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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Warm summer weather does not inspire me to do much knitting and spinning at home. But it certainly inspires me to meet with other spinners outdoors. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 14th, from 11am-3pm, in the pavilion behind the Brooktondale Community Center (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale, NY 14817).

During the first two hours of our meeting there is also a Farmers Market at the Community Center. The Farmers Market features some fresh fruits and vegetables, beautiful spinning fiber from Amy Glaser's sheep, and live music. Last time, there was even a young emu wandering about. Since all of these delightful things come with a bit of noise, we will use the first two hours of our time for socializing and start our official meeting shortly after 1pm, when it will be easier to hear each other.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 cases are on the rise again. Please bring a mask and wear it during the meeting, especially around children, who are still too young to be vaccinated.

Hope to see you on Saturday,

Angelika

[location of the Brooktondale Community Center on Google Maps](#)



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Guild News

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 14th, at the Brooktondale Community Center.
522-526, Valley Road, Brooktondale, NY

Guild Dues

Hello, Black Sheep Guild members! Greetings from your treasurer. If you haven't paid your dues of \$25 yet for 2021, now is a good time to catch up. You can send a check made out to Black Sheep Handspinners Guild or BSHG and mail it to me,

Louise Henrie
417 Second Street
Ithaca NY 14850,

or we now have a Venmo account! Be the first to try this! our username is @Black-Sheep-NY

Of course, you can catch me at a guild meeting and pay in person. Checks are fine, or if you want to pay in cash, an envelope with your name on it helps with tracking!

Thanks, spinners!



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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.

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 or phone [607-564-9328](tel:607-564-9328) .

Guild Officers

President	Angelika St.Laurent
Vice President	Sue Quick
Secretary	Wayne Harbert
Treasurer	Louise Henrie
Newsletter	Rachael Skye
Workshops	Position Open
Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Roc-Day Coordinator	Yvonne LaMontagne



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General Announcements

Freeville Farmers Market Fiber Festival

The Farmer's Market in Freeville, NY, is planning a mini fiber festival on September 19th! Check out their Facebook page @FreevilleFarmersMarket as details are released.





Ithaca Artist's Market

One of our members, Susan Sarabasha, will be at the Ithaca Artist's Market on Friday, August 13th. (Sorry for the late notice!) It's at the location of the normal Ithaca Farmer's market, and she'll be there 12-7:30 PM. She'll have prints, as well as a raffle for an animal portrait. It's the Artist's Market comeback, so go check out the artists! See artspartner.org for more.





Sock Challenge

Lois Swales is running a sock challenge! Here are the details:

At the last meeting, I offered to hand crank a pair of wool socks from any member's handspun wool. I will be using an erlbacher gearhart circular sock machine that is "picky" about the size and regularity of the yarn. I typically spin 4 ounces of washed wool to make my own socks in a yarn similar to fingering size. Note that yardage is two ply. It cannot be thicker than 17 wraps per inch (wrapped as a two ply yarn). 18 or 19 wpi will work. Tightly twisted yarn will not work. Very lightly twisted yarns will wear out quickly. Spinners are welcome to give me a sample to test knit to check for machine compatibility and foot circumference. One pair of socks per person. No charge for cranking that one pair.

Dryden Historical Society Volunteer Event

Call for Volunteers

The Dryden Historical Society is planning to hold the Homestead Heritage Fair Day this year on September 25, 2021 from 10am - 3pm. They are looking for volunteers to demonstrate spinning during the event. In particular, a volunteer is needed who would be able to spin long-draw on the Historical Societies great wheel. If interested, please contact Gina Prentiss, ginaprentiss@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.



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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 Newsletter

Membership Website

Outreach Treasurer

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