



## A Message from the President

Greetings all,

Now that the weeds are under control, and lambing is over (I think), and given the high temperatures, I have made some time to spin up the rainbow that I dyed using just primary colors on saturated wool. The colors ran together nicely, and I hope to have a sample neck warmer knit up for the next meeting. I expect that I will be dyeing more in the same way, with the same colors, for a larger project. What fun!



We will have a few ounces of roving apiece to experiment with; feel free to bring along a fiber that you would like to dye. Its all about experimenting, and enjoying ourselves.

I hope to see you there!

Sharon

June 2016

Our June 11th meeting will be in Lansing at All Saints.

## We will be Dying for Color

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am - 3pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing, NY. Exceptions are possible-see location changes in the latest newsletter!

## Minutes of the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Meeting on Sat. May 14th



**Potential Workshop with Sarah Anderson in May 2017:** We discussed an opportunity to have another weekend workshop with a prominent invited teacher. Marjorie Inana reported about her conversation with Sarah Anderson, a well known spinning teacher and the author of the 'Spinner's Book of Yarn Design'. Sarah Anderson is a very sought after teacher and travels only once a month, so her workshops need to be booked well in advance. Since several members of the Guild had difficulties attending workshops in November, Marjorie asked for a springtime date. The only possible date for a weekend of classes with Sarah Anderson would be the second weekend of May 2017, 5-13/14-2017, the weekend we normally have Guild meetings.

The workshop would cost \$100 for one day and \$200 for both days. These prices cover the teaching fee and the travelling costs for the teacher plus the rental fee for the workshop location. As in previous years, the workshops would happen in Cortland, because rental fees there are cheaper. Material fees would be added to the class price. However, in the event that Sarah Anderson's travel costs would be lower than budgeted, the Guild will reimburse workshop participants. There is a set maximum number of 18 participants per class. Sign-up would be limited to Guild Members during 2016 and opened up to the general public by January 2017.

We asked Marjorie Inana to contact Sarah Anderson again and secure her coming to Cortland for a workshop next May.

The actual topic of the workshop is not yet decided. Sarah Anderson offers a variety of different classes, we can chose from classes on drafting and plying techniques, specialized classes teaching how to spin specific yarns such as supercoils or beehive yarns, or others about spinning silk or blending and using short stapled luxury fibers. We will decide which classes we would like Sarah Anderson to teach during the coming months, so Guild members have a chance to weigh in. More detailed description of the classes available will follow in upcoming newsletters.

**New Newsletter Editor:** Lois Swales, who had edited the Newsletter since last June, asked for a new person to step up and take over the task. Angelika St.Laurent volunteered to serve as Newsletter editor. Please send your submissions to the Newsletter to Angelika (angelika@simonstl.com, or call 607-277-8105)

### Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11am - 3pm at the All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing, NY.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual CNY Fiber Festival**  
June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 5pm,  
on the Butternut Hill RV  
Campground,  
6893 State Highway 20  
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**Tour de Fleece**  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>  
On [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com)

**Waulking**  
Sat. August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Home Textile Tool Museum,  
Orwell Road, Wysox, PA 18854

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelika St.Laurent

## **New Instructional Videos by Lois Swales:**

On Roc Day, Lois Swales gave a spinning presentation on “Spin like you are Scottish”. If you are curious and missed the presentation or simply would like to see it again, Lois made videos and made these available on her blog (<http://missingspindle.blogspot.com>) and on YouTube:

- Spin like you’re Scottish: <https://youtu.be/uFacsFA18Z0>
- Ply like you’re Scottish: [https://youtu.be/H6Rbal\\_Nxq0](https://youtu.be/H6Rbal_Nxq0)

Both videos feature Wayne pronouncing the Gaelic names for these whorl-less spindles.

## **Tour de Fleece**

During the month of July, bicyclists are racing the famous Tour de France. A group of hand spinners on [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com) use the bicyclists as an inspiration for personal spinning challenges. The event is called Tour de Fleece, or TdF for short. The main idea is to challenge oneself to daily spinning, while having the support of an enthusiastic online spinning group. This year, the Tour de Fleece starts on Saturday July 2 and runs until Sunday July 24th, 2016.

Here are the guidelines as posted on the Ravelry Tour de Fleece Forum:

Guidelines (NOT RULES):

- Spin every day the Tour rides, if possible. Saturday July 2 through Sunday July 24th. Days of rest are Monday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, just like the actual tour.
- Spin something challenging on the challenge days (usually the toughest high mountain stage: this year, it’s Stage 8, on Saturday, July 9th, when they will climb 4 mountains, including the 2115m high Col du Tourmalet, and Stage 15, on Sunday, July 17th, when they take on the Grand Colombier!
- Wear yellow on Sunday July 24th to announce victory. Why not wear yellow on any day you feel particularly successful? (Yellow is the color of the race leader in the Tour - but here we are all ‘race leaders’) Other colors if desired: Green (sprinter - think FAST), Polka-dot (climber - as in uphill), and white (rookie).

There are many teams to join. Some are a bit competitive, others are simply supportive. Some have prizes, others consider the yarn spun reward enough. All of them are monitored to ensure that there will be no harassment or discrimination, making the experience safe and supportive for everyone. In order to join, create an account on [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com) This is free of charge. Search for the group ‘Tour de Fleece’, join the group and there is a forum with many teams to join.

Incidentally, the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild has a Ravelry group, too. The forum is very quiet at the moment. However, if you decide to post, your post will not go unnoticed!



## Membership Form

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This information will be shared with registered guild members. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let Vicki Marsted know.

Please list your wheel(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you spindle spin? Yes or No (circle)

Do you Knit? Weave? Crochet? Dye? (Natural or Chemical?):

Would you be willing to share your skills with other members (ie: teach beginners, present a meeting topic, demo to the public, etc?)

If you raise fiber animals, please list them here \_\_\_\_\_

We need your help on committee(s). If you would like to volunteer, let Sharon Gombas, our president, know!!!

- Roc Day
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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Sharon Gombas.

Please fill this out and either bring it to a meeting or mail it with your check for \$20 to: Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln St, Cortland, NY 13045



Robin Nistock is looking for a used wheel to teach on: would prefer a Louet but would take any modern brand with a single drive and Scotch/Irish tension. The simpler the better. :-) Would prefer good working order but damage can be fixed so if anyone has a neglected modern wheel  
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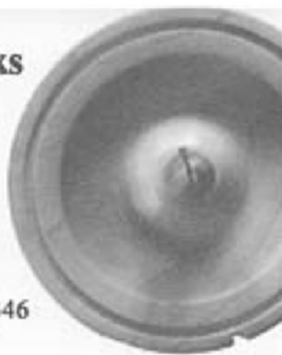
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