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## Message from the president

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Summer is beautiful around here. The news from the rest of the country are troubling. I feel that the 8<sup>th</sup> of August might be our last chance of holding a in person meeting, before the students return to town. The weather forecast for the day is promising. Let's meet on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> on the lawn behind the Varna Community Center (943 Dryden Road) from 11am – 3pm for a socially distanced in-person meeting. We will observe safety rules, wearing masks, and sit at a safe distance.

For those, who cannot attend the in-person meeting on Saturday – and of course those who enjoy talking with other guild members two days in a row, there will be a zoom meeting on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm. The meeting ID is 853 2949 7044, the passcode is 896914.

During our last meeting in July, Anne Furman brought us the materials for the Roc-Day Competition. There is still fiber available for more members to join. It is unclear, if we will be able to hold our traditional Roc-Day celebration in January. But we will definitively find a way to make this competition work. Don't be shy to sign up!

Stay healthy and I hope to see you soon,

Angelika

### **Guidelines from the CDC**

The CDC currently recommends wearing a facemask when in public; their guidelines are linked below. Masks, when worn properly, prevent respiratory droplets from spreading to those around you. Key points are that a mask should cover both the nose and mouth, and they should fit snugly. Avoid touching the mask (handle the ties instead) and wash your hands before putting it on and after removing it. Stay safe, and stay healthy.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>



## Guild News

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM at the Varna community center at 943 Dryden rd. The Guild meets on the second Saturday of every month. Exceptions are possible.

## Roc Day Contest

Spin any yarn in any ply using the 3 ounces of the 3 primary-colored rovings being given out, which you may blend with a drum carder, hand cards, a blending board, or other blending technique. You may create any gauge yarn. Use only the fiber from the provided rovings with no additions of other fibers or embellishments. It is not necessary to use all the fiber.

Unblended fiber from the rovings may be used to create yarn for up to 50% of the mittens.

Using your yarn(s) knit and/or crochet a pair of mittens either adult or child sized. The deadline for turning in your mittens to the judging table is 10:30 on Roc Day. There will be two judgments: one people's choice and one by judges.

This was interesting to organize as choosing the three primary colors from websites with appropriate rovings was done at a Zoom meeting. With input from those with good eyes for colors and the hope that the website colors were accurate, we have good primary colors for the contest. Packets for the contest were given out last guild meeting. If you have questions because the directions left out something important to you, or if you are interested in a contest packet and cannot attend the next meeting, please contact me at: [ahfurman@yahoo.com](mailto:ahfurman@yahoo.com).

The Fiber content is:

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100% Merino Wool  
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Yellow # 1842





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## Old News

### Guild Meeting Location

All members are asked to be on the lookout for an alternative potential 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](tel:607-564-9328) .

## Guild Officers

President	<a href="#"><u>Angelika St.Laurent</u></a>
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Webmaster	<a href="#"><u>Rosane Mordt</u></a>
Roc-Day Coordinator	<a href="#"><u>Yvonne LaMontagne</u></a>



## General Announcements

### For Sale

Lois Swales has a spinning wheel up for sale:

Rick Reeves Oak Frame Spinning Wheel for sale. Signed by famous maker Rick Reeves under the top rail. \$550. Unique design where the flyer unit unscrews from the top rail for safe travel. Really lovely spinner. Original condition. See picture. More pictures on request. Contact Lois Swales. Email:

[Lois.swales@gmail.com](mailto:Lois.swales@gmail.com)



### **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](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com).

### **Ad Renewal**

If you've had a business card in the newsletter for the last year, I would appreciate confirmation that you still want that ad to be run. Email your confirmation along with any updates to the editor, [rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com). Ads will not be removed from the newsletter without further notice.





## Stories From the Guild

While we're scattered, I've been collecting stories from our members. You can send stories to the email chat threads being sent around, post them to our Ravelry group, and check out the Facebook page. If you want help finding these groups or if you have a story to feature, email me at [rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com)

Best,  
Rachael

### **Marilee Williams**

Marilee has an article to share entitled *Oh, Just the World's Tiniest (Hand-Knitted) Sweaters* <https://www.messynessychic.com/2020/06/30/oh-just-the-worlds-tiniest-hand-knitted-sweaters> from Messy Nesy Chic.

<https://www.messynessychic.com/2020/06/30/oh-just-the-worlds-tiniest-hand-knitted-sweaters/>

These sweaters wouldn't fit on a fingertip!

## Louise

This blue and yellow table runner is a piece I wove fifty years ago on commission for a friend of the family. My father had helped me build a floor loom from a pattern I found in a library book. The friend decided to return it to me as she's going through her treasures. It's amazing to see it again after all this time.

The other photos are from the most recent warp I wound. Three scarves and two handbags. It was a finicky gray mohair. The roving is fiber from Spinning Bunny that someone donated to the ReUse Center. It's called Parrot. I spun singles and interspersed it with the same yarn Navajo-plied for texture (thanks Ronda for the idea!) The black and white is a stash buster of the samples from Sarah Anderson's drafting and plying workshop a few springs ago. All the short samples combined nicely for a very textured piece.







### Rachael Skye

I was moving this month, from my apartment to a house in Fall Creek with some friends, so getting this newsletter out has been hectic! But I did find time to finish some really cool projects. First, I made this two-ply red yarn from mystery gift roving; I really enjoyed the color shooting through it. Then, I used it together with greens and browns from the same gift roving to make a simple spiral-knit cap for my father, inspired by camo colors.

Finally, an acquaintance of an acquaintance who thought they were going to learn how to spin dumped on me two trash bags of alpaca, in electric blue and creamy white. Pictured with me for scale. It's quite lovely and spins up very easily, but I have no idea what I'm going to do with this much – especially in electric blue! So if you think you would use some, please get in touch! Email me at [rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com). For now, I'm going to be playing around with mixing colors in prep for the Roc Day competition – I also got my hands on carders!







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New Member's Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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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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 or mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850