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# NEWSLETTER

## April 2023

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## Message from the President

Spring still seems to be thinking it over, whether it really wants to happen this year. As I'm writing this, there is still some snow holding out in the shadier corners of my yard. Easter, on the other hand, is clearly happening. Therefore, we'll have to hold our April meeting in a different location.

We will meet on April 8th from 11am-3pm in the Old Firehall by the Brooktondale Community Center (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale). When parking at the parking lot of the Brooktondale Community Center, the meeting room is on the right, opposite to the pavilion and the large community center building. Should the official community center parking lot be too full, feel welcome to park in front of the Old Firehall.

Our April Meeting will be a festive one. We are planning to bring in our spun silk yarn from this year's spinning challenge. We are also having a pot-luck. The room has a fully equipped kitchen with stove and fridge. Dishes can be warmed up or chilled as needed. Last but not least, we are planning to hold a guild garage sale. If you have fiber, yarn, or tools in your stash, that would receive more love and attention in somebody else's home, feel free to bring them and sell them to your friends.

Looking into the future, we will also hold our May meeting at the same location.

Hope to see you soon,  
Angelika



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## Guild News

### Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be Saturday, April 8th, 11-3 PM. We will meet in the Old Firehall of Brooktondale. You can park in the Community Center parking lot, or in front of the Old Firehall.

Address: 524 Valley Rd., Brooktondale

### 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 Officers

President	Angelika St. Laurent
Vice President	Sue Quick
Secretary	Roberta Sibley
Treasurer	Louise Henrie
Newsletter	Rachael Skye
Workshops	Marianne Pelletier
Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Roc Day Coordinator	Yvonne LaMontagne



## Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2023. 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.

## 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.

## General News

### Roc Day Challenge 2023

#### **The Challenge is due at this April's Guild meeting! See you there!**

If you cannot come to the April meeting, you can get in touch with other Guild members to pick up your sample and submit it for you.

This year's Roc Day challenge will build on the silk spinning workshop with Nancy Morey, though attendance is not necessary for participating in the challenge. Brief details are below, and more will come as get get closer!

Use the 2+ ozs. top of tussah silk top to spin a two ply yarn. Spin S and ply Z. Use regular plying, no special plying techniques such as boucle, spiral, or slub. Use only the fiber provided with no dyeing or additions of any kind.

You can create any gauge yarn you want, fat or spider web thin. Judges will be looking for even twist, appropriate plying twist, consistent thickness of yarn, durability of the structure (that it doesn't fall apart when pulled)



## April Celebration

We will be having a spring celebration at this month's meeting! There are a few events happening:

Roc Day Challenge: submit your silk samples for judging

Pot luck: bring a dish to pass around. There will be a kitchen at the meeting location in Brooktondale if you need to make any finishing touches there.

Garage sale: bring any fiber-related items from your stash that you want to rehome for a sale!

## Fiber Giveaways

The Guild had quite a few requests this month for fiber supplies giveaways. Here are the supplies available:

**Free Drum Carder and Floor Loom:** Jan Griffin contacted the guild to find a new owner for a Louet Drum Carder and a Floor Loom (possibly Leclerc). These items are to be given away. The new owner needs to pick them up in person. If interested, contact Jan at 607-387-9772.

**Fiber Stash:** Christianne has a gifted fiber stash to pass on. It includes six boxes of yarn and a fleece. She can bring it to the guild meeting, or get in touch at [christiannemcmwhite@gmail.com](mailto:christiannemcmwhite@gmail.com)



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**Marie Bryhan:** Marie Bryhan's husband is hoping to see her stash find homes that will appreciate it. Bob Morena is giving away her collection including 2 standing wheels, 6 compact wheels, 2 wool-winders, several knitting machines, bags of high quality commercial yarn, and miscellaneous equipment such as a drum wool carder. I've attached a separate document with pictures of many of the wheels that need a new home.

Contact Bob at 607-368-6340 or [bryhanmd@gmail.com](mailto:bryhanmd@gmail.com) if you are interested. He lives south of Corning.

### Spinning Teachers Requested

A request from Bruce:

I wanted to invite you – if you are available- to come and help out with wheel spinning for my 7-week Cornell class (ANSC4940) on wool production and processing. I know some of you have come in the past and demonstrated spinning for Dr. Thonney's sheep class (which was not offered this year). Last year I skipped the drop spindle step and had them go right to the wheel but this year I have added a week for the spindle (4/14 and 4/17).

The class has 2 sections, one on Fridays and one on Mondays, both are from 1:30 to 4:30 and start with a short power point presentation. I have ~12 students per lab day and have 12 wheels available for them. The dates are Friday 4/21 and Monday 4/24 (spinning some med. wool from the Cornell sheep) and again Friday 4/28 and Monday 5/1 (spinning fine/long wool and other fibers).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Bruce

If interested contact Bruce at [bb66@cornell.edu](mailto:bb66@cornell.edu)



## Fiber Events

Several exciting fiber-related events are coming up! A few you might be interested in:

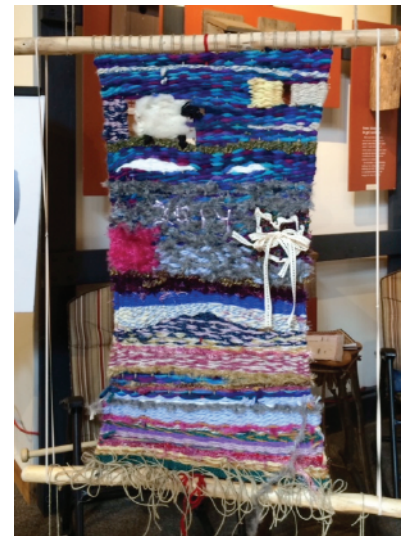
**Ontario Handspinning Seminar:** The 59th annual seminar presented by the Ontario Handspinners is happening June 2-4! This year it will be in Burlington, Ontario, only about 200 miles from Ithaca. The theme is “Blending it all together.” For more information, see their website or find them on Facebook.

