

February 2017



Message from the President

Greetings to all!

The buds on the lilacs have broken, leaves are appearing on honeysuckle, and it doesn't look good for my apples again this year. I am still on a Roc Day high however: our celebration was just about perfect, I think, with lots of opportunity for visiting, learning, shopping and eating of course. I thank all of you for the part you played in making it so enjoyable and successful. We will have a short discussion at the February meeting; all comments and suggestions for improvements will be greatly appreciated. What do you think of this: a spinning competition for the circle, as a way of getting to know our visitors from other guilds? Let us know your big ideas please.

Did you know that Ithaca has a great little fiber festival coming up in February? The Winter Recess Fiber Arts Festival takes place on President's Day, the 20th, at La Tourelle Resort and Spa, 1150 Danby Road, from 10 until 4. It is marvelous, with vendors offering finished winter wear, wooden bowls and spinning tools, quilts, lots of fiber, and you may see a fiber-bearing critter roaming the aisles. Ellie and I have gone a few times, and will be there again. See you soon! Also, I believe that our speaker for the April meeting will be there with her lovely fibers, yarns and wearables.

Sharon



Next meeting is on February 14th
from 11am-3pm, and we'll learn
about the

Sock-Machine

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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!

Guild News:

Next Meeting:

Circular Sock Machines or Can you knit handspun on a CSM?

Sock knitting machines quickly knit tubes of fingering and finer yarns. These tubes can be finished with afterthought heels, fingers and toes to make socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. Lois Swales will bring four vintage /antique machines and demo tube making with various commercial and handspun wool yarns. Trials and tribulations will be discussed. CSM's by Legare(1920s?), Gearhart (1924) Master Machine (Rochester NY) (1920s), Bickford (1869). Samples of handspun that worked and didn't work will be shown. Frank discussion of cost. You don't need to know how to knit to use a CSM.

It will take a while to set up (I will try to do this early). The presentation is probably an hour, depending on audience interest and some participation.

Lois Swales

Sarah Anderson Workshop:

The registration for the Sarah Anderson Workshop on May 13/14 is now open to the public. There are still available spots in the workshop. Feel free to spread the word. We do need at least 15 participants to make the workshop happen. Sign-up sheet and information can be found on page 3.

Up-Coming Fiber Events:

Winter Recess Fiber Arts Festival

On President's Day, Monday February 20th, from 10am to 4pm at La Tourelle Resort, 1150 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY

Yarn Cupboard Retreat 2017

The Yarn Cupboard in Syracuse NY presents their 7th annual retreat and market. The event goes from Friday 4-28 to Sunday 2-30. the event hosts multiple knitting, crocheting, and felting classes, and basic wheel and drop-spindling classes. For more information, pricing, and schedule see the stores Website:

<http://www.yarncupboard.com/festival>

Fiber News

Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

February 11th, 11am-3pm

Sock machine

at the All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, Lansing, NY.

March 11th, 11am-3pm

Guild Garage Sale

April 8th, 11am-3pm

Karen Stern and her Wensleydale''

Fiber Events:

Winter Recess Fiber Arts Festival

Monday February 20th, 10am-4pm,

La Tourelle Resort, 1150 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY, 14850

Yarn Cupboard Retreat 2017

Friday April 28th to Sunday April 30th,

Christ the King Retreat and Conference Center, 500 Brookford Road, Syracuse NY 13224 Behind Nottingham High School

SARAH ANDERSON WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Black Sheep Handspinners' Guild

When: May 13 and May 14

Where: Lansing Community Center, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY 14882

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Fee: 1 Day \$100 2 days \$200

May 13 DRAFTING:

Drafting refers to the way the spinner manipulates or draws out the fiber so twist enters it to create yarn. Different drafting methods produce very different yarns even from the same fiber and different fibers may require different techniques. In this class we will work on drafting techniques that spinners of all skill levels will appreciate including diameter control, understanding twist, drafting for different types of yarn, producing yarn compatible to an existing yarn and finishing techniques

May 14 PLYING:

This class follows and builds on the drafting class. Students learn to use different types of singles in plied yarns. The class begins with basic plying and then moves into more complex types of plying such as spiral, chain, cable, crepe, boucle and core yarns. We do as many as time permits

Bring To Class: A wheel in working order, lazy kate, and 3 bobbins. If you have a flick or hand carders bring them too.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

MAY 13 _____ \$100

MAY 14 _____ \$100

Make out check to Black Sheep Hand Spinners' Guild

Mail check and form to Marjorie Inana 41 W. Court Street, Cortland, NY 13045

Registration is non refundable and is due by Roc Day at which time registration is open to anyone

Roc Day

Roc-Day was great fun and attracted many spinners. Great thanks to everyone who made Roc-Day as fun and enjoyable as it was. We held the traditional Chinese Auction, a spinning competition, five spinning/weaving/carding demonstrations, a peg-loom weaving project, an excellent pot-lock lunch, a lot of opportunity to catch up with new and old friends, and of course the vendors tempted us with many beautiful things:



Photos: Lois Swales, Angelika St.Laurent

Chinese Auction:

A Huge Thank You!

The Chinese Auction was a great success. Thank you to the many donors, buyers and workers! We had more items than ever and made enough money to pay the rent. I do not know how many years we have done the auction. I got the idea because I went to a Chinese auction. I do not even know how it happens to be called a "Chinese Auction." None the less, our auctions are fun and a good money maker. I am turning the job over to someone else for the next auction. I can enjoy the many features of the day unencumbered!

Eleanor May



Soo many items to choose from!



Happy winner!



Eleanor handing out auction wins.

The Yarn Competition:

Anne and Allison set out to pick an unusual fiber for the yarn competition, that most of us had not spun before. Their choice was an undyed 50% merino, 25% silk, 25% bamboo blend. The fiber sure was new to most of us and quite a challenge to spin, because it was so very slippery.

And the winners were:

1st price: Sharon Gombas

2nd price: Emily Barth

3rd price: Rosane Mordt



Handing over 2nd price

Demonstrations:



Adam and Eve and the Great Distaff (Ted and Lois)



Wayne and Emily on the Great Wheels



Marjorie dizzing of the combs



Sue demonstrates flax spinning.



José explaining his loom.



Kathy demonstrating cotton spinning.

Fun , Food, and Fiber



Mary with her shawls.



Abby at the peg loom.



The perfect place for a chakra.



Lunch in the spinning circle.



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:

2016	2019
2017	2020
2018	2021

Name _____

Address: _____

Preferred email: PRINT NEATLY _____

Phone # _____

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

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For Sale from my happy sheep and rabbits in Trumansburg:
Navajo Churro roving in a variety of colors and white Angora Rabbit wool.




Contact Sharon Berger 607- 592-4649

To place an ad

The cost for ads is \$5.00 per month for non-members. Current members may submit one business-card sized classified ad per month for free. Send a check made out to BSHG to our treasurer, Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Send the ad in digital form to the newsletter editor, angelika@simonstl.com. Black & white business cards are published free for current members.



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