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# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

I missed seeing you in March. I very much hope that the weather is a bit more conducive to driving for our next meeting, April 9th. We will meet in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Church in Lansing from 11am-3pm. All attendees are required to wear face-masks.

Roc Day on May is coming closer. We do have a lot to plan. We will be celebrating at the Brooktondale Community Center. The weather allowing, we hope to hold most of the celebration outside. Since there was not much time (and the pandemic is still going on), we have not formally invited other guilds or the public at large. However, there is enough place to bring friends or family. The community center also has nice playground, so this is an opportunity to bring along young family members.

We will have vendors. I'm happy to announce that Mary Miller, Susan Sarabasha, Karey Salomon, Margret Flowers, Lisa Merian, and Amy Glaser have agreed to sell their lovely fiber goodness.

To make it all work, we will need volunteers: People to help with set-up and clean-up. People to take care of our potluck (we do have access to the kitchen and the dishes and silverware from the community center), people to sell tickets of the Ellie May paper bag raffle. We will have a sign-up list circulating during the April meeting. If you cannot attend that meeting, but would like to volunteer, please feel free to email me ([angelika@simonstl.com](mailto:angelika@simonstl.com))

Hope to see you soon,  
Angelika



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## Guild News

The next meeting will be Saturday, 12th February, 11 am - 3pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall of All Saints Church in Lansing.

Meeting address: 347 Ridge Rd., Lansing, NY, 14882

## Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2022. 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

## Guild Meeting Location

All members are asked to be on the lookout for a new guild meeting location in a reasonable price range. It must have adequate parking.

## 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, Wayne Harbert at [weh2@cornell.edu](mailto:weh2@cornell.edu) or phone 607-564-9328 .



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## Guild Officers

President	<a href="#"><u>Angelika St.Laurent</u></a>
Vice President	<a href="#"><u>Sue Quick</u></a>
Secretary	<a href="#"><u>Wayne Harbert</u></a>
Treasurer	<a href="#"><u>Louise Henrie</u></a>
Newsletter	<a href="#"><u>Rachael Skye</u></a>
Workshops	Position Open
Webmaster	<a href="#"><u>Rosane Mordt</u></a>
Roc-Day Coordinator	<a href="#"><u>Yvonne LaMontagne</u></a>

## General Announcements

### 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: rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com.

### Twin Tiers Yarn Crawl

Contact: Barbara Vassallo, 607-654-7383 or rabbitrowyarns@gmail.com

Four local yarn shops are planning the Twin Tiers Yarn Crawl to celebrate Local Yarn Store Day on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10am – 6pm. Needlecrafters are encouraged to visit all four shops and have their Yarn Crawl Passport stamped to be eligible for a grand prize valued at \$400. The participating shops are listed on the next page.



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- Blossburg Company Store at 224 Main Street, Blossburg, PA
- Fiber Arts in the Glen at 315 N. Franklin St, Watkins Glen, NY
- Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery at 38 W. Market St, Corning, NY
- Wooly Minded at 91 E. Market St, Corning, NY

## Twin Tiers Yarn Crawl



Saturday, April 30, 2022 10am - 6pm

The Twin Tiers Yarn Crawl is an event for knitters, crocheters, spinners and weavers to travel from store to store exploring what each has to offer and finding inspiration for new projects. Each shop is offering unique promotions, meet and greets as well as exclusive fiber products for the festivities. The shop owners say, "As small business owners, we are thrilled to announce the first Twin Tiers Yarn Crawl. Each shop showcases the immense variety of fiber products and a unique sense of community. We welcome our existing customers and encourage new fiber and needle art makers who may have taken up craft during the pandemic to come celebrate with us!"

Local Yarn Store Day is an annual yarn shop appreciation day created by The National Needlearts Association (TNNA). The 2022 LYS Day is designed to show support for small businesses while bringing together a unique community of enthusiasts to drive awareness and celebrate fiber craft. Vendors and retailers alike tout the benefits of locally owned yarn stores through an array of special products, classes, and more.

