



NEWSLETTER

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Perfect weather for spinning!



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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

I'm wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025! As the guild, we start the year off with our Roc Day celebration. Roc Day will happen on January 11 th , from 10:00 am to 4pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints' Catholic Church in Lansing, 347 Ridge Road (34B).

I would like to welcome Ruby Schnirman as our new newsletter editor. This is Ruby's first edition. Thank you, for stepping forward and taking on the task!

Roc Day preparations are at full speed now. I have seen our poster at the local yarn store and other locations around town. The schedule and vendor lists are finalized and available on our web-site. Debbie Benzer and Roberta Sibley have collected many items for the Ellie Mae Paper bag raffle. If you still have donations for this year's raffle, please make sure they get to them by Friday, 1-10-25. Saturday morning donations will be difficult to incorporate into the set-up. Please, look deeper into this newsletter for volunteer schedules etc. For any questions, contact our Roc Day coordinator Yvonne LaMontagne (yvonnemarie999@gmail.com).

For this year's competition we have found two judges, Jean Currie and Marianne Pelletier, who will select the most skillfully made hat. There will also be two further prizes, the most beautiful and the most creative, awarded by public vote.

Hoping to see you all on Roc Day,

Angelika

Note: Last chance to donate an item for the Roc day raffle!

Drop off at Debbie's house 714 North Cayuga St. (blue bin on porch) until January 9th or bring item to All Saints on Friday January 10 at 4:30pm when we will be setting up.



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Guild News

Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be Roc Day on Saturday, January 11th, 10-4 PM, in the Parish Hall of the All Saint's Church

Address: 346 Ridge Rd, Lansing

New Members

If you know of folks who would like to join, please have them contact Louise Henrie and pay dues at: henrielm6@aol.com.

Address List

We put together a list of names, email addresses, and telephone numbers for guild members. This list is available in printed form at guild meetings or by request to Secretary, Roberta Sibley at robertainez@yahoo.com.

Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2024. Please pay at a meeting, send your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or now you may send money via Venmo to Black-Sheep-NY

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: rschnir@gmail.com

Guild Officers

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| President | Angelika St. Laurent | Newsletter | Ruby Schnirman |
| Vice President | OPEN | Workshops | Marianne Pelletier |
| Secretary | Roberta Sibley | Webmaster | Rosane Mordt |
| Treasurer | Louise Henrie | Roc Day Coordinator | Yvonne LaMontagne |



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Roc Day 2025

Hello Black Sheep Handspinners

Roc Day 2025 is this coming Saturday, January 11th! Volunteer slots are filled. Please check the volunteer sheet for when/what you have signed up for, and THANK YOU to all who volunteered!

Donations of raffle items can be made right up until Roc Day. Please consider donating something “fibery”. Donations can be dropped off at Debbie Benzer’s home or dropped off Friday, January 10, at All Saints Church between 4:30 and 6:00.

We will have many vendors selling their wares and look forward to many tasty dishes to share at the dish to pass lunch.

If you bring luncheon food:

- 1) Try to get your dish to the kitchen before 11:30 Saturday morning
- 2) Be sure to bring a card with the ingredients of your dish
- 3) Bring serving utensils for your dish and label the dishes/utensils with your name
- 4) Please take back home your dishes and what does not get consumed

Thank you for your help with the above.

Looking forward to the workshops, demos, the competition, the spinning circle, the raffle and silent auction, a little music and some very tasty food. If you will be attending the Visible Mending and Darning workshop, please consider bringing an item of yours that needs mending. And if you have a Black Sheep nametag, please bring it to wear that day. The Schedule, Vendor List, And Volunteer List are included with this newsletter.

The Roc Day flyer was sent out with the last newsletter. Please print out and post wherever you know of a spot. Fingers crossed for good weather.... And please pass the word to you friends and neighbors!

Yvonne and all the coordinators for Roc Day 2025



Our Vendors Roc Day 2025

Mary Miller, Dear Mary Handspun and Handwoven - Hand-woven and hand-spun towels and scarves, hand-knit socks from my hand-spun yarns. Hand-spun skeins, from cobweb to chunky weight, from dyers such as Hello Yarn, Southern Cross, and Spunky Eclectic.

Robin Nistock, Nistock Farms - Cotswold fleece, roving, dyed and natural curls, spinning batts and yarn. Felting core wool batting, moth repellent essential oils, silk top and hankies. Hand crafted tools for fiber artists. Frames and tools for rug hooking, Oxford rug punch and punch needle embroidery. Drop spindle kits, books and glitz fibers for all your blending needs. nistockfarms.com

Lisa Merian, Spinner's Hill - Hand-dyed roving, fiber blends, batts, and yarns. Also fiber arts supplies. spinnershill.com

Margaret Flowers, Trinity Farm - Icelandic and Shetland fleece, rovings, and hand-spun yarns, hand-made sheep milk soaps, original needle-felted creations. trinityfarm.net

Heather Warren, Lochan Mor Farm - Roving, yarns, hand dyed locks and raw fleeces from Angora goats and rabbit, Leicester Longwools, Romeldale CVMs, Romney, Shopshire, and Blue Faced Leicester sheep. Lochan Mor Farm (FB)

Dan and Lorraine Tracy, Dan Tracy Designs - Spinner's De'Lite (single and double versions), drop spindles, Tibetan spindles, Dealgan Scottish Spindles, Mayan Spinners, ring distaffs, Lucets, Multiple Kates. dantracydesigns.com

