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Message from the President

Hi, All:

After a September altogether too wet and summery, October's opened with a gentle but unmistakable reminder of the joy of warm sweaters. Mist in the valleys, wisps of color in the trees. Fall is here for sure. And with it, of course, comes the seasonal flurry of fall festivals and fiber events. I'll be demonstrating next Saturday at the Homestead Heritage Fair Day in Dryden. I hope some of you will join me. Also featured will be good old down-home music and a visit from the Cornell raptors. The next weekend will be our own guild meeting, which will feature a garage sale. Time to clear out the unneeded items from your stash to make room for the new stuff you just can't pass up. And don't forget to harvest your Japanese indigo, if you've been growing it, and bring it in. The first fall frost is only a few weeks away. I've been busily composting the leaves I've received so far, and will be happy to add yours to the pile.

See you in a couple of weeks.

--Wayne

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Guild Garage Sale

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The Black Sheep meet from 11 am - 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 Garage Sale: On October 13th, we will have our Guild Garage Sale. If you have fiber, tools, yarn, patterns, magazines, or other fiber related items in your house, that just don't get the love they deserve at your home. Bring them along and sell them.

Roc Day Chinese Auction: Now that summer is over, Roc Day 2019 is just around the corner. Please, consider making some donations of lovely handmade objects for our Chinese Auction. Lynne Anguish will be collecting your works.

Roc Day Competition: Anne Furman and Allison Treater worked out a theme and the rules for the 2019 Roc Day Competition:

UFO Project Contest for Roc Day

1. Dig out one of your unfinished objects and turn it into a finished project.
2. Use your own hand spun yarn except for embellishments, buttons, etc..
3. Finish the project you started. You may have to undo part to achieve that end. ie: turn a long sleeved sweater into a short sleeved sweater because you ran out of yarn on the second sleeve but NOT turn a sweater into a hat or shawl.
4. If you are one of those spinners who spins as they knit, you may introduce new yarn from the same source as the original yarn of the UFO.
5. A short history - how old (best guess), when started, who for, and anything else you want to add. Keep it anonymous.
6. Judging will be people's choice.

Renewed MAFA-Membership and Conference: We are members of the Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (Mafa). Lousie Henry, our treasurer, just renewed our membership for 2019. This makes BSHG members eligible to participate in the 2019 MAFA conference (June 27th-30th). For information about the conference follow this link: [MAFA conference](#)

MAFA-Newsletter: Mafa has their own newsletter, with many links to fiber related events (more than I could fit on the sidebars): [September/October Newsletter](#)



Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

October 13th, 11am-2pm

November 10th, 11am-2pm

December 8th, 11am-2pm

Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

Homestead Heritage Fair Day

Saturday, October 6th, 10am-3pm
14 North Street,
Dryden, NY 13053

<http://www.ithacaheritage.com>

Fall Knitting Train

Saturday, October 13th, 2pm-4pm
Medina Railroad Museum
530 West Avenue
Medina, NY, 14103

<https://www.facebook.com/tinaturnerknits/>

The Seventh Annual Little York Fiber Festival

Saturday, October 13th, 10am-5pm, and
Sunday, October 14th, 10am-3pm
Little York Lake Theater and Pavilion
6799 Little York Lake Road
Preble, New York, 13141

<https://www.cortlandrep.org/little-york-fall-fiber-arts-festival/>

NY State Sheep and Wool Festival

Saturday, October 20th, 9am-5pm, and
Sunday, October 21st, 9am-4pm
Dutchess County Fairgrounds,
6550 Spring Brook Avenue,
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