See the end of the news letter for the attached "passport," or email the editor for the full announcement

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2854129788219380>

<https://blossburgcompanystore.com>

<https://www.fiberartsintheglen.com>

<https://rabbitrowyarns.com>

<https://wooly minded.com>

<https://localyarnstoreday.com>



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## Wool and Mohair Skirting Workshop

Contact: Dana Havas, [dhm353@cornell.edu](mailto:dhm353@cornell.edu)  
607-391-2664

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County (CCE Cortland) and Springside Farm for a Wool & Mohair Skirting Workshop on Saturday April 23rd from 9:00 – 11:30 am at Springside Farm in Fabius NY. This 2 1/2-hour workshop will include both a presentation and a hands-on portion where attendees will have the opportunity to learn and practice skirting fleece for various markets. As shearing season, for many, comes to an end the question remains what to do with all that wool? No matter the end market skirting is a step that most every wool producer needs to perform but many feel overwhelmed by the task. This workshop is designed to help attendees understand what skirting is, to what extent they need to skirt, and have the opportunity to put their knowledge to practice.

During the presentation, Dana Havas of CCE Cortland will review the difference between skirting and classing (why, when, and how), the various market channels and how they relate to skirting, what you should have on hand to make skirting efficient and effective for your end goals/product.

After a short break (snacks provided) Pauli Drexler, shepherd and owner of Springside Farm, will lead the hands-on portion where attendees will get to watch, learn, and practice skirting fleeces. Pauli will review the various steps, point out the relationship between skirting and the market channel, and then invite attendees to put their hands to it and practice skirting themselves (attendees are encouraged to bring fleeces and/or skirting tables, but this is not necessary as there will be plenty of fleeces to work with from Pauli's flock).



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Handouts will be made available for all attendees.

Register early to attendee – only 20 spaces are available and registration closes on Monday April 18th!

Register by visiting this link [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Skirting\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Skirting_211). If you have any questions or would like to register via email or over the phone, please contact [dmh353@cornell.edu](mailto:dmh353@cornell.edu) or call (607)391-2664

There is a \$15 fee to attend to help pay for snacks and handouts BUT please don't let this keep you from attending scholarships are available - contact Dana to learn more.

## **Stories From The Guild**

Here, we share the projects and stories that you've accomplished over the month. Send pictures and stories to the editor at [rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com)

### **Shelly Marino**

Shelly has a video to share! (this link got left out of the last newsletter, so here it is again!)

<https://youtu.be/CwyHgGOQNHQ>

This is a video by one of my favorite designers, Martina Behm, whose topic here is knitting from your stash. She offers useful advice illustrated with some of her own designs, but the best part of the video is at about the 9-minute mark, when she reveals a beautiful philosophy on stash. I dedicate this in memory of Celia Radke, who was, in my mind, the Queen of Stash.



Shelly also has a sweater to share

I finished a handspun sweater, including sewing it all together! It drapes like heavy rayon, and is remarkably warm (il guess that's the cashmere at work).







## 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.

Roc Day Programming

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Our newsletter is distributed electronically. If this is a problem, please contact Rachael Skye (734) 476-0634. 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.

**Twin Tiers  
Yarn Crawl  
Official Passport**

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**Sat., April 30, 2022  
10am - 6pm**

Have your passport stamped at ALL FOUR shops before 6pm to be eligible and turn it in at the last shop you visit.

**Grand Prize  
Passport Giveaway**

**\$100 Gift Certificate  
from *each* shop!**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



224 Main St., Blossburg, PA



315 N. Franklin St., Watkins Glen



38 W. Market St, Corning



91 E. Market St, Corning

**Yarn Crawl / Passport Rules:**

Pick up a Passport at any of the four participating shops. Visit each shop in person to receive your stamp. (Please do not ask us to stamp someone else's passport). Your passport must have a stamp from each shop to be eligible for the prize. Turn completed passport in to any shop by 6pm. Only one entry per person.

Participants must be at least 16 years old.



- Thank you for supporting local yarn shops -  
We are so happy to see you!