<https://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca/>



**Fiber Frolic:** the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society will be hosting an event celebrating local fiber frolics. It will be Saturday, April 15th, 10 AM to 4 PM. The event is at the Beaver Lake Nature center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road Baldwinsville, NY.

<https://goldenfleecespinnerssociety.org/fiber-frolic/>



**Fiber Flurry:** the Arts Council of Wyoming County is hosting their Fiber Flurry! It features vendors, classes, and demos. Registration is required for classes. It takes place at the Village Hall in Wyoming, NY.

[https://artswyco.org/events\\_and\\_programs/fiber-flurry/fiber-flurry.html](https://artswyco.org/events_and_programs/fiber-flurry/fiber-flurry.html)





## March Spindle Workshop: Judy Maierhofer

Thank you so much to Judy for our wonderful March workshop! Here are some photos from the event, including Judy and the beautiful Navajo Churro she brought us to spin.



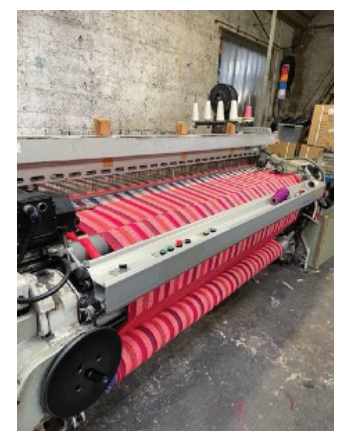
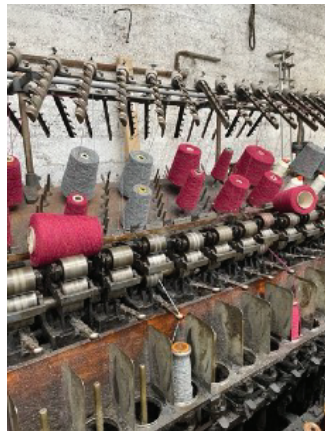




## Woolly Adventures in Ireland

By Roberta Sibley

My husband Dave and I, went to Ireland for 3 weeks in March. Our daughter Lucia is doing an internship at Childvision, in Dublin, an organization that provides equine assisted therapy for blind and neurodiverse children. Our daughter Naomi joined us for the first week on her college break. It's a wool & traditional music lovers paradise. One of our first stops was the Kerry Woolen Mills, in county Kerry. The mill is over 300 years old, though of course the equipment has been updated. They are one of the last traditional mills. They go from raw fleece to yarn, doing their own cleaning, carding and dyeing, and spinning. They machine weave a variety of products including scarves, blankets, clothing made from their fabric, yarns, & rovings. They do machine weaving. We were lucky enough to be there when one of the owners was available and she gave us a tour.

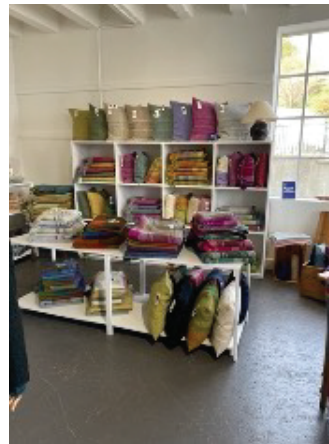
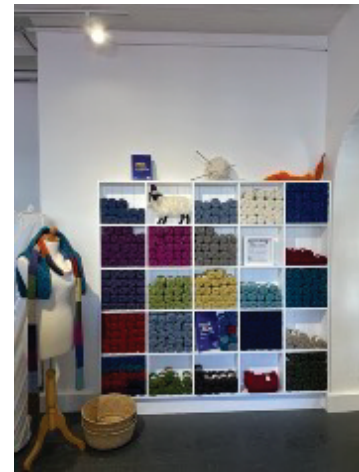
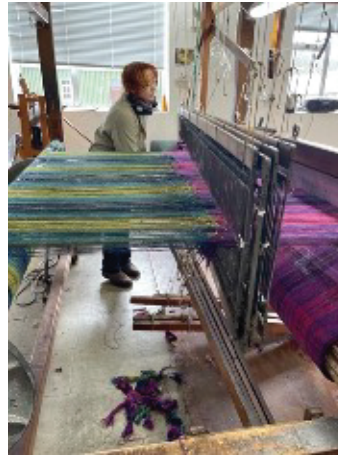


We also visiting a traditional mill in county Donegal, Studio Donegal, that is trying to preserve all of the old skills. Their Donegal tweed is still handwoven on a fly shuttle loom, they card and dye some of their yarns, and get the rest from the Donegal Tweed Yarn mill around the corner. They also have garment makers putting their clothing together instead of sending it out to Morocco to be made. Their prices are competitive with other mills/wool shops, and is so beautiful. They also sell their own yarn.



## Woolly Adventures in Ireland

And of course, sheep everywhere. I took pictures of a herd of black sheep, very rare. Ireland is an amazingly beautiful place, and I loved connecting to the fiber arts there. It was also an exercise in controlling spending, as we had no checked baggage, so couldn't go crazy buying things we couldn't afford. The same urge we have here to build our yard and fiber stashes is alive and well in Ireland.





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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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