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# ROVINGS



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## Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

**Our July 11th meeting** will be 11-3pm at 347 Ridge Rd in Lansing.

### New York State Fair

August 20-September 1  
NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse NY



Birdsnest photo from Marilee Williams: "Wise redwings took advantage of loose fleece. Maybe they won't migrate since the nest is insulated"

# Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It's hot and humid and quite recognizably Ithaca summer. At least my bunny enjoys the overabundance of weeds that thrive in my yard this year. I'm trying to keep cool by choosing wintery photos for our Roc Day competition. Until July 11 th , the day before our next meeting, you can now vote for one out of six photos to serve as inspiration for our 20-26 Roc Day challenge following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrjcAMWQSnUQbAluQ98qyledUQir2HjEaVAgTZ3Sm-TuDDzw/viewform>.

We will hold our next meeting on Saturday, July 12 th , 11am-3pm, in the parish hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road). Marianne will bring cotton punis and her charkha for us to try our hand at cotton spinning. If you have a cotton spindle at home, bring it along.

Hope to see you soon,  
Angelika



# Guild News

## Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be on **Saturday, July 11th, 11-3 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](mailto: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](mailto:robertainez@yahoo.com).

## Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2025. 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](mailto:rschnir@gmail.com)

## Guild Officers

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



# Vote for Roc Day 2026 Challenge Photo

Angelika St. Laurent

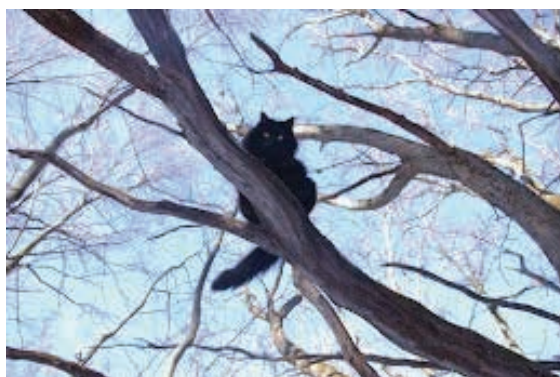
I know, Roc Day is still a long time away, but I love Roc Day challenges and this one had some preparation time so we are getting started early. (Obviously, spinners who enjoy a close deadline, still can start on their project January 1 st 2026.) Our challenge will be to create a scarf inspired by a photo. I received photo submissions from Pricilla Jean, Susan Verberg, and Simon St.Laurent. There are six photos taking during the winter months in the Finger Lakes area. There are two photos featuring animals, two featuring a landscape, and two our human environment. Take your pick and vote following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrcjAMWQSnUQbAluQ98qyledUQir2HjEaVAgTZ3Sm-TuDDzw/viewform>

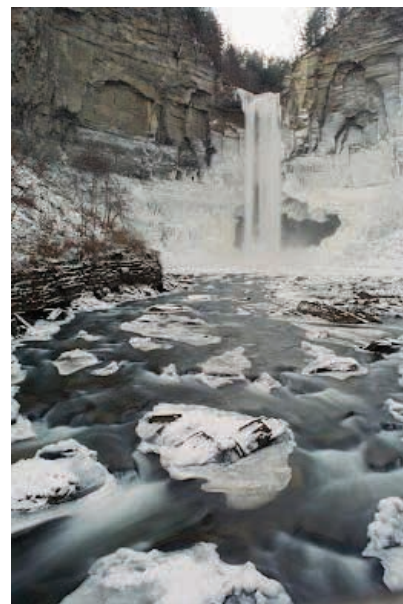
Voting ends July 11th, the winning photo will be revealed at the next guild meeting.



Ram looking out on snowy pasture



Black cat on tree



Taughannock Fall in winter



Sign at protest



Target parking lot in fog



Cayuga Lake with birds



# Member Ads and Announcements

## **Tour de Fleece Participants**

Karey Solomon is looking to interview anyone participating in the Tour de Fleece for a newspaper article. If this is you, please email her at [threads@empireaccess.net](mailto:threads@empireaccess.net). (Karey also noted that she is trying to get through the two pounds of mystery roving that she picked up at the yard sale for \$2).

## **Cotton Spinning at Next Meeting**

It's hot out! Let's try spinning cotton. Marianne will bring her charkha and two cotton spindles to try out spinning cotton. If you have a charkha or cotton spindle, bring it! Marianne will bring punis.





