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## Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

### Our April 11th meeting

will be 11-3pm at 347 Ridge Rd in Lansing.

### Old School Wool & Weaving Center Open House

April 18th, 9AM in South Otselic, NY

### Ontario Handspinning Seminar

June 5-7, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

### CNY Fiber Arts Festival

June 6-7, Herkimer County Fairgrounds.

\*Looking for demonstrators!\*

### Connected Stitches Retreat

June 26-28, see Ads and Announcements for details

### Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

First weekend in May, Howard County Fairgrounds

### Homestead Heritage Day Fair

Saturday, September 19th in Dryden

\*Looking for demonstrators!\*



Still from the 1964 Czech animated short "A Woolly Tale." See the full video at <https://archive.org/details/a-woolly-tale>. Sent in by Marcia Weinert.

# Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It's April, and I'd wish the news I read lately were all April fools' jokes. At least, there is still spinning to keep my sanity. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on our next meeting, this Saturday, April 11 th , 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road). Our April meeting will host our annual guild garage sale. If there are fibers, tools, fiber-related books or yarn in your stash you don't love anymore, bring them to the meeting and sale them to another guild member, who will be happy to have them.

Coming up in May is the Marie Bryhan memorial prize. The prize was sponsored by Marie's husband, Bob Morena. Last months, Bob also died. So, we will have to celebrate the memory of both. Bob leaves behind a flock of well-loved and cared for sheep. If any sheep keeper in the guild is able to adopt this flock, please contact their son Matt Morena. To participate in the competition, bring an item you have made yourself during the last year (counting from the May meeting), containing at least 50% wool and 50% of your own handspun yarn. The winner will be elected by public vote.

Jennifer DeRosa is now officially our new Vice President and holder of the key. Thank you so much, for stepping up, Jen!

Hope to see you all on Saturday,  
Angelika



# Guild News

## Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be on **Saturday, April 11th, 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](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 2026. 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	Rose Helmbright	Workshops	Marianne Pelletier
Secretary	Roberta Sibley	Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Treasurer	Louise Henrie	Roc Day Coordinator	Marianne Pelletier and Anna Bartels



# Marie Bryhan Memorial Competition

The competition is held in Memory of Marie Bryhan, a longtime member of the guild. She was an avid spinner and sheep keeper. She was also a great story teller with a life that provided endless stories to tell. It was impossible to be in the same room with her and get bored. The prize was donated by her husband, Bob Morena, in her memory. Bob recently passed on March 28th, and his son is looking for homes for his flock; please see “Ads and Announcements” for more information.

The roles are: Submit one item made by yourself. The items need to have been finished within the last year counted from the May meeting. The item has to be made of at least 50% sheep wool and at least 50% of the yarn used has to be handspun. Along with the item, submit a description on how you made it and what you have learned in the process. The winner will be chosen by popular vote. The winner will receive \$100. In case there are multiple winners, the prize will be split evenly

## Volunteer for Spinning Demo(s)

The Dryden Historical Society is having their annual Homestead Heritage Day Fair in September. This year it is held on Saturday, September 19th at the Southworth Homestead. In the past they have had someone from the Guild demonstrate spinning and they would like to continue this tradition. There will be other demonstrators, crafters, vendors, music, and food. Please email Debbie Fisher at [debfisher451@gmail.com](mailto:debfisher451@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

The CNY Fiber Arts Festival is looking for individuals to demonstrate fiber crafts. The festival is at the Herikmer County Fairgrounds on June 6-7. If you would like to demonstrate, please fill out the form at <https://cnyfiberarts.org/exhibitor-demonstrator-application/>



# Member Ads and Announcements

## **Guild Drum Carder**

The guild owns a drum carder. It is presently stored in Angelika's house. Any member, who would like to use it may borrow it.

## **Ashford Wheel for Sale**

Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheel for sale; bought new in the 1990's and in good condition. Includes a niddy noddy, lazy Kate, hand carders, multiple bobbins, and ready-to-spin wool. \$250 for everything. Contact Martha Rhinehart at [Marthajrhinehart56@gmail.com](mailto:Marthajrhinehart56@gmail.com) or (607)-745-0520. Photos above.



## **Canadian Production Wheel For Sale**

For Sale: Canadian Production Wheel, has all it's parts. It's seen some rough times but was completely restored several years ago and works fine. It's just too fast for the current owner. There's a couple of spindles to go with it. Please email Mary White at [marylwhite1945@gmail.com](mailto:marylwhite1945@gmail.com) for more information.

## **New Shepherd Looking to Observe Skirting**

A new sheep owner is looking to observe someone who is experienced in skirting fleece before attempting to skirt her own fleece for the first time. If you are willing to host an observer during skirting, please email Kathy Hovis at [kah53@cornell.edu](mailto:kah53@cornell.edu).

## **Connected Stitches Retreat- Save the Date**

Connected Stitches will be hosting a fiber arts retreat on June 26-28. Spinners welcomed! If you would like to lead a workshop or a spinning circle please email Chris at [chriscushmanknitting@gmail.com](mailto:chriscushmanknitting@gmail.com) for details.



# Member Ads and Announcements cont'd

## Bob Morena's Flock Needs Rehoming

Bob Morena, Marie Bryhan's husband, passed away suddenly on March 28th. He was 80 years old. Bob and Marie's son Matt shares these words:

"Many of you knew him as a neighbor and a fellow shepherd who cared deeply about this community. He was proud of the honorarium he established through my mother (Marie Bryhan). He spoke warmly of the guild's work and the friendships Marie and him built through it. Your connection to him meant a great deal.

His flock of sheep is still at the farm in Caton, NY. They are being cared for by neighbors in the short term, but we are looking for good homes for them, particularly as lambing season approaches in April. **If anyone in the guild is interested in adopting part or all of the flock**, or knows of someone who might be, we would be very grateful to hear from you. These are animals he tended with real care, and we want them to go to people who will do the same."

If you would like to reach out to Matt, his phone number is (607)-346-5997, or contact him through email at [matthew.morena@cnu.edu](mailto:matthew.morena@cnu.edu)

# From the Archives

Here are the answers to the crossword from last month's/March 1980's newsletter! Did you get the answers?

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 BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER #34 --- MAY 1980  
 Ithaca, New York Edited by Jean Warholie  
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Spring and summer are undeniably in earnest now, and what a pleasure it is to see different plants, shrubs, and trees filling out, greening up, and blooming -- every day there is something new to see! And hurry up and get into the garden, or mow, or something that won't wait... What a hectic period this is! But pretty, too, if we'll just take the time to look and enjoy things!!

WE DIDN'T HAVE A WINNER! Or at least a perfect score, on the puzzle in the last issue... Amazing! Susanne Lorbeer had one mistake (only) and got hers in first, so she won the prize -- a nice sheep stamp, donated by the Heritage Craft Shop! Well done, Susanne, and the rest of us can hang our heads in shame. Mary Ann Lynch was next, we ought to add.

The correct answers are to the right. MANY THANKS to Laurel Scheeler. We do have one more puzzle from her that we will run in the next newsletter... Mildred Scudder and THE TABBY SHOP will be donating the prize to the winner of that contest... (Mildred is also one of our past champion puzzle-workers and so some of the rest of us stand a chance now!)

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# Guild Vendors

**Sheepy Hollow**



Wool + Yarn = Kawaii from an Ithaca Local Fleck of Romney Longwool Fibers from an Etsy/Fiber's Pop-Up Shop

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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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