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Large needlepoint, for those of us who need some gardening inspiration in the hot days ahead

Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

Our June 14th meeting will be 11-3pm at 347 Ridge Rd in Lansing.

Contribute fiber art to Sun Day Wool 2025. More information here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TMBYsCuYhX-K7EbTEtB0qFKK-gkHXO2hms/view>

Northeast Fiber Exchange Wool Buying Days: June 12th-13th in Bergin, NY. More information here: <https://www.hvtextileproject.org/nefx>

Central New York Fiber Festival
June 7-8, 10am-4pm
Herkimer County Fairgrounds
<https://cnyfiberarts.org/>

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

I was kind of sad not being able to make it to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, but then the festival came up to Ithaca, well at least the part with the endless rain and inundation. Big thanks to Sharon Gombas, Marianne Pelletier, and Lynn Anguish for battling the inundation that happened in the Parish Hall at the end of our last meeting. I contacted the priest and the church office, and plumbers were called. So, we'll likely be spinning with dry feet on our next meeting on June 14 th , 11am-3pm, in the parish hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road.)

Our Mai meeting was lots of fun. The pot-luck was delicious, and the competition had three well deserving winners. I'm looking forward to doing this again, next year. By the way, if you have brought something delicious to this or previous pot-lucks, please, share a recipe with Ruby.



Guild News

Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be on **Saturday, June 14th, 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.

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 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

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



Guild Cookbook: Call for Recipes

Guild meetings and Roc Days have featured many excellent dishes from our members. In the tradition of community cookbooks, I would like to put together a small collection of recipes from our Guild so that these recipes can be enjoyed outside of meetings!

Please forward recipes that you would like to be included to Ruby at rschnir@gmail.com. These can be dishes that you have brought to Guild meetings, but they do not need to be.

If you are bringing a dish to the May potluck meeting, please consider contributing the recipe!

Anybody who is feeling inspired to draw or create images for the cookbook-- food-focused, fiber-focused, or otherwise-- is encouraged to contact Ruby as well.



Member Ads and Announcements

Large loom for sale

Suzanne Horvath, sister of the late Bill Bartlett, who was a longtime member of the Guild, is selling Bill's large loom. Please contact Suzanne at fshorvath@frontiernet.net to make an offer or for more information.



Drum carder for sale (\$300)

Elizabeth Gossner is selling a Patrick Green drum carder with a 7" wide drum. It will adapt to fine wools or Icelandic types. \$300 OBO. Please contact (315)-852-3344 if interested.



Member Ads and Announcements

Continued

Finn fleece for sale

Elizabeth Gossner will bring a few bags of available Finn fleece to the meeting.

Winter fleece available for sale

Bob Morena has winter fleeces available from 4 black, 8 white, 1 mottled (black and brown) sheep. Contact him at (607)-368-6340 or at morenabob34@gmail.com



New York State Fair

Volunteering and Spinning Competition

Please consider signing up to volunteer at the New York State Fair's Wool Center! The Wool Center at State Fair runs 8/27 through 9/1 with mornings, afternoons and evenings slots. **Contact Linda Miller, 315-440-6049 for more information or to sign up by June 15th.** Volunteers get free state fair passes and parking tickets!

This year there will be a new Wool Center much closer to the parking lot and with air conditioning. The children's area will have a loom, drop spindles, a box tape loom, frame with rug hooking, coloring board, handouts, and iPad or kindles with question and answer info.

Many Guild members have volunteered at the Wool Center in previous years. Susan Quick says "This is really fun to meet new spinners and show fair attendees what the craft is all about. I've demoed for many years, and I always have a good time."

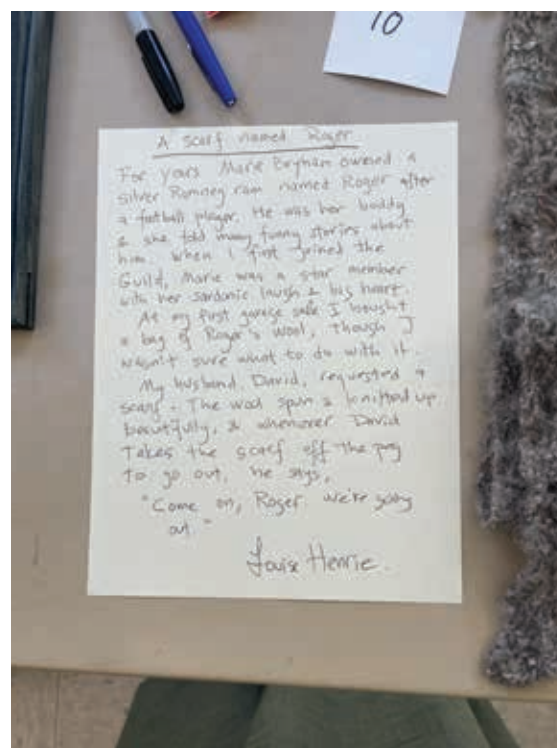


The NYS Fair competition registration for 2025 is now open. Scroll down to Art & Home Center for the links for the rules and entry form. Handspun Yarn is Division K. Thanks Marilee for forwarding! Sign up at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>



Marie Bryhan Competition

The first annual competition in memorial of Marie Bryhan was a success at the May meeting. Congratulations to the three winners!



