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Volunteering at the NY State Fair !

Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

Our September 13th meeting
will be 11-3pm at 347 Ridge Rd in Lansing.

Freville Fiber Festival

September 21st
43 Main Street, Freeville NY

Chemung County Fiber Festival

October 4th
Southport, NY

NY State Sheep and Wool Festival

October 18th-19th
Dutchess County Fairgrounds,
Rhinebeck, NY

Cornell Sheep and Goat Symposium

October 31st-November 2nd
Cornell University, Ithaca NY

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It has been pretty dry lately. The gorge in Butter Milk State Park is almost empty. I went there anyways and run into an old friend and his son on the hike. The youngster was full of enthusiasm about having learned how to spin at the state fair. If you have volunteered to demonstrate spinning either at the state fair or on other opportunities, know your enthusiasm for the fiber arts is catching on. In that sense, I'm looking forward to our next guild meeting, September 13th , 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing.

A big Thank You to Julia Gray for putting together an amazing natural dye workshop and inviting participants to her own home at that! I learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Plus, I now have four ounces of interestingly plant dyed fiber I hope to turn into a hat.

We have a lot to do in that meeting: We need to find a new vice president and a new Roc Day coordinator. We also need to start off our Roc Day planning. Spinners, who enjoy demonstrating their skills in public have two opportunities coming up:

Sunday, September 21 st , from 12pm-4pm, will be the Freeville Fiber Festival. A tent will be set up for fiber artists of all kind to come in and demonstrate their craft.

And on October 4th, the Chemung County Cornell Cooperative Extension is organizing a fiber fest in Southport, and is looking for volunteers and exhibitors.

Hope to see you soon,
Angelika



Guild News

Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be on **Saturday, September 13th, 11-3 PM**, in the Parish Hall of the All Saint's Church

Address: 347 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

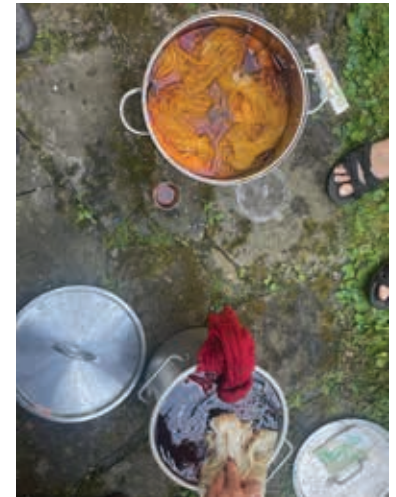
Guild Officers

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Secretary	Roberta Sibley	Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Treasurer	Louise Henrie	Roc Day Coordinator	Yvonne LaMontagne



Dye Day 2025

Dye Day was a huge success! THANK YOU to Julia Gray for sharing her time, knowledge, materials, and space. Thank you also to those who sent in these lovely photos.



Member Ads and Announcements

Guild Retreat Survey

Anna and Kylie entreat you to please fill out the retreat survey attached to this email and found on the next page. They would like to know what is preventing more guild members from attending the retreat, and would love to have young guild members join the retreat. Please return the survey to Anna Murray-Bartels at janedoe272@aol.com.

Free Dye Pots

Karey Solomon is giving away two large enamelware dyepots, free to the first person who wants them. Please contact Karey at threads@empireaccess.net.

Wheels, Drum Carder, Weaving Cones

Karey Solomon is selling the following. Please email threads@empireaccess.net if interested. For sale:

- Ashford Traveler double treadle spinning wheel, beautifully finished, on-board 3-bobbin lazy Kate; barely used, comes with 14 bobbins. \$375.
- New Majacraft Suzie, double treadle spinning wheel, new, list price \$1,500, sale price \$1,100.
- Strauch Finest drum carder, hand crank, chain drive. \$275.
- Cones of wool and cotton for weaving. \$10/pound.

Call for Volunteers

The Chemung County Cornell Cooperative Extension is hosting a brand-new fiber fest on October 4th. The Chemung guild will be spinning, and has invited us to join them. If you are interested in volunteering to spin, or if you have other skills or workshops that you would like to share, please contact Niskua Medina at nm672@cornell.edu.



"Moxie meets the sheep"
from Marilee Williams



Guild Retreat Survey

Black Sheep Retreat Survey

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A BLACK SHEEP RETREAT IN THE PAST?

IF NO:

- What kept you from attending?

- If there was a lower cost OPTION (e.g. dorm style room), would that influence your decision to attend? Y/N

- Would you consider attending the retreat if there was a partial scholarship option? Y/N

IF YES:

- Did you attend in the past and stop going? Why?

- How many days do you prefer the retreat to be? (In the past it was two days, but we did three days last year) _____

- Last year we had our retreat at Watson Woods. Would you go back there? Y/N. If no, why _____

- How did you feel about having a "field trip" to the local yarn shops? _____

ALL: How would you feel about having a class during the retreat? Y/N, Ideas?

Please include any comments to help make our retreat better:

Please return to Anna Murray-Bartels – janedoe727@aol.com



From the Archives

Here's an energetic and seasonally relevant excerpt from the September 1977 newsletter, and an ad featured in the December 1982 newsletter.

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD
Ithaca, New York

NEWSLETTER #12 - September 1977
Edited by Jean Warholia

What glorious and splendiferous fall weather we've been having!!! And by now you have surely canned all those tomatoes, pickled all those pickles, and dried and frozen everything else edible -- even all those flowers and plants you promised yourself that you would do for winter dyepots... (HA!!) The first frost almost becomes a treat. But think of all that good winter eating -- and dyeing -- that is truly the best part!!!

This is another FAT newsy newsletter, so brace yourself. And if it sounds a bit discom-
bobulated (that is nothing new!), there is a great deal to cover... Classes are start-
ing, there are places to go and things to do, a good Ad Section, news about this and
that -- not to mention the Wool Day Report, at last, and a membership up-date for you to
make note of. Furthermore, this is your last Newsletter until after the November meet-
ing and officer elections (see the last page for the Newsletter schedule). No October
newsletter.



GRAZING IN THE GRASS

Sick and tired of having mowed the lawn all summer, aren't you? You should have called Louis Valente, of Oak Hill, N.Y. For \$50 a summer, he'll rent you one of the 125 sheep he and his family raise, and the little lamb will eat your ivy and the rest of the backyard.

Honest. We're not trying to pull the wool over your eyes. More than 70 people have flocked to him since April, mostly those who have several acres or more that need cutting. "You can say we cater to the upper upper class," notes Valente, a former New York City policeman. "It's sort of a status symbol for them."



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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.

