

May
2018

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Message from the President

Dear Friends:

Ignoring my advice to myself that it would be wise to ease into the season after the inactivity of winter, I got carried away by these rare first warm days, so long in coming, and threw myself into my spring chores with an ardor that left me moving very slowly the rest of the week. Oh, well. The garden's dug, at least, and I've even started to revitalize my dyers' garden, much neglected these past few years. I've acquired some Japanese indigo seed (my favorite dye plant), and a fresh supply of fiber flax ('Lisette'), and have turned beds for both of them. I picked up more seed than I have room to plant, in the expectation that there might be others interested experimenting with these easy, pretty, well-behaved plants. I'll be bringing some packets of each of them to the May meeting, along with planting and harvesting instructions, for anyone willing to give them a home for the summer. Perhaps we can make a project of processing them toward the end of summer. I'll also be bringing a box of garage sale purchases (cones of yarn, a winder, etc.) that one of you left at the church last meeting. Hope to see you all there. ---

Wayne

May 2018

Next meeting is on May 12th
from 11am-2pm, and we'll

Spin and Relax

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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,

Minutes from the Meeting on April 14th

Roc-Day Respun: Everyone present at the meeting was very happy with Roc Day Respun. Our Roc Day coordinator, Yvonne, reported that everybody was happy with the event. She thanks everybody for the help to make this event work out.

Allison reported that the hat competition was a success. She and Anne are now gathering ideas for the next Roc Day competition. First ideas were a skein competition, or a neck warmer made from handspun.

The raffle made more money than in the previous year. However, awarding the items took a bit too long. In future it would be better, to first write down the names of the winners, before calling the winners to take their winnings. Also the noise level was pretty high. A boombox might help to amplify the announcements.

Some volunteers selling the raffle tickets would like a bit clearer explanations to their jobs. If ticket buyers are not there for the drawing, they need to make sure, they have somebody to pick up the item for them.

Anne was very happy with the smooth proceedings in the kitchen. She has everything written out, in case somebody else wants to take over responsibility next year.

Unfortunately, some food left-overs had to be thrown away. Next year, people should be reminded to take home the left-overs of the foods they brought to the potluck.

The new date worked surprisingly well. With the many helpers, the pack-up went so well, that we were in fact done almost half an hour earlier than needed. However, next time, we will ask the church for a back-up date from the on-set.

Programs: Sharon graciously agreed to be our new program director.

Several members said, it would be nice to do some guild projects during our meeting times. One idea was learning to spin fat singles during a guild meeting.

Ply Magazine is celebrating their fifth year of production with a [fifty one week spin-along challenge](#), a different yarn every week. Marjorie suggested that we adapt the idea to our guild setting, trying a different kind of yarn every months.

New Guild Officers: We will vote for new officers in fall, when more members are likely to attend after the summer lull.

Fiber News

Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

May 12th, 11am-2pm

Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

Annual Textile Bazaar

Friday, May 4th, 11am-5pm, and Saturday, May 5th, 10am-3pm

Artscape Youngplace
180 Shaw Street

Toronto, Canada

[http://www.textilemuseum.ca/programs/programs/annual-textile-bazaar-\(1\)](http://www.textilemuseum.ca/programs/programs/annual-textile-bazaar-(1))

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/>

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/ShepherdsWoolMarket/>

Laughing Goat Fiber Farm Open House

Saturday, May 12th, 12pm-5pm

1485 Mecklenburg Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

<https://laughinggoatfiber.com/>

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>

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Angelika St.Laurent



Treasurer's Report:

Here's a snapshot of the year:

We have received about \$1,000 in membership dues for 2018 so far.

We earned \$200 in vendor fees for Roc Day. The raffles, silent auction etc, grossed \$917, less expenses for kitchen and miscellaneous of \$157. Rent for the day is \$150, which is \$100 more than a normal meeting, but we don't figure it in the Roc Day expenses. Prizes for the day were \$90.

Other prizes and memberships are about \$150 annually. Workshops etc are accounted separately.

Our rent is \$700 annually. Insurance is \$192 and is paid. Our checking account balance is currently \$3,350.86. Pretty healthy! We could splurge on something for the members' benefit.

Louise Henry

Spinning Request for May 12th:

Lisa Ferguson from Laughing Goat Fiber holds an Open House Day at her farm (1485 Mecklenburg Rd.) on May 12th, from 12pm to 5pm. She is looking for fiber artists demonstrating their crafts:

We host an annual Open House and I like to invite groups to display their fiber/goat related activities. I notice that your monthly meeting falls on the same day in May, but would any members be interested in coming by to demonstrate for a hour or two?

Let me know if there's interest. We'll provide shelter and table/chairs, whatever they need.

If interested, contact Lisa directly at

lisa@laughinggoatfiber.com

Much further out, the Dryden Historical Society looks for spinners to demonstrate on October 6th. If interested, ask Wayne.

Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival

Saturday, May 19th 10am-5pm, and Sunday, May 20th, 10am-4pm.

Lycoming County Fair Grounds,
1 East Park Street
Hughesville, PA 17737

[http://](http://www.centralpennfiberfest.wordpress.com)

www.centralpennfiberfest.wordpress.com

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>

The Textile Museum of Canada

The Textile Museum of Canada is a small museum in downtown Toronto. Going there I expected to see a large variety of fabrics in glass cages with scientifically worded explanations of their origins. However, this was not at all what I found. In fact, there were only very few pieces of the museum's collection shown, with hardly any explanation. Instead the visitors were encouraged to write their thoughts to the pieces on sticky notes and place them on the walls. A large class room on the first floor was devoted to weaving and kumihimo classes. Unfortunately, I wasn't allowed to try out any of the looms outside of classes.

The rest of the floor featured weft faced tapestries by Jane Kidd. A few photos of her art can be seen on the museums website: <http://www.textilemuseum.ca/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/jane-kidd-curious> The exhibit also contained a few beautiful historic weft-faced fabrics, this time with explanations, and an option for visitors to try their hands on weft-faced weaving, even outside of classes.



Weaving classroom



Trying our hands at weft faced tapestry weaving

The upper floor featured an exhibition of 41 kimonos designed and produced by Itchiku Kubota (1917–2003). Itchiku Kubota brought new life to a 16th-century decorative technique known as tsujigahana, a combination of resist-dyeing techniques and ink-drawing that was once thought lost forever. The exhibition will remain open until May 13th.



Six kimonos by Itchiku Kubota

The museums gift shop featured a wealth of fiber related literature. All in all, the Textile Museum of Canada is a lovely and inspiring option of spending an hour or two in downtown Toronto. For more information and upcoming exhibitions see the museums website:

<http://www.textilemuseum.ca>

Sight Seeing with Fitting Sweaters:

Marilee Williams found this wonderful article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/03/style/sweater-guy-sam-barsky-landmarks.html>

Knitting Tutorials:

Looking for something to do with your yarn? Here is a hilarious tutorial on how (not) to knit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4_XNKOUODU



The goats at Laughing Goat Farm hope for your visit on May 12th.



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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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

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