From the Archives

In procrastinating preparing for a Big Exam this past month I've been going through the archive of newsletters and have been enjoying reading about what the Guild has been up to in the past 50ish years (this also made me realize we haven't had a newsletter format update in over 12 years). I hope you get a kick out of these excerpts from the June and September 1977 newsletters, especially the custom-designed fiber-themed crossword. The answer to the crossword will be in next month's newsletter for anybody who may try to solve this one (or you can find it in the July 1977 edition). --Ruby

 BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER #10 - June, 1977
 Ithaca, New York *Edited by Jean Warholic*

Well, the merry month of May was certainly full of fun and surprises! We had the full range of weather (from a startling snowstorm to 90°+ blistering days), in addition to all the Guild goings-on. Although we have been needing a good soaking rain (and at this writing, the clouds are threatening, but nothing has happened yet), the peonies are in full bloom, the iris have been spectacular, gardens (those that are in, ahem!) are looking good and coming along well, and we seem to be sailing into June full steam. Another summer, and so soon it seems, what a struggle to keep up with ourselves... And to think that in 20-some days, the days will begin getting shorter!!

STATE FAIR RESULTS -- whooooopeeee! There were over 50 entries received and the Fair officials were pleased. We have been assured that they will have categories for handspun next year. GOOD! Now we will have to show them how glad we are and come through next year as well as we did this year! We are pleased no end to give you the list of winners in this area: MARIA STEVE, 1st Place, machine-carded (and that skein was gorgeous!) (and Maria didn't tell me to say that); JEAN WARHOLIC, 1st Place, hand-carded, Hon. Mention, hand-combed; LINDA OLDS, 2nd Place, hand-carded, 2nd Place, hand-combed; and last, but never least, the person who taught these three to spin, KAY ROSS, 3rd Place, machine-carded, 3rd Place, hand-carded. (See what a good teacher she is?!!!) We should also definitely add that Kay Ross received an Honorable Mention for her handsome woven coat -- a double honor because of the stiff competition in the weaving categories (there are two measely categories: Traditional [1st place was won by a former student of Miss Ross's] and Contemporary -- WEAVERS, REVOLT!!!). And just in case you think the judges didn't reject any skeins, they did -- one of Jean Warholic's and one of Kay Ross's... The four who entered this year are drafting a letter to the State Fair people, thanking them warmly for having the categories and making suggestions for next year's categories. Please contact any of the four above if you want to offer your suggestions -- how about a "novelty yarn" category, or non-wool, or...?? Items from handspun? There is a shortage of prize money, so that will be a consideration. We will be reminding you about next year's Fair entries earlier than we did before, too. (We are sorry to report that Thistledown only had one entry... ahem.)



From the Archives

AVING ON A CROSS WORD (or with The Sheepish Grin)

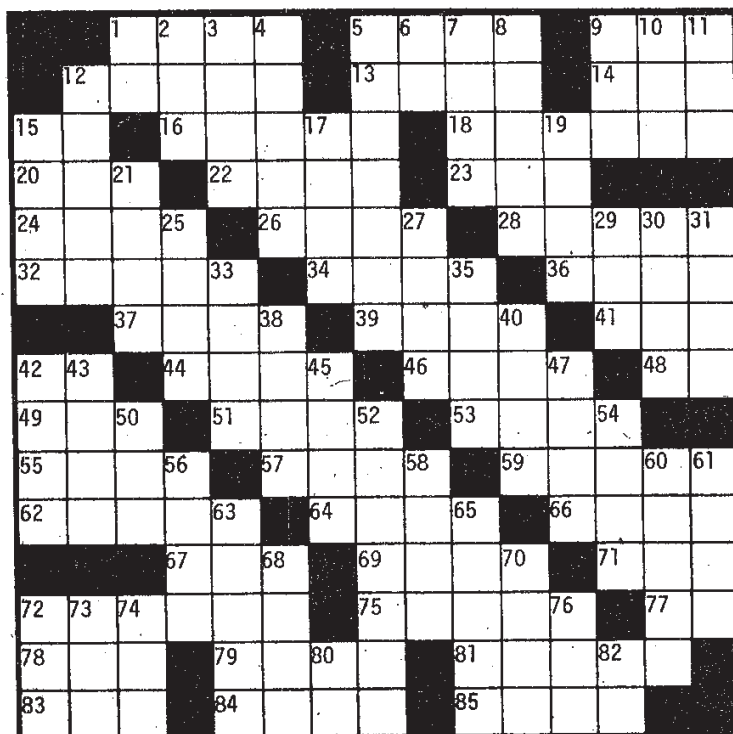
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ACROSS