<https://www.sheepandwool.com/>

The Fiber Festival of New England

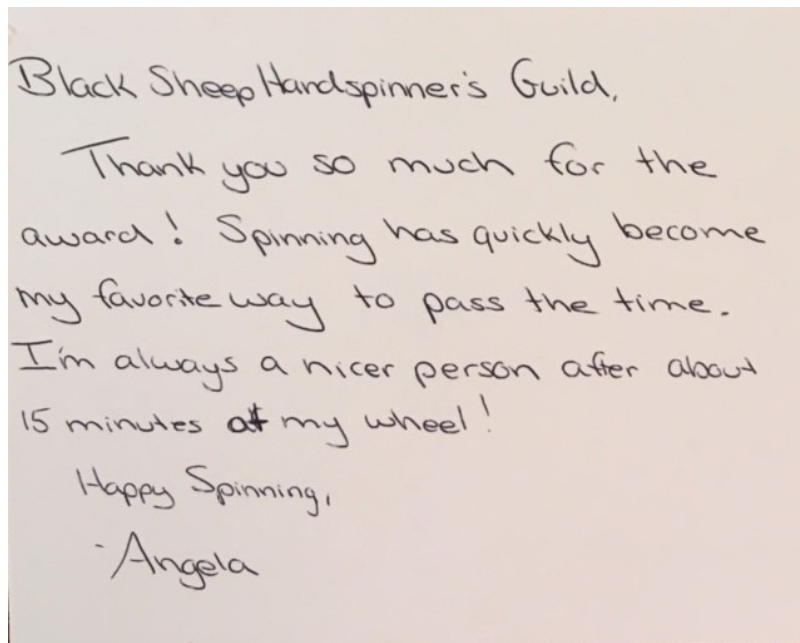
Saturday, November 3rd, 9am-5pm, and
Sunday, November 4th, 9am-3pm.
Mallory Complex at Eastern States Exposition,
1305 Memorial Avenue,
West Springfield, MA 01089
<https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/p/fiberfestival>

Guild News Continued:

Celia Radke Memorial Prize: Every summer the Guild sponsors a \$50 prize in memory of Celia Radke for spinners at the NY State Fair. Last year it was won by our own Sharon Gombas. This year the winner is Angela Mann of Clay NY, for a beautiful colored skein. She sent us this card of thanks:



The winning skein (photo Sue Quick)



Getting to the State Fair this year was a bit of challenge:



Thanks to everyone who braved the floods and demonstrated. (photo: Abby Thomas)

Guild News Continued:

Spinning Retreat: Our annual spinning retreat will happen on the weekend of February 22nd-24th. Kathy Thomas is organizing. We have reserved the 'Galilee' house at the [Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center](#), just outside Moravia. The cost of the weekend which includes 5 meals will be \$176.50. We will bring our own food on Friday (22nd) evening. Renting linen costs an additional \$9.00.

So far 12 people signed up to participate. There is one handicapped friendly room in the first floor, which still has one bed not spoken for.

If you would like to participate in the retreat or have any questions, please contact Kathy at katiris2@yahoo.com.

Request for Spinners and Weavers at Homestead Heritage Fair Day: The Dryden Historical Society is looking for volunteers to demonstrate spinning and/or weaving at the Homestead Heritage Fair Day on October 6th. If interested, contact [Wayne Harbert](#) or [Gina Prentiss](#)

Offer for Free Wool: Joan Johnston would like spinners to come and get some very nice fleece from her former flock. It's mostly skirted and not washed, but in surprisingly good condition. Most is white, some brown/gray. I've been too busy with visitors to have finished organizing it, but you can still come and take what you can. I have to be around so just call ahead 272-2697 (best) or 220-9757 (cell). No charge!

Article on Therapeutic Knitting: Anne Furman found this lovely article, describing the therapeutic value of knitting on stress, anxiety, depression, and pain. Obviously, all this also applies to spinning: [Link to Article](#)

Article on Sheep Shearing on Nash Island: Shelly Marino found this lovely article on sheep shearing on Nash Island by Mary Jane Mucklestone: [Link to Article](#)

Japanese Indigo Harvest and Drying

Yvonne LaMontage sent these photos of her Japanese Indigo plants in the ground and drying.:



For more information on using Japanese Indigo check out this Blog post: Dried [Leaf Japanese Indigo Process.](#)



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:	
2018	2021
2019	2022
2020	2023

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 our president, Wayne Harbert, know!!!

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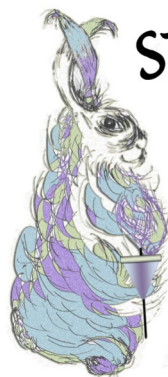
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Tina Turner Knits

Fall Knitting Train
Oct 13th, 2-4pm


For \$45 (cash/check) or \$48 (PayPal) this exclusive event includes:

- 2 hr roundtrip fall foliage-themed train ride from Medina to Lockport
- Original Tina Turner design (2-color hat/cowl design)
- Free entry to the [Medina Railroad Museum](#)

Non-Knitting Guests are also welcome!
Full payment due by Sep. 10th
For more details see tinaturnerknits.com or email knittingcircle@tinaturnerknits.com



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