

**JUNE  
2026**

# ROVINGS



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## Fiber-y Events and Opportunities

### Our June 13th meeting

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

### Textile Society of America "Textiles Close Up: The Dressed Body and Wearable Innovations"

June 23-24, Ithaca & Syracuse

### Connected Stitches Retreat

June 26-28

**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!\*



Summer in Ithaca at Sweedler & Thayer Preserves. Send me your fiber and fiber-adjacent photos for this page! -Ruby

# Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It's summer. It's so dry already that I have to let water into my garden pond every day, so my pet tadpoles still have somewhere to swim. There might be some rain in the end of the week, but that will not stop us from having our next meeting this Saturday, 6-13-26, from 11am-3pm in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road).

During the June meeting we will be hosting a workshop 'Make your own Spindle' guided by Shoshe Cole. If you have a small flat piece of pretty wood you'd like to use as a whirl, bring it along.

Also, there will be a selection of plant based spinning fibers available for members to sample and decide which fiber to use for the next Roc Day Challenge.

In sad news: Our longtime friend and former Vice President Susan Quick has passed away on May 23rd. Sue will be sorely missed.

I 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<br>and Anna Bartels |



# Obituary for Susan Quick

(Printed originally in the Ithaca Journal, May 28th 2026)

Susan Quick, of Ithaca, NY, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. She was 81.

Born November 14, 1944, in White Plains, NY, to Almon D. and Mary (Pabor) Quick, Susan built a life centered on animals, friendship, creativity, and adventure. She worked for many years as a lab technician in bacteriology at Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center, where she formed many lasting friendships while contributing to the care of animals.

Susan was deeply involved in the local dog and horse communities, serving in leadership roles with the Ithaca Dog Training Club and participating in the Finger Lakes Kennel Club. She also enjoyed many horse-related adventures throughout her life, including riding in the 1976 Bicentennial Wagon Train to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

A talented fiber artist, Susan was a longtime member of the Blacksheep Handspinners Guild and won awards at The Great New York State Fair for her hand-spun yarn and knitted work. She was also known for her love of Scottish and Contra dancing, gardening, travel, art, and gourmet food. Her rustic Snyder Hill home, built from reclaimed barn beams, reflected her independent spirit and creativity.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Flinn; brother-in-law, David Flinn; and niece, Darlene Flinn.

She is survived by her nephews, Dale (Gayle) Flinn and Glenn Flinn; great niece Elizabeth (Scott) Martin; great nephew Corey (Michelle) Flinn; great-great niece Kinsley Flinn; and many dear friends who were like family.

A celebration of Susan's life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an animal rescue or welfare organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences at [shepardsonfh.com](http://shepardsonfh.com).



# Ads and Announcements

## **Bobbins Forgotten at Guild Meeting**

At the May guild meeting a bag with two bobbins stayed behind. Please contact Angelika at [angelika@simonstl.com](mailto:angelika@simonstl.com) if these bobbins belong to you. Angelika will bring them to the next guild meeting as well.

## **Fleece To Product**

At our April guild meeting, we started talking about having a fleece to shawl or some other product event as Guild members in June. In addition, we have been asked to have our guild participate in a fleece to product demonstration at the State Fair. Anyone who is interested in either of both of these events please reach out to Anna Bartels at [janedoe727@aol.com](mailto:janedoe727@aol.com). We need to meet to plan the guild event, and get on the calendar for the State Fair.

## **Annual Winter Retreat**

We were hoping to go back to Casowasco in February or March 2027 for our annual retreat. Casowasco has decided to close permanently. We reached out to Watson Woods for availability to host our event. The only dates in February or early March that they have for us is the weekend of February 25-28. If this weekend is not good for us, we will have to look at either January or later in March. Check your calendar and we will discuss this at our next meeting.

## **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](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](mailto:crookedcreeksheepfarm@gmail.com). All vendors will need to be members of the Empire Sheep Producers Association.



# Article: Upcycling Scrap Yarn

**By Lea Williams, originally in Ashford's blog**

Thanks Marilee for sending in this article. See more pictures here: <https://www.ashford.co.nz/recycle-weaving-thrums-and-scrap-yarns/>

The warp waste from the looms can mount up to rather a lot of weight over time, which can be recycled into fiber and handspun back into new yarns. The thrums carded back into fiber make a lovely tweed effect in spun yarn.

For the scraps to hold into a yarn when being spun, and not shed from the finished project, it will need a key, by carding the scraps to either open them up for texture, or to card them more, to turn them back into fiber.

Here is how I've always prepared my warp waste, and yarn ends leftover from knitting and crochet.

You will need: A large pair of scissors and a pair of Ashford hand carders. It's a good idea to wear a mask and/or card outside if possible, because there will be lots of small fibers in the air when carding.

The majority of my scraps here are wool, with just a small percentage of plant fiber and acrylics from the recycled yarns I add into my weavings. Wool easily cards back into fiber, but acrylics and plant fibers can have a different effect after carding.

If your thrums are kept tidy in a bunch after taking them off the loom it's easier to cut them up to around the same length of scraps, but if they are all mixed up and different lengths it's a case of roughly chopping them approximately between 1.5 and 2.5 inches, (this is so that the teeth on the carders don't get pulled and bent while carding yarns). My waste yarn ends are mostly mixed up all together in a large ziplock bag, so I take a handful and roughly chop them, and pull out any longer ones I've missed.



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I card a small handful at a time using short strokes, and turn it from batt to batt several times to make sure all of the cut yarn has been opened up. Once the scraps are open it's up to you how much you card it, either enough to give it a good key to be blended into batts with more texture, or to keep carding until it is turned back into fiber, which can be used as a tweed effect in batts, or even spun as a short staple recycled fiber. If I'm spinning the recycled fiber on it's own then I spin it with plenty of twist and ply it, but usually I use it as a tweed effect fiber to add in to my batts and rolags.

Blended together with white fiber, the colours will be lifted and show up more. Blended together with greys and browns and darker colours, the colours will be dulled.

In the photos, the pink and orange scraps are from the thrums of very fine lambswool warp from my friend's floor loom. Being fine yarn they would be easier to card on finer toothed carders, but I just worked them on my 72 point carders for longer, and they've opened up nicely. I also added a little angelina to the scraps to give a little sparkle.

Here are a few different batt combinations I've blended to show some examples. I play with blending different ratios of the scrap fiber into batts and rolags.



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The carded scraps can be used in different ways in batts and rolags. On the Ashford Wild Carder I've used the scraps as a tweed effect in between layers of wool, using the white to lift and show up the recycled colours in the tweed. I made a batt with natural undyed coloured wools in browns and greys for a more subtle and earthy tweed. I also made a batt with some hand dyed wool in blues with multi-coloured scraps, and another white one, with the pink, orange and yellow fine loom thrums. (In the photo of the finished Batts there are also an extra couple that I blended with added sari silks as well as the carded waste.) When adding the carded scraps to the drum carder I add them in fine layers between the wools, to build up a batt of evenly spread layers of fibers, so that they are easy to handle when spinning.



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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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