

April
2018

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Message from the President

Dear Friends:

We're on the right side of the equinox at last, and almost at the end of a March that's been more lionish than lambish from end to end. It did feature one warm and brilliant highlight, though—our guild's first-ever March Roc Day. A splendid event! Yvonne, of course, deserves special praise for keeping us on a steady course since way back in the fall, but everyone—organizers, volunteers, demonstrators, workshop leaders, vendors, cooks, competitors and judges in the hat contest, donors and bidders in the raffle, and the many visitors and friends who joined us in the spinning circle—helped to make it a resounding success by infusing it with prodigious quantities of positive energy, creativity, good will, resilience and efficiency. Many hands and hearts went into making it come together so well. We are an amazing creative community, and I am proud and grateful to be a part of it.

We'll devote our April meeting to relaxing a bit, reveling in the faint promise of spring, spinning and chatting, but it will also be a chance to get a start on spring cleaning. Feel free to pack up the bags of fiber and fiber-related equipment that have been lying unused in your back room and bring them to our garage sale. Hope to see you there.

Wayne

April 2018

Next meeting is on April 14th
from 11am-2pm, and we'll have
our

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!

Workshops and Farm Visits

Open House Leyard Farms on Saturday, April 7th

Anna Jesionowski, who manages the flock of Jacob Sheeo at Leyard Farms in King Ferry, invites local spinning groups to come visit our farm on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10am to 2pm to meet the flock and enjoy the frolicking lambs. Light refreshments will be provided. There will also have raw fleeces available.

Feel free to call (1-646-549-0217) or email (wildflight@gmail.com) with any questions or to RSVP.

All are welcome!



The Jacob flock at Leyard Farms.

Workshop: Preparing Wool Fiber for Lock Spinning in Schoharie NY

Virginia Scholomitti teaches a morning workshop on Saturday April 7th, 10am-1:00pm on what to look for, when purchasing a fleece. Then she will take you through the entire process of skirting, washing, picking and carding the fiber. She will also demonstrate different techniques to spin locks into yarn keeping the curls intact. There will be wool of different breeds to try spinning. The cost of the course is \$45.

Virginia Scholomitti raises Wensleydale and Teeswater sheep and is co-author of '[Ideas & Patterns for Art Yarns: A Guide to Using Textured Handspun Yarn](#)'

To register for the class email ceceswool@gmail.com or call (518) 779-9985.

Fiber News

Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

March 14th, 11am-2pm
Guild Garage Sale

Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

Open House at Leyard Farms

Saturday, April 7th, 10am-2pm

1481 NY-34B,

King Ferry, NY 13081

www.leyardfarms.com

Workshop: Preparing Wool Fiber for Lock Spinning

Saturday, April 7th, 10am-1:00pm

Schoharie Presbyterian Church Community Room

314 Main Street

Schoharie, NY 12157

ceceswool@gmail.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 Sun-

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

Howard County Fairgrounds,

West Friendship, MD 21794

<http://sheepandwool.org/>

11th Annual Shepherd's Wool Market

Saturday, May 12th, 10am-3pm

Rush United Church

6200 Rush Lima Road,

Rush, NY 14543

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

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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>



Fiber News

Wool Grading Class offered by the Vermont Sheep and Goat Association (VSGA)

The Vermont Sheep and Goat Association 2 1/2 day class on wool grading from Friday June 2nd, 8am, to Sunday June 4th at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, Vermont. Teacher of the class will be Dr. Lisa Surber, ASI Director of Raw Wool Services. The cost will be \$250 for VSGA members and \$275 for non-members.

The focus of the school is to help train producers, wool industry and interested people about wool quality and classing. In addition, to assist in improving the quality of the domestic wool clip, which is imperative to

American wool being more competitive and available in the international as

well as domestic markets. Topics to be covered include wool fiber growth, development and production, objective measurement of wool and hands-on wool grading.

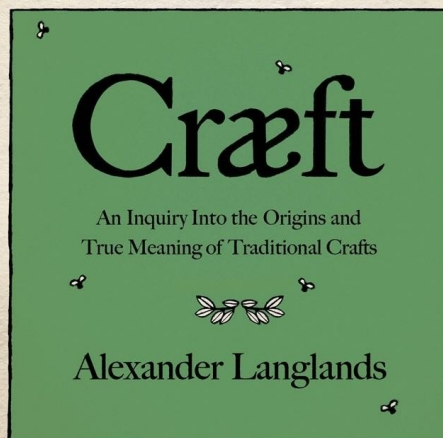
Lodging is available on campus for a minimal fee TBD. Respond to efortin@comcast.net if that interests you. You would have to bring sheets or a sleeping bag and there is no cafeteria open during the summer.

