

May  
2019

ROVING

## Message from the President

Winter's retreat's always long and grudging. Oh, well. The few shining days in April sufficed to get the garden turned, and at least this morning's threatened snow didn't materialize. May is the month that things really start springing up, literally and figuratively. You should take particular note of the calendar. The Home Textile Tool Museum in Orwell PA is opening on Saturday, May 18, with a flax spinning demonstration by Sue Quick and Kathy Halton. This will be the first of a series of events at the museum through the season involving members of our guild.

My Japanese indigo plants have started sprouting down in the laundry room, and I will bring in more seeds to give away for those of you who those of you who missed them in April.

We will also be holding our elections for the guild's new officers. A slate of candidates was presented at the April meeting, but there will be an opportunity for further nominations, including self-nominations, before we vote. Self-nominations for the office of Secretary would be particularly welcome, since at the moment no one is standing for that office. Since I'm about to be voted out of office, this will be my last presidential message, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say that working with you all over the last couple of years has been a delight. We are a remarkable community.

—Wayne

May 2019

Next meeting is on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 11am-2pm, we'll

## Elect New Officers

President	<a href="#">Wayne Harbert</a>
Vice President	<a href="#">Sue Quick</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Angelika St. Laurent</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Louise Henrie</a>
Newsletter	<a href="#">Angelika St. Laurent</a>
Workshops	<a href="#">Marcia Weinert</a>
Webmaster	<a href="#">Rosane Mordt</a>
Roc-Day	
Coordinator	<a href="#">Yvonne LaMontagne</a>

P.1	<b>President's Message</b>
P.2-3	<b>Fiber Fairs and Events</b>
P.2-3	<b>Guild News</b>
P.4	<b>Photos from April Meeting</b>
P.5	<b>Movie and Heavy Metal</b>
P.6	<b>Membership Form</b>
P.7	<b>Ads.</b>

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 Meeting Location: Starting this summer, our rent at the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing will double to \$100 a day (equivalent to \$1200 a year). The congregation also signaled that they like more flexibility in using the Parish Hall for other activities, asking us to pay on monthly basis, rather than for the full year. We voted to keep using the parish hall for the next two meetings. Wayne will inquire with the parish, if we can still rely on the parish hall as a regular meeting spot and especially, if we can rely on the space for Roc Day.

All members are asked to be on the look out for an alternative, potential meeting location in a reasonable price range.

Raise in Membership Fees: In order to cover our higher rental bills, we voted to increase membership fees by \$5 to yearly fee of \$25 starting January 2020.

New Guild Officers: In the May meeting, we will vote for new guild officers. Tammy Fazzi volunteered to become the new newsletter editor. Angelika St.Laurent volunteered to become the new president. Alternative nominations for both positions are welcome. We still need a volunteer to become the new secretary. Our other guild officers graciously agreed to continue for another year.

Workshops: We are planning to hold a natural dye workshop with a focus on indigo at Wayne's house end on September 14th.

Address List: We put together an address list featuring, names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of all members who opted in to be on it. The list is available in printed form at the next guild meeting. If you opted in to be on the list, but can't make it to the May meeting, please contact [Angelika St.Laurent](mailto:Angelika.St.Laurent). Members who do not opt in won't be featured on the list and will also not receive a copy of it.

Fingerlakes Celtic Games and Festival: The Fingerlakes Celtic Society invites hand spinners to demonstrate their craft at their festival on May 18<sup>th</sup>, in Shortsville, NY (see sidebar) Spinners are offered a free bag of raw alpaca wool. For more information email: [B McIntosh Clark@verizon.net](mailto:B.McIntosh.Clark@verizon.net).

Teaching Spinning at Cornell: A group of guild members taught Cornell students spinning in context with the biannually offered course on sheep. The class was well received by the students and had been a lot of fun for the teachers as well.

## Fiber News

### Upcoming BSHG Meetings:

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm

August 10th, 11am-2pm

Visit to the Hometextile Museum

September 14th

Natural Dye Workshop

### Fiber Events and Craft Fairs:

#### Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

Saturday, May 4th, 8:30am-6pm, and Sunday, May 5th, 8:30am-5pm.

Howard County Fairgrounds

2210 Fairgrounds Road

West Friendship, MD 21794

<https://www.sheepandwool.org>

#### Fingerlakes Celtic Games and Festival

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am- 7:00pm

4925 Collett Road

Shortsville, NY 14548

<http://www.flceltic.org/2018-festival-information/>

#### Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm, and Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm

Lycoming County Fairgrounds

Larabee Building

1 East Park Street,

Hughesville, PA 17737

<https://centralpennfiberfest.com/>

#### Opening Day Home Textile Tool Museum

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm

1819 Orwell Hill Road,

Rome, PA 18837

<https://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org>

## Guild News continued

Home Textile Tool Museum: Margaret Boritz, who is active in the group running the Home Textile Tool Museum in Orwell PA, invited us to an informal guild meeting at the museum on June 29th, from 10am-4pm. At this day members from several regional fiber guilds will congregate. This is a great opportunity to meet people from other guilds.

Additionally, we are hoping to make a guild trip to the museum on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss this further during the next meeting.

This year, the opening day for the museum is on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Sue Quick and Kathy Halton will be demonstrating linen spinning.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tammy Fazzi and Suzanne Schwartz will be teaching charkha spinning.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Harbert and other guild members will engage in wool waulking.

