

December
2018ROVINOS 

Message from the President

Hi, All:

Saint Catherine's Day again, according to my old-time calendar—the Patron Saint of Spinners. Not quite December yet, but year's end is hurtling down on us, and last week's heavy snow and the bitter cold of Thanksgiving morning have put us on notice that winter's lying in wait. And, of course, Roc Day's looming. Time to party. Our December meeting will be our traditional midwinter festivity. Dress brightly—garishly, if you wish, bring goodies to share if you'd like—healthy or otherwise—and, if you'd like to participate in our optional gift exchange, bring a little fiber-related gift for the table (\$15.00 or less) to put on the table. Bring your current project and/ or the most exciting one you've done over the course of the year to show off, model or pass around, if you'd like. Or just come and join in the conviviality. There will also be a bit of Roc Day business to conduct, and the volunteer sign-up sheet will make is final round. (If you think you might want to demonstrate a special skill or an unusual craft as part of our Roc Day program, it's also not too late to sign on for that.) I'll also be glad to take charge of any Japanese indigo leaves you might happen to have lying around.

See you soon!

Wayne

December 2018

Next meeting is on December 8th from 11am-2pm, and we'll have our

Annual Holiday Celebration

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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

Holiday Party:

On our December meeting, 12-8-18, we will have our annual holiday party. Members, who like to join the gift exchange, should bring a wrapped, fiber-related gift, worth no more than \$15. Bringing holiday related food items is also very appreciated. Members who do not wish to participate in the gift exchange are still appreciated and welcome to join in spinning and socializing as usual.

Roc Day:

Our annual Roc Day celebration will be held on the second Saturday in January, 1-12-2019.

Help Needed for Publicity: We still need a volunteer to coordinate Roc Day publicity. If you could help with that, please contact [Yvonne LaMontagne](#). All members are asked to print out a poster or two (the pdf-file will be sent along with this newsletter), and hang them somewhere, where they are well visible. Copies of the poster will also be available at the December meeting.

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.

Roc Day Paper Bag Raffle: Roc Day 2019 is just around the corner. Please, consider making some donations of lovely handmade objects for our paper bag raffle. Lynne Anguish will be collecting your works.

Fiber News

Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

December 8th, 11am-2pm Holiday Party

January 12th, 10am-4pm ROC DAY

Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

41st Annual open Barn and Sheep Shearing

Saturday, December 1st, 10 am—4pm
Liberty Ridge Farm and Gardens
6175 Greenway Lowell Road,
Verona, NY, 13478

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2176688345985042/>

2018 Ithaca Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, December 1st, 9am-3pm
Ithaca First Assembly Of God Church
197 Bostwick Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850

Roc Day

Saturday, January 12th, 10am-4pm,
All Saints Church, Parish Hall,
347 Ridge Road (34B)
Lansing, NY, 14882

Roc-Day Volunteer Schedule

As visible in the table, we still have volunteer spots to fill. We especially need members to make our spinning circle welcoming and floaters, who help out where needed, mostly giving vendors a hand. If you'd like to volunteer, please, speak up during the December meeting or contact [Yvonne LaMontagne](#) directly.

<p>Set-up Friday 4:30 - 6pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon Gombas 2. Angelika St.Laurent 3. Wayne Harbert 4. Yvonne LaMontagne 5. 6. 	<p>Welcome Table</p> <p>9:45-10:45 Nancy Nosewicz 10:45-11:45 Kat Thomas 11:45-12:45 Kathy Halton 12:45-1:45 Kay Stickane 1:45-2:45 Angelika St.Laurent 2:45-3:45 Mary Nichols</p>
<p>Spinning Circle</p> <p>10-11 Mary White 11-12 Suzanne Schwartz 12-1 1-2 2-3</p>	<p>Raffle 10am – 1pm (or 2pm?)</p> <p>10-11 Sue Quick 11-12 Deb Benzer 12- 1 Lynn Anguish 1-2</p> <p>Raffle drawn just after 1pm (or 2 pm?) and items to winners by 1:30 (or 2:30?)</p>
<p>Kitchen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anne Furman 2. Vickie Marsted 3. Jean Currie 4. Susan Earle 5. Nancy Nosewicz 6. Ellie May 	<p>Floater</p> <p>10-11 11-12 Tammy Fazzi 12-1 Margaret Boritz 1-2 Cecil Decker 2-3 3-4</p>
<p>Competition: Alison Morris</p> <p>Competition Table</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alison Morris 2. Louise Henrie 	<p>Clean-Up 4 - 6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yvonne LaMontagne 2. Tammy Fazzi 3. Mary White 4. Suzanne Schwartz 5. Sharon Gombas 6. Margaret Boritz

