

July 2017



Message from the Editor

Dear Fellow Spinners,

At the June meeting, our long-time president Sharon Gombas and our treasurer Vicky Marstedt stepped back from their offices. It's time to give them both a big 'Thank You!' for several years of service to the Guild. Without our Guild officers' work, we would not be able to hold our regular meetings, Roc-Days, and workshops that make being a member of the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild so much fun.

Also many thanks to the officers, who agreed to stay on: our Vice President Sue Quick, our Programming Coordinator Majorie Inana, and our Webmaster Rosane Mordt.

And finally thanks to the volunteers Nancy N. and Louise Henrie who are taking over the duties of president and treasurer.

Angelika St.Laurent

July 2017

Next meeting is on July 8th from 11am-3pm, and we'll

Spin and Chat

President	Nancy_N
Vice President	Sue Quick
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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:

Guild Officers:

We have a new guild president Nancy N. and a new treasurer Louise Henrie.

Our vice president Sue Quick will be the keeper of keys and be responsible for set up at our monthly meetings.

Linda Cortright Presentation:

The Shuttle and Spindles Fiber Guild of the Newark Valley Historical Society is holding a special meeting on July 8, 2017, 10am - 2pm. The Guild invites everyone to this great event. It is free but bring a dish to pass for lunch.

It is their 20th Anniversary and they have a special guest, Linda Cortright. Linda publishes Wild Fibers Magazine <https://www.wildfibersmagazine.com> She will share stories of her amazing world travel and will bring lots of goodies to show.

Jean Currie has traveled a lot with Linda and can attest to great stories, amazing photographs, and she guarantees you will have a wonderful outing to Newark Valley. The location is the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum on Rt 38, Newark Valley.

If you are interested in car-pooling call Ellie May 272 8224.

NY-State Fair Competitions:

The NY-State Fair organizers call for submissions to their fiber arts competitions. The Fair will be held August 26th to September 9th in Syracuse NY. Deadlines for entry (that is when to send the organizers the filled out form in order to participate, actual items are due later) are July 3rd for Arts and Crafts (item due August 4th), July 17th for wool and fleeces (August 20th, or 23rd to 30th), July 19th for rabbits, and July 21st for sheep and llama.

All information on how to enter competitions can be found here: nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter

For questions, call the Entry Department at 315-487-7711 ext. 1337 or email us at maryellen.daino@agriculture.ny.gov



Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

July 8th, 11am-3pm

Fiber Events:

Linda Cortright Presentation

Saturday, July 8th, 10am-2pm
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum
9241 NY-38,
Newark Valley, NY 13811

NY-State Fair

Saturday, August 26th, to Saturday,
September 9th, 10am-10pm
581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, NY
13209
<http://nysfair.ny.gov/>

Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival

Saturday, September 9th, 10am—5pm
and Sunday September 10th, 10am-4pm
Harford Fair Grounds, 485 Fair Hill
Road, New Milford, PA 18834
www.endlessmountainsfiberfest.com

The 23rd Annual Finger Lakes Fiber Festival

Saturday, September 16th, 10am-5pm,
and Sunday, September 17th, 10am-4pm
Hemlock Fair Grounds, 7370 Water
Street, Hemlock, NY 14466
<http://www.gvhg.org/fiber-fest/>

Adirondack Wool & Arts Festival

Saturday, September 23rd, 10am-5pm,
and Sunday, September 24th, 10am –
4pm
392 Old Schuylerville Road, Green-
wich, NY 12834
<http://www.adkwoolandarts.com>

Fruity Knitting You-Tube Videos

Dear Guild Member,

I am an Australian living in Germany and I'm the host of the [Fruity Knitting YouTube Channel](#). In each episode I include an interview with a prominent knitwear designer, fibre artist, yarn producer or sheep farmer.

In case you didn't know about our channel I wanted to share with you three interviews in particular that I think you and your guild members would find very interesting as weavers and spinners.

I hope you enjoy watching and if so I would be grateful if you would share the episodes with your guild members.

Best regards,

Andrea, Fruityknitting.com

Here are some episodes that are of special interest to spinners:

[Episode 29 – Tarndie – Home of the Polwarth](#)

We interview Tom Dennis whose ancestor first developed the Polwarth sheep breed which is a wonderful fleece for spinning. Tom is still farming Polwarth sheep, descendants from the original flock in Victoria Australia and is now the 6th generation to farm the original homestead. They sell Polwarth fleece and tops all around the world.

[Episode 24 – Shetland Wool with Oliver Henry](#)

Oliver Henry is the top wool classer of Shetland's Jamieson and Smith. He is a well-respected expert on Shetland sheep and their fleeces. Oliver was responsible for first setting up the 'Shetland Wool Week'.

[Episode 23 - Fleece and Fibre with Deb Robson](#)

Deb Robson's book the 'Fleece and Fibre Sourcebook is a well-respected reference for spinners, dyers, knitters and weavers. Deb researched over 200 sheep breed fleeces.

[Episode 7 – Philosopher's Wool Company](#)

Ann and Eugene Bourgeois founded the Canadian Philosopher's Wool Company in the late 80s to support sustainable agriculture and to produce wool yarn that is natural and organic. They became very well known for buying fleece from Ontario farmers at a decent price by profit sharing and selling their Canadian yarn kits for Fair Isle sweater, shawls and cardigan throughout Canada and North America.



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:

2017	2020
2018	2021
2019	2022

Name _____

Address: _____

Preferred email: PRINT NEATLY _____

Phone # _____

This information will be shared with registered guild members. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let Louise Henrie 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 Nancy, our president, know!!!

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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Angelika St.Laurent. Please fill this out and either bring it to a meeting or mail it with your check for \$20 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

For sale: **Kromski Harp 32" rigid heddle loom** with stand, built-in warping board, folds in half, in excellent condition (nearly new). Will also include weaving books and magazines and several cones of warp and weft yarns. Current price new is \$550 (with frame, second heddle, and second heddle block), will sell for \$250.

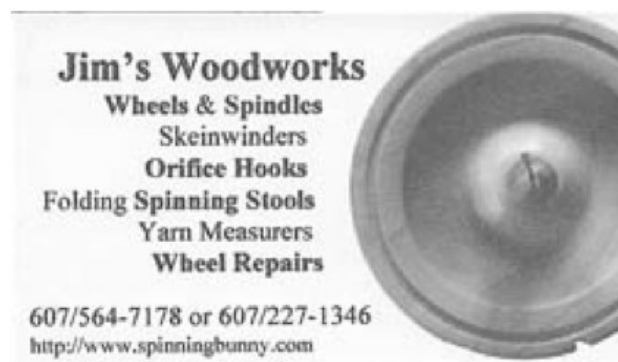
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[facebook.com/glassbeadstudio](https://www.facebook.com/glassbeadstudio)



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, 6 Circle Drive, 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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of Handspinning and other Fiber Arts.

<http://chemungvalleyguild.wordpress.com/>