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Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

Our July 11th meeting

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

SEFAA Flax & Linen Symposium August 21st-August 23rd, National Museum of the American Coverlet, Bedford PA, or virtually online

Homestead Heritage Day Fair

Saturday, September 19th in Dryden

Looking for demonstrators!



Sent in by Marilee's nephew!

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It's really summer now. It's so beautiful out there. I have dutifully added water to my pond, and my pet tadpoles are about to grow legs. The salamander larvae are about to ditch their gills. Still, they won't be keeping me from attending our next meeting, this Saturday, July 11th, 11am - 3 pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road).

On our July meeting, we will be trying our hand at a fleece to shawl challenge. If you plan to participate and happen to have hand carders at home, please, bring those along. Also a spare bobbin or two and a lazy cate. Washed fleece will be provided. I'll bring the guild own hand cards.

If you are not planning on participating in the fleece to shawl challenge, you are still very welcome to join the meeting and spin and socialize as always.

Many thanks to Shoshe Cole and Marianne Pelletier for their efforts in bringing together the spindle making workshop in June. We had all materials, we needed, everything worked out beautifully, and many of us walked home with a brand new, selfmade spindle.

Hope to see you Saturday,
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: 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 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

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



Make your own Drop Spindle!

A Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Workshop

by Shōshe Cole

Choose

June 2026

- Spindle length (totally up to you; generally 12" plus or minus a few inches)
Longer spindles can hold more yarn in the cop
Shorter spindles fit better into carrying bags
- Whorl thickness (pick out a piece of scrap wood; ranged from about 1/4" to 1")
- Whorl diameter (we have hole saws with diameters of 7/8", 1", 1 1/4", 1 3/8", 2 1/8", 2 1/4", 2 1/2", 3"; most people used 3", some used 2 1/4" or 2 1/2")
- Hook (I brought cup hooks in a variety of sizes and colors)

Cut (order of these two doesn't matter)

- Spindle (using saw and miter box)
- Whorl (USE EYE PROTECTION while using electric drill, DrillMate doohickey with clamps, sacrificial scrap wood, and whorl wood and hole saw of your choice)
The doohickey: <https://milescraft.com/product/drillmate/> (\$49.99 as of 15 June 2026)

Sand (to remove splinters; 180 and 220 grit are both fine)

- Spindle ends
- Whorl hole and edges

Push whorl onto spindle. Use rubber mallet if necessary

Drill pilot hole into end of spindle (to prevent splitting when you screw in the hook)

- Hold a 1/16" bit in your hand (don't use an electric drill!) and gently screw it into the center of the spindle's end
- If the spindle splits, saw that bit off and/or drill into the other end

Screw cup hook into pilot hole

File groove(s) into the edge of the spindle using a mini file

Dab a bit of super glue onto the spot where the cup hook meets the spindle, and where the whorl sits on the spindle if you want

Enjoy spinning with your handmade spindle!



Ads and Announcements

Volunteer at the NY State Fair Wool Center!

Sarah Davis says: We are still looking for volunteers to be at the NYS Fair Wool Center this summer. The Fair runs from August 26th through September 7th, and our hours are 10 am - 7pm.

We are hoping to add some more volunteers, particularly in the afternoon shifts (2:30 pm - 7:pm), and on the weekend of August 29th and 30. We are calling these volunteers Fiber Ambassadors, and their primary purpose is to welcome visitors to the Wool Center, and share their love of wool and of their craft (spinning, knitting, etc). Many of the Black Sheep Handspinners have already signed up to help and we are so appreciative of that, but we still have some time slots with spaces available. If you have any interest, please email me, Sarah Davis, at nealdavis6205@gmail.com. It may still be possible to get you free parking and admissions passes, but no guarantee on that - we will do our best!

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.

Local Vendors Call to Participate in NYS Fair Wool Center

Local Fiber is collaborating with ESPA in 2026 to coordinate the NY State Fair Wool Center programming, including the operation of a wool shop. If you are a vendor and would like to participate in the NYS Fair Wool Shop at the fair, please fill out this Google poll: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-d_q7Z-q_IPvT6oRZmgQyHx0VVwK87_mn80lw1OLhEqQa0_HA/viewform or reach out to Amy Glaser at crookedcreeksheepfarm@gmail.com. All vendors will need to be members of the Empire Sheep Producers Association.



Zoe Goes to Grad School

July Edition

Hello all, I hope everyone is staying cool in the heat! I finished my first year of graduate school in May and am back in Ithaca for the summer. For those of you who don't remember, I am going to Parsons at The New School and am in the MFA Textiles program. This year was long and hard, but also incredibly rewarding. I can't count the number of times I talked about this guild and how influential it has been for me.

In May, I presented my end of the year project, *What the Water Carries*, inspired by the water in Ithaca, the peace I have found in this town, and the community that came with it. I felted, embroidered, knitted, sewed, and, of course, spun yarn to create this body of work.

A side note: you absolutely can knit handspun yarn on a knitting machine. Don't let anyone tell you you can't!

You can learn more about my project at:

www.acreatorliveshere.com/selected-works/what-the-water-carries-2026



Guild Vendors

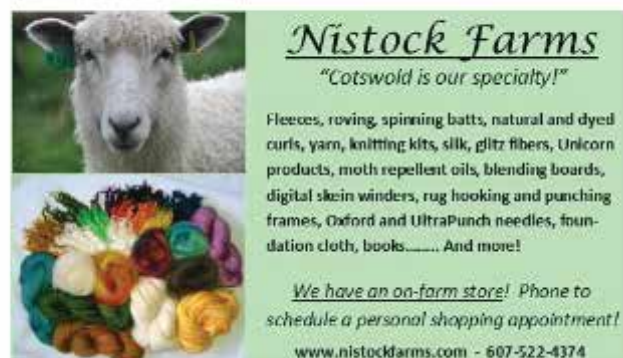
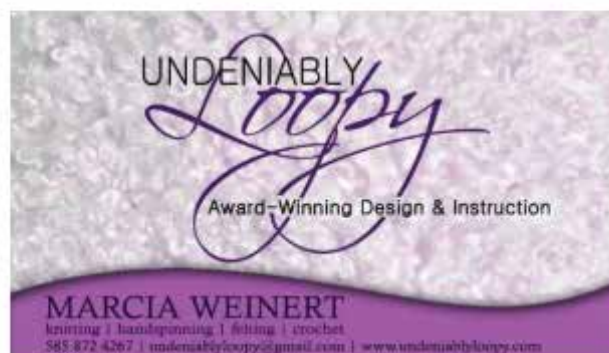
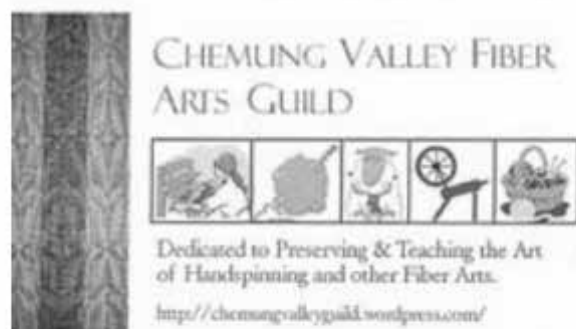


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New Member's Form

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.

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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.