Guild News Continued:

Roc Day:

New Vendor: We did get one new vendor for Roc Day, [Julia Grey](#), from Wool Ewe Play.

Demonstrations: If you practice an usual fiber craft, consider demonstrating at Roc Day. We are looking for demonstrations that last about 30 minutes. To volunteer contact [Wayne Harbert](#).

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 4 meals will be \$177.50. We will bring our own food on Friday (22nd) evening and we will have leftovers on Sunday for lunch. Kathy is now collecting \$25 deposit from every person who wants to come along.

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

Yarn Donations Sought

Yarn donations are sought for two projects. For both any kind of yarn is welcome (as long it is not motheaten)

Auburn Prison Crochet: Nancy Nosewicz is collecting yarn for a crochet group of high security inmates in Auburn, The inmates crochet hats and other winter items for children in need. Nancy will collect yarn donations at the November and December meetings.

Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services: Monica Weimer is looking for yarn donations for clients of the Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services at the Residential Treatment Facility in Trumansburg. The clients are trying to develop healthy social leisure skills by crafting with yarn and donating some of their projects. Any type of yarn would be greatly appreciated and put to good use! For any questions email mweimer@carsny.org. Monica is willing to meet or have donations dropped off.

Books and Links

Ancient Weaving Techniques in China, Western Asia, and Europe

Susan Verberg found [this book by John Becker, titled 'Pattern and Loom'](#). The book features ancient fabric samples from as early as 200 B.C.E, with detailed descriptions and charts on how these fabrics were woven and photos of modern recreations. This publication is free to download, print and distribute for non-commercial purposes, as long as it is not abridged, extended or modified.

Khipu Getting Closer to be Deciphered

Shelly Marino shared this [link](#) about the recent advances towards deciphering of the Peruvian writing system, Khipu, which records information on a series of knotted strands.

Long time guild members may remember Bob and Marcia Ascher. He was an anthropologist and she a mathematician here and they had seen and studied more khipus than anyone in the world. They were featured speakers at roc day long ago. Their work is fascinating, and I'm sure they would have liked to chat with this new scientist. When they spoke at the guild we spinners were able to offer them suggestions about twist in the fibers, an area they had not yet investigated.

Book Recommendation for Stephany Wilke's 'Raw Material'

Marilee Williams found [this new book by Stephany Wilkes titled 'Raw Material'](#). Follow a sweater with an "Italian Merino" label back far enough and chances are its life began not in Milan, but in Montana.

Many people want to look behind the label and know where their clothes come from, but the textile supply chain - one of the most toxic on the planet - remains largely invisible. In Raw Material, Stephany Wilkes tells the story of American wool through her own journey to becoming a certified sheep shearer.

What begins as a search for local yarn becomes a dirty, unlikely and irresistible side job. Wilkes leaves her high-tech job for a way of life considered long dead in the American West. Along the way, she meets ornery sheep that weigh more than she does, carbon-sequestering ranchers, landless grazing operators, rare breed stewards and small-batch yarn makers struggling with drought, unfair trade agreements and faceless bureaucracies as they work to bring eco-friendly fleece to market.

Raw Material demonstrates that the back must break to clothe the body, and that excellence often comes by way of exhaustion.

With humor and humility, Wilkes follows wool from the farm to the factory, through the hands of hardworking Americans trying to change the culture of clothing. Her story will appeal to anyone interested in the fiber arts or the textile industry, and especially to environmentally conscious consumers.



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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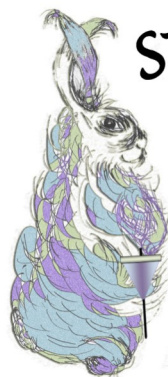
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Tina Turner Knits

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
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