Maps, directions, course outline, and registration are at <http://vtsheepandgoat.org/register-asi-wool-classing-course/>.

Book Recommendation

Anne Furman recommends:

Cræft, by Alexander Langlands (Norton). A pressing question lies at the heart of this exploration of pottery-making, yarn-spinning, hedge-pleaching, roof-thatching, plowing with oxen, and other traditional crafts: Was it wise of us to abandon skills honed over millennia? Langlands thinks not, and, drawing on his own crafting experiences, offers both a how-to manual and a challenge to the idea that industrialized production, with its reliance on cheap fossil fuels, is necessarily the way of the future. Arguing that the search for sustainability may make costly, labor-intensive methods newly attractive, he also makes a case for the psychological benefits of working with one's hands. "Crafts are a vehicle," he writes, "through which we can be."



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/>

American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) Wool Classing Course

Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 8am—5pm. and Sunday, June 3rd, 8am-12pm

The Red Schoolhouse Building,

Vermont Technical College

Randolph Center, VT 05061

<http://vtsheepandgoat.org/register-asi-wool-classing-course/>

CNY Fiber Arts Festival

Saturday and Sunday, June 9th and 10th, 10am-4pm

Butternut Hill Campground,

6893 Highway 20,

Bouckville, NY 13310

<http://www.cnyfiberarts.org>

Pleasant Mountain Fiber Arts Workshop

Friday to Sunday, June 22nd to 24th,

Denmark Municipal Building, the Denmark Congregational Church and the Denmark Public Library,

Denmark, ME 04022

<http://www.pleasantmtfiber.com>

Roc Day Respun

March 10th 2018



Lunch at the spinning circle



One of the goat kids from Erica Mc Carthy's [Mini Minions](#)



At the spinning circle



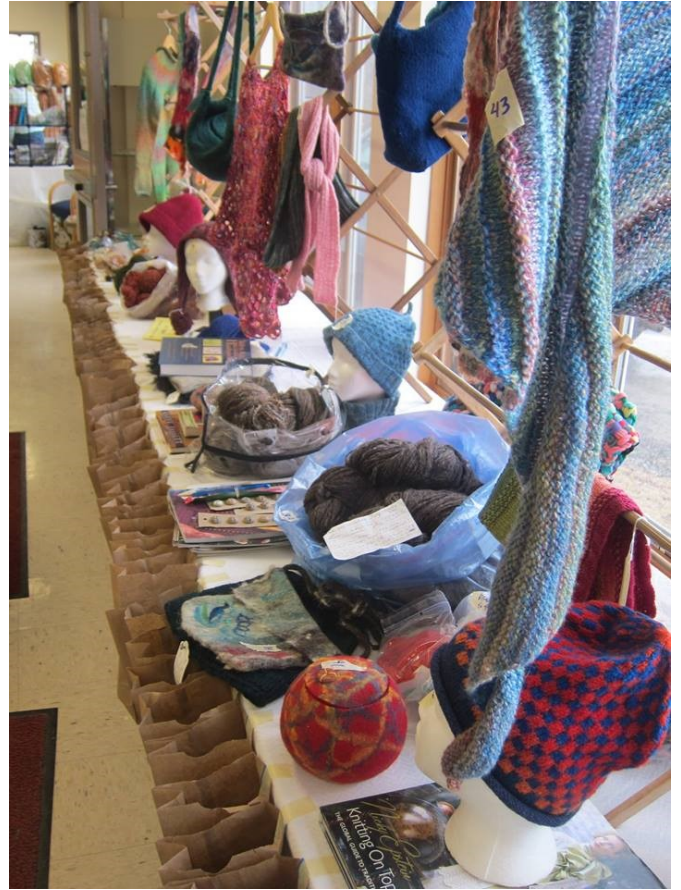
The proud winners of the hat-competition wearing their winning hats, in the middle Wendy Caffee, 1st place.

To the left Marguerite Hickernell 2nd place and

To the right Louise Henry, 3rd place



Fiber Quiz and Fiber Tasting



The Chinese Auction table



Lois demonstrating her electric spinner



Wayne on the great wheel



Majorie demonstrating Kumihimo



The Chakra workshop led by
Kathy, Glenna and Tammy



The felting workshop with Laurie Ament



Photos: Susan Verberg, Wayne Harbert, and Simon
St.Laurent



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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