1. Diplomacy
5. _____ a bobbin
9. Greek letter
13. Smell
14. Ground cavity
15. Back Order (abbr.)
16. Fleece to _____
18. An antiseptic
20. Auditor (abbr.)
22. Ladies _____ traw
23. Recline
24. An attempt (colloq.)
26. Hebrew letter
28. To separate fibers
32. Leftover warp thread
34. Necessity
36. _____ cotton
37. Mouth (slang)
39. _____ down
41. Research (abbr.)
42. An interjection
44. E. African River
46. _____ spindle
48. Personal pronoun
49. Tennis stroke
51. Kind of star
53. Sound perceiving parts
55. Weaver's frame
57. Horizontal threads
59. Flower yielding yellow dye
62. _____ rack
64. Loom device
66. San Blas Island blouse
67. Male youth
69. Mordant
71. Neither
72. Sheep's covering
75. Old Testament juniper
77. Above position
78. Be ill
79. Former name of Ireland
81. Fleece wave
83. Ineffectual thing
84. Past tense of slide
85. To become aware of sounds

DOWN

1. Tellurium (chem.)
2. Woof
3. Infant's quarters
4. Cashmere's home
5. Yarn from parallel arrangement of fibers



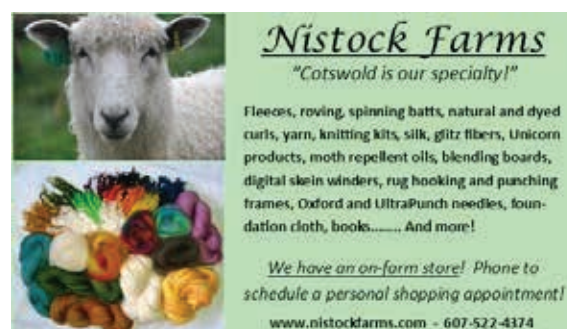
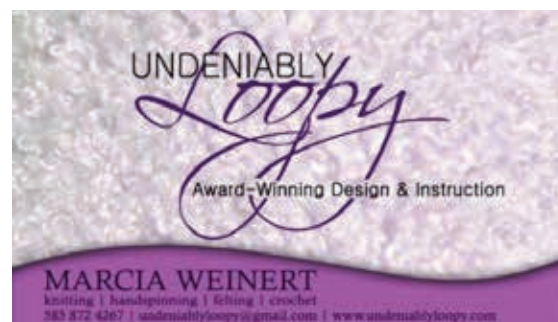
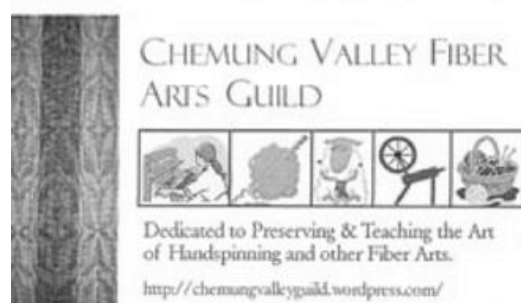
Down (continued)

6. Part of psyche
7. Short piece of silk
8. A legal right
9. Weaving term
10. Stannous chloride
11. Noun suffix
12. Oral cavity
15. Plant stem fiber
17. Natural dyer's paradise
19. Extending far downward
21. To move suddenly
25. To destroy by fire
27. Shep_____
29. Invisible mixture of gases
30. Kind of duck
31. To lessen
33. Chief
35. To challenge
38. Farm implement
40. Dyestuff yielding blue
42. Right angles
43. Circular band
45. Always
47. Perambulator (Brit. colloq.)
50. Disapproving sound
52. Frightened
54. Suffix (meaning the act)
56. Burrowing mammal
58. Prefix (far off)
60. Small vessel
61. Any fiber spun into strands
63. To weave together
65. Netherlands people
68. The devil
70. Nothing more than
72. Craze
73. Long Island University (abbr.)
74. Old age
76. Missing In Action (abbr.)
80. Rhode Island (abbr.)
82. Man's title

The first three to send in correct complete solution can come to select \$5 each of their choice of item(s) from The Sheepish Grin.



Guild Vendors



New Member's Form

Name _____

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	Newsletter
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Outreach	Treasurer

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.

