

March
2018

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Message from the President

Looking out my office window across the Vale of Ithaca, I see nary a leftover speck of our recent snows. Dare we hope that the deep winter, at least, is behind us? Twelve weeks to the day until the average last frost date, in any case, and I plan to commemorate it by planting my leeks in pots down in the laundry room. And speaking of commemorations, it's barely over two weeks until Roc Day Respun on March 10! I'm very much looking forward to joining you in celebrating our first ever Roc Day in the spring. It will be exciting. Hope to see you all there.

—Wayne

March 2018

Next meeting is on March 10th
from 10am-2:30pm, and we'll
celebrate

Roc Day Respun

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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!

Hat Competition

Since Roc Day had to be postponed to the 10th of March, there is still a chance to participate in the hat competition. Even for those who had a too busy holiday time to get anything done. Here are the rules again:

Show What Hand Spun Yarn Can Do in a Hat

Use any technique for a hand made hat that uses 100% of your own hand spun yarn and of your own making. That means the hat can be knit, naalbinding, woven, crocheted, knit/fulled, etc. The hand spun can be any fiber(s), plies, or colors. Only hand spun yarn, no beads, no ribbons, no feathers, no shells, sticks or stones, etc.

If you want to enter more than one hat in the competition, they must be different techniques or patterns. For example with 2 knit hats, 1 Fair Isle/1 cabled. Or 3 hats, 1 knit/1 crocheted/1 woven. Or 3 hats, 1 intarsia knit/ 1 rib knit/ 1 woven. Or 4 hats, 1 knit/fulled/ 1 brioche knit,/1 lace knit/ 1 crocheted.

A small sample (12 inches or so) of the hand spun yarn used should accompany the hat. The hats need to be turned in at the competition table by 11 AM in order to be up in time for them to be numbered and displayed and time for people to vote on them. Hats will be judged by the public as each person entering will receive a voting ballot to be deposited in a large container labeled Vote for Your Favorite Hat. The prizes will be announced at 1:30 PM just before the auction. There will be first, second and third prizes.

Hat entries may be donated to the Chinese Auction, however this is not mandatory. You can take your prize winning creation back home with you, if you like.

Home Textile Tool Museum

The Home Textile Tool Museum in Orwill PA will be opening again on May 19th. Among other activities, Kathy Halton will be demonstrating flax spinning. The Museum will be open every Saturday until Saturday August 26th.

Every Saturday there is a different theme, including sheep shearing, a sheep to shawl event, a cotton day, and a flax day. On June 17th, Kathy Halton and other members of the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild will demonstrate cotton spinning.

Additionally, the Museum offers workshops, usually on Friday covering topics from sheep breed survey, over cheese and basket making to building a timber frame loom.

For more information see: <http://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org>

Fiber News

Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

March 10th, Roc Day Re-spun 10am-2:30pm

Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

Indigo Dyeing Workshop

Thursday, March 1st, 5pm-9pm

Luna Fiber Studio

15 East Main St. Suite 3,

Trumansburg NY 14886

<http://www.lunafiberstudio.com>

31st Sheepshearing Festival

Saturday, April 28th, 10am-5pm,

52 Gore Street

Waltham, MA 02453

<http://goreplace.org/sheepshearing-festival/>

Maryland Sheep & Wool

Saturday, May 5th, 8:30am-6pm, and

Sunday, May 6th, 8:30am-5pm

Howard County Fairgrounds,

West Friendship, MD 21794

<http://sheepandwool.org/>

Opening Day at the Home Textile Tool Museum

Saturday May 19th, 10am-4pm

Home Textile Tool Museum ,

1819 Orwell Hill Road ,

Rome, PA 18837

<http://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org>

9th Annual Long Island Fleece and Fiber Fair

Saturday, May 19th, and Sunday, 20th, 10am-4pm

Hallockville Museum Farm

6038 Sound Avenue,

Riverhead, NY 11901

<https://hallockville.com/fiberfair/>

Roc Day Schedule

Doors open 10:00 to 2:30

All-Day Events:

Pendulum wheel, Wayne Harbert

Fiber Tasting Table, Angelika St.Laurent

10:30-11:30 Workshop: Felting

11:00 Last Chance to Hand in Your Hat for the Hat Competition

11:00 Demonstration: Electric Spinner, Lois Swales

11:30 Demonstration, Kumihimo, Marjorie Inana

11:30-1:30 Dish-to-pass lunch

11:30-12:30 Workshop: Charkha Spinning

12:30 Demonstration: Spinning Cotton on a Great Wheel, Kathy Halton

1:00 Demonstration: Spinning Flax, Sue Quick

1:00 Sale of Raffle Tickets ends

1:30 Presentation of raffle items to winners, followed by awarding prizes to the winners
of the hat competition.

2:30 Cleanup begins

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Spinning Retreat at Watson Homestead

February 9th-11th 2018

Sixteen members of the Guild went to our annual retreat. We went to Watson Homestead Retreat Center in Painted Post. We had a fun weekend spinning, knitting, laughing, exploring the local hiking trails, and trying to remember the seven deadly sins. We got gluttony right away (see the cookie recipe) and none of us came up with wrath.

During our April meeting, we'll discuss, whether to return to the same location next year or try a different one.



Admiring Rosane's spindle collection



Knitters on the sofa



There is a little bird in the hole.



Gnomes on spindles



Battle Sheep battle field

Gluten Free Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon powdered allspice
- 1 table spoon powdered cocoa
- 1/4 cup ground hemp seeds
- 1 cup oat flour
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 400F. Beat butter until soft, add the other ingredients and mix into a dough. Use spoons to set little heaps on a baking sheet. Bake for 16 min.



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!!!

Roc Day

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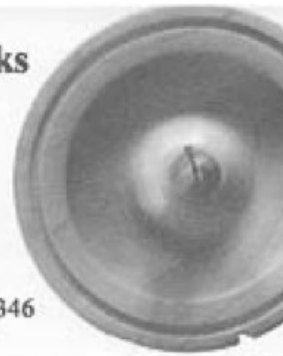
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