat and use a triangle loom to weave it into a shawl during 2014. The shawl will be raffled at Roc Day 2015.

Saturday, January 4, Lamb to Loom Roc Day in Vestal.

January 18, Chenango Region Handspinners Roc Day at the Oxford Memorial Library from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring a dish to pass.

Minutes of the December Meeting

- Volunteers for ROC Day are still needed to fill vacant spots!
- For the skein competition, there was confusion about the rules which were clarified by Sharon Gombas. You can only bring 5 entries total. However there is no restriction on which classes you may enter them in.
- The ROC Day raffle shawl in jewel tones has been completed and was displayed at the meeting by Mary Miller who wove it. The warp was off white and was commercially made. The weft was fiber dyed by Susan Sarabasha and spun by members into fingering weight yarn. It was beautiful! Tickets were purchased by members to sell at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. You may get tickets from Ellie May. The shawl will be raffled at ROC Day and the proceeds will go to Hospice in Ruth's name. Ellie announced that her goal was to raise a minimum of \$300 for the raffle and that goal was met at the meeting!
- Don't forget to bring a dish to pass at ROC day!
- The spinning retreat at Stella Maris Conference Center in Skaneateles will be Feb 21-23. Attendees will have the opportunity to spin wool from Lisa Merian (a green blue tone was chosen by the membership) for a special project for the 2015 ROC day raffle. It will be a shawl woven on a triangle loom. The cost of the fiber was \$20/lb.
- The Chinese auction on ROC Day will be held as a fund raiser to pay for the expenses incurred at ROC Day. Sharon Gombas and Ellie May are still taking donations and will be until the morning of the celebration. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- Tammy announced she had made three lazy kates for sale that work with scotch tension. She has pictures for anyone interested. Her phone # is 607-844-9545.

—Lynne

Guild Website Update

A few months ago, I mentioned that Wayne had made scans of older newsletters and other educational material from guild members, and that I was compiling this information on the guild website. This information is now publicly available and (somewhat) organized. If you go to the guild website, just click "Education" to see this information. The archive of guild newsletters can be accessed from a link near the bottom of the page or by going to <http://www.blacksheephandspinnersguild.org/archive.html>. This archive goes back to July of 1976, the third newsletter ever put out by the guild. Special thanks to Marie, Terry, Susan, Marjorie, Sharon, Becki and Alison for writing up descriptions of the newsletters. This makes it much easier for people to find which issue you're most interested in. There are still a number of newsletters for which descriptions have not been written. If you'd like to help with this project, just send me a quick note at tjporri@gmail.com. The addition of the archive means that there are currently 194(!) newsletters available on the Internet for anyone to access, in addition to other articles and notes. This is an incredibly rich series of documents and I hope that you can share it with the spinners in your life and will enjoy perusing them as much as I have.

—Teresa

Pictures from the Fashion Show



Roc Day
Come Celebrate
A New Year of
Spinning & Fiber Arts

Sat. January 11, 2014

10 - 4



**Spinning, dish-to-pass,
skein contest, vendors,
raffles and FUN.**

**Bring your spinning / knitting /
crocheting & join the circle.**

**All Saints Church Parish Hall,
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