# New York State Fair Spinning Competition

The NYS Fair competition registration for 2025 is now open. Scroll down to Art & Home Center for the links for the rules and entry form. Handspun Yarn is Division K. Thanks Marilee for forwarding! Sign up at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competi->



# From the Archives

Enjoy this excerpt from the July 1981 newsletter-- at the time of writing, a nice cool rain sounds like what we need in Ithaca right now too. --Ruby

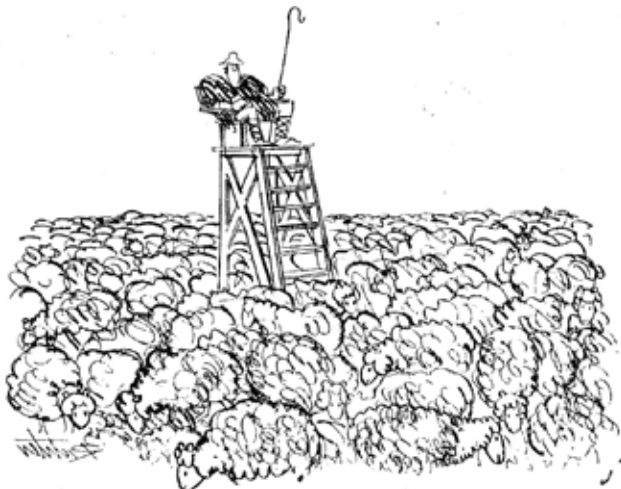
BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD  
Ithaca, New York

NEWSLETTER #43 -- July, 1981  
*Edited by Jean Warholio*

My, what a busy summer it has been -- and we are only half-way through it now! We hope you have managed to squeeze in a little spinning in addition to tending to gardens, flower-beds, freezing vegetables (and green thumbs from shelling peas), and the usual outdoor tasks... As this newsletter is being typed, we need some rain soon, as things are pretty dry, and a few people have had a little trouble with wells drying up or shortages of water. Perhaps by the time you receive this, we will have had a nice soaking, cooling rain!

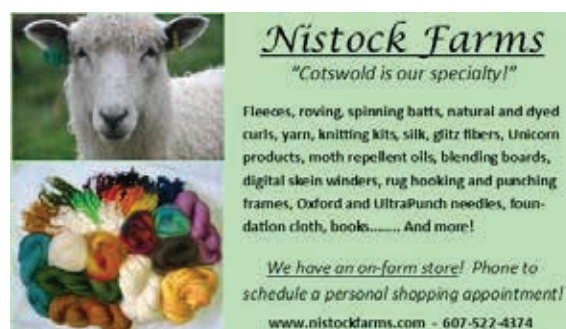
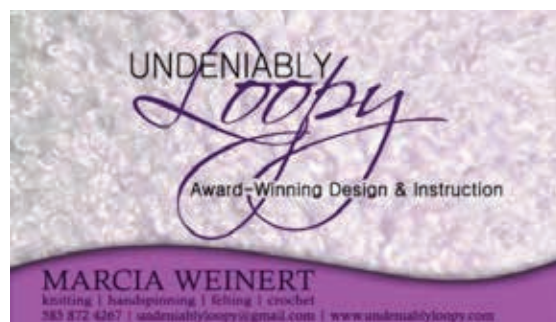
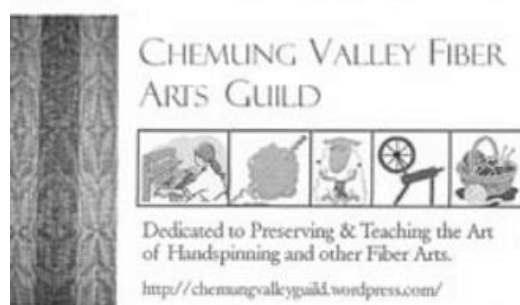
Thanks to Doris Brown and Jean Warholio for some nice dyepots at our July 13 meeting -- we got some nice reds and pinks, and blues! (PLEASE check what you took home, however, as at least one person did not find his handspun skein on the clothes-line at the end of the day -- bring it to the August get-together!) But most of all, BRAVOS to Marion Wikoff, son Chris, and Maria Steve for their EXCELLENT barbequed lamb and all the efforts that went into it -- that lovely lamb was delicious and disappeared so quickly!!! What a nice surprise and we all appreciated it very much!!

Here is the answer key to the crossword that was re-printed in last month's newsletter (originally from June 1977, this answer key appears in the August 1977 newsletter).





# Guild Vendors





## New Member's Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Ruby Schnirman (401)-486-7237. 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.