Nancy Morey, Shadeyside Farm and Fibers LLC. - Fleece, locks (natural and dyed), carded roving and batts, and yarn from our flock. Silk fibers in all forms and blends with other fibers. Camel and yak tops and blends with other fibers from around the world. Small batch hand dyed tops, mohair locks, and yarns. shadeysidefibers.com

Local Fiber will have handmade buttons for sale



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Schedule Roc Day 2025

Doors Open 10:00 - 4:00 Spinning Circle, Vendors

10:00 Doors Open

10:30 Last chance to hand in your project for the competition

10:30 - 11:30 Workshop: Beginning Spinning with Angelika St. Laurent

10:45 Demonstration: Spinning Tricks Around the World
with Suzanne Schwartz and Ruby Schnirman

11:30 - 1:30 Dish-to-pass luncheon with music by Six Mile Craic

12:30 - 2:00 Workshop: Visible Mending and Darning
with Mary White and Kristen Olson
Bring your items needing mending!

12:30 Demonstration: Hand Exercises for Knitters with Ruby Schnirman

1:30 Demonstration: Sit On Your Distaff with Lois Swales

1:30 Sale of Raffle tickets and Silent Auction END

2:30 Presentation of raffle items/silent auction items to winners.
You or your designee must be present to win

2:50 Prizes awarded to winners of the competition

4:00 Celebration ends for this year.
We hope to see you next year!



Apricot Fruitcake Recipe from Angelika St. Laurent

Ingredients

- 1 cup of cut up dried apricots
- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup tart cherry concentrate
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 stick of butter, cut up fine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoons of salt
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 cup of oat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 6 egg whites
- 2 pounds of dried fruit, unsulphured, cut small (apples, cranberries, prunes)
- 1 cup of raisins
- 1 cup of pecan nut pieces
- 1 cup oat flour

Simmer apricots in water until soft, puree. Add water, juice concentrate, butter, sugar, and salt, while apricot puree is still warm. The butter will melt into the rest of the mixture.

Divide eggs. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Then beat the egg yolks with the apricot mix, until fluffy. Lift 1 cup oat flour and baking soda under the mixture. Then lift stiff egg whites under the mix.

Preheat oven to 275F.

Mix fruits and nuts with one cup oat flour.

Butter and flour two bread pans.

Lift fruits under the dough. Fill everything into the bread pans. Put in oven. Bake for 2 hours.



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New Member's Form

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Address _____

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, Angelika St. Laurent know.

Roc Day Programming

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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Rachael Skye (734) 476-0634. Please fill this out and either bring it to a meeting, mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or send via Venmo to Black-Sheep-NY.



Volunteer Schedule for 11 January, 2025

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| <p>Set-up Friday 4:30 - 6pm - Yvonne L.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marianne Pelletier 2. Anna Murray-Bartels 3. Kristen Olson 4. Mary Nichols 5. Arija Restbergs 6. Angelika StLaurent <p>Raffle Set-Up - Deb Benzer, Roberta Sibley Lois Swales - Wheels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Sharon Gombas 8. Lynne Anguish 9. Sue Quick | <p>Welcome Table - Kathy Halton</p> <p>9:45-10:45 Kathy Halton</p> <p>10:45-11:45 Marilee Williams</p> <p>11:45-12:45 Anna Murray-Bartels</p> <p>12:45-1:45 Jen DeRosa</p> <p>1:45-2:45 Barb Neal</p> <p>2:45-3:45 Ruby Schnirman/Cailin McMahan</p> |
| <p>Spinning Circle - Melody Narveaz</p> <p>10-11 Anna Murray-Bstels</p> <p>11-12 Eliza Brown</p> <p>12-1 Rhonda Porras</p> <p>1-2 Lynne Anguish</p> <p>2-3 Kathy Halton</p> | <p>Raffle - Debbie Benzer, Roberta Sibley</p> <p>10-11 Jen DeRosa</p> <p>10-11 Beth Varnieur</p> <p>11-12 Louise Henrie</p> <p>11-12 Kathi Sovocool</p> <p>12-1:30 Susan Sarabasha</p> <p>12-1:30 Kathi Sovocool</p> <p>1:30-3 Rhonda Porras</p> <p>1:30-3 Roberta Sibley</p> <p>1:30-3 Debbie Benzer</p> |
| <p>Kitchen - Jean Currie, Sharon Gombas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (9-11) Sue Quick 2. (9-11) Vickie Marsted 3. (11-1) Sarah Davis 4. (11-1) Marianne Pelletier 5. (11-1) Christianne White 6. (12-2) Barbara Bowman | <p>Floaters - Yvonne LaMontagne</p> <p>10-11 Louise Henrie</p> <p>11-12 Jen DeRosa</p> <p>12-1 Lynne Anguish</p> <p>1-2 Marilee Williams</p> <p>2-3 Kylie Spooner</p> <p>3-4 Kylie Spooner</p> |
| <p>Competition - Angelika St.Laurent</p> <p>Competition Table</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (9:30-10:30) Sierra Coathup 2. (10:30-11:30) Kay Stickane 3. (11:30-12:30) Raven Magill 4. (12:30 till announced) Angelika StLaurent | <p>Clean-Up 4 - 6:30 pm - Yvonne L.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yvonne LaMontagne 2. Kylie Spooner 3. Kristen Olson 4. Arija Restbergs 5. Sharon Gombas |