For the full summer schedule of the Home Textile Tool Museum check out their Website: [Home Textile Tool Museum](http://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org)

MAFA Conference: The MidAtlantic Fiber Association holds their biannual conference from June 27<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> in Millersville PA. Registration is still possible, even though a late fee applies and there are still spots in workshops available. The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild is member of MAFA. For more information see: [MAFA Website](http://www.mafafiber.org).

Yarn Sale at Ithaca Reuse: A local knitter and spinner died in an accident on Road 13. She left behind a large, high quality stash of yarn and some spinning fiber. Her family held a sale at Just-BeCause on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The left overs of that sale (still hundreds of high quality skeins) will be available at the Triphammer Re-Use Center starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Prices will presumably be about \$5 a skein.



## Fiber News

### Fiber Events and Craft Fairs continued:

#### CNY Fiber Arts Festival

Saturday and Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>,  
10am-4pm.

Butternut Hill Campground  
6893 Route 20

Bouckville, NY 13310

[www.cnyfiberarts.org](http://www.cnyfiberarts.org)

#### Informal Guild Meet at the Home Textile Tool Museum

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm

1819 Orwell Hill Road,  
Rome, PA 18837

<https://www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org>

#### MAFA Conference: United in Fiber

Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Millersville University,  
101 Shenks Lane,

Millersville, PA 17551

<https://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019>

## Pictures from April Meeting

(Photos: Wayne Harbert)



Marcia showing of a felted vest she made at a workshop at the [Schweinfurth Art Center](#) in Auburn.



Entrelac knitting (For those who are as mesmerized by the pattern as I am, here is a link to a [short tutorial](#))



Renata's felted hats. She works her flowers free style. Writing down her pattern does not work, as she is constantly improving her designs.

## Shepherdess of the Glaciers

Movie recommended by Jean Currie

[\\*Shepherdess of the Glaciers\\*](#) is a film made by Stanzin Dorjai about his sister. She is a lone shepherdess looking after a flock of sheep and cashmere goats in the Himalayan mountains of Ladakh. She was the only one in the family who did not leave the nomadic family and was willing to stay on to look after the family's animals. You will see her in both summer and winter moving the animals to find food, struggling through deep snow in winter, and how she lives in her tent with only a radio to keep her company. A couple of times a year she will come down to the village for shearing and supplies.

## Heavy Metal Knitting World

Marilee Williams found this newspaper clip about Heavy Metal Music and Knitting in Finland. For more reading, and the first knitting/Heavy Metal music clip follow this [Link](#)





**Membership Form**

*Please type or print*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DUES Record:</b>	
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

Programming

Newsletter

Membership

Website

Outreach

Treasurer

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

# Handmade Glass Whorls Buttons, Pins & Beads by Isinglass Design



glass whorls for  
medieval & viking  
inspired spindles

Beads, felted puppets and scarves now at Ithacemade  
www.glassbead.etsy.com  
facebook.com/glassbeadstudio



## Spinning Bunny

Hand Dyed Fiber & Yarn  
Hand Crafted Spindles & Stools  
Patterns, Kits, Accessories  
[www.spinningbunny.com](http://www.spinningbunny.com)  
[www.etsy.com/shop/spinningbunny](http://www.etsy.com/shop/spinningbunny)  
607-227-1216  
311B Tupper Rd, W. Danby, NY 14883

### TRINITY FARM

Registered Shetland and Icelandic Sheep  
hand-spun Yarns, Carded Roving, Well-Skirted fleece

Margaret G. Flowers    Matthew W. Dietert  
Aurora, NY 13026  
[www.trinityfarm.net](http://www.trinityfarm.net)  
315-246-1178    [mflowers@wells.edu](mailto:mflowers@wells.edu)

### Jim's Woodworks

Wheels & Spindles  
Skeinwinders  
Orifice Hooks  
Folding Spinning Stools  
Yarn Measurers  
Wheel Repairs



607/564-7178 or 607/227-1346  
<http://www.spinningbunny.com>



### Lady Llama Fiber Co.

Fine Fiber Arts Products

Kelli Terwilliger  
(716)673-5050  
[ladyllamafiberco@gmail.com](mailto:ladyllamafiberco@gmail.com)  
Shop: [www.ladyllamafiberco.etsy.com](http://www.ladyllamafiberco.etsy.com)

Handpainted Yarn  
Handspun Yarn  
Spinning Fibers  
Knitting Accessories  
...and more


## UNDENIABLY Loopy

Award-Winning Design & Instruction


MARCIA WEINERT  
knitting | handspinning | felting | crochet  
585 872 4267 | [undeniablyloopy@gmail.com](mailto:undeniablyloopy@gmail.com) | [www.undeniablyloopy.com](http://www.undeniablyloopy.com)

## Felted Flora

Hand Knit & Felted Designs  
by Renata Brenner  
[FeltedFlora@stny.rr.com](mailto:FeltedFlora@stny.rr.com)  
[www.etsy.com/shop/FeltedFlora](http://www.etsy.com/shop/FeltedFlora)



### CHEMUNG VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD



Dedicated to Preserving & Teaching the Art  
of Handspinning and other Fiber Arts.  
<http://chemungvalleyguild.wordpress.com/>

To place an ad

The cost for ads is \$5.00 per month for non-members. Current members may submit one business-card sized classified ad per month for free. Send a check made out to BSHG to our treasurer, Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Send the ad in digital form to the newsletter editor, [angelika@simonstl.com](mailto:angelika@simonstl.com). Business cards are published free for current members.