

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

It is hardly June and so much of the warm weather things we all do have already started. The deadlines for state fair entries are looming and our lives are full with vacation plans, canoeing, gardening and all of the other things that summer brings.

I will be missing this meeting, being away at the CNY Fiber Festival, but I am sure that the spinning and conversations will go as well as always. I hope to see many of you at the Celtic Games (*see p4*) spinning booth.

Jim

Agenda

Reports from:

- T- shirt committee
- Oak Hill spinners
- Celia Quinn workshop
- Fleece to shawl group

The State Fair Wool Booth Exhibition Spinning.

President: Jim Johnson 564-7178

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Treasurer: Vickie Marsted

Secretary: Audrey Lowes

Newsletter Editor: Susan S.

Roc Day: Jim Johnson

Membership: Wayne Harbert

Programming: Char Sharkey

Library: Ruth Allen

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*The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm
on the 2nd Saturday of each month
at All Saints Church Parish Hall,
Rte 34B, in Lansing, NY*

JUNE 11th PROGRAM - Fiber Swap & Spin In!

Bring one or more fiber types to swap (2-4 ounces,) in baggies. And bring your hand carders, your drum carder and your wheel, of course. AND you might even want to bring "stuff" to card into your fiber for a bit of fun--Angelina, silk scraps, fiber.

I'll have index cards so we can lay the fiber out & label it. Then we can mix & blend to our heart's content!

Please wash & clean out as much VM as possible, as a courtesy, after all, who wants to spend this time picking out debris?

Char

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Name Our Newsletter

Hello,

I am, Susan, your new newsletter editor.

I am trying to get up to speed with this as quickly as possible. Please send pictures and articles and notices to me by the 26th of the month before the newsletter goes out to ensure its inclusion.

Our newsletter needs a name. So far some choices are: **Fiber Bites, Hoofprints, Stash News & Rovings.**

May Meeting Minutes

1- Nominations - Accepted

President - Jim J

VP - Sue Q

Sec - Audrey L

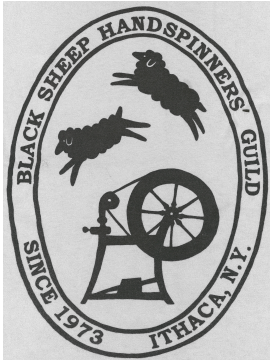
Treas - Vickie M

Newsletter - Susan S

Programs - Charlotte S

Ratified

New Officers begin in June 2011



2- from Mary

T-shirts are in progress

3- from Vickie, Marjorie & Susan - Celia Quinn remains open exclusively to the guild through May, then opens to other participants. *See page 6 for the sign up form.*

4- from Ayne - New Membership Cards. *See page 4 for more info.*

5- from Audrey - Spinning continues at Oak Hill Manor

Next demo is Thursday 5/26, 10-11:15. Everyone is welcome.

6- from Marianne & Ruth - Sheep to Shawl - will finish warp and have more practice sessions. They meet each month directly after the business meeting.

7- Committees -

Membership - Wayne

Charity Work - ?

Library- Ruth

Website - Teresa

Roc Day - Jim

Newcomers - ?

Programming - Char, Sharon

Special Programming - Marjorie

8- State Fair - applications are due in early July.

9- from Wayne - Scottish Games will again be in Stewart Park the last weekend in June. Wayne will host the spinning booth. Please join him there. *See page 4 for more details.*

Program Calendar 2011 - 2012

January 8 Roc Day	February 12 Fiber Tasting	March 12 Member Made	April 9 Barn Sale
May 14 Elections /Committee Meetings	June 11 Spinning New Fibers	July 9 Gradient Dyeing Workshop	August 13 Spin IN @ City Farm Days
September 10 Try a Wheel group swap	October 8 Wheel Maintenance (get your wheel ready for the workshop)	November 12 Felting Workshop	December 10 Holiday Party
January 14 Roc Day	11-Feb	10-Mar	14-Apr
12-May	9-Jun	14-Jul	11-Aug
8-Sep	13-Oct	10-Nov	8-Dec



Elizabeth K Gossner's Lambs

Interesting Sheep Facts.

- A one-year old sheep is called a hogget.
- A two-year old sheep is called a two-tooth.
- Sheep grow two teeth a year until they have eight.
- If you see a sheep on its back, lend it a hand because a sheep can't get up from that position. If left on its back too long, it will eventually die.
- President James Madison wore an inaugural jacket made from the wool of sheep raised on his Virginia farm.
- There are About 900 different breeds of sheep.
- One pound of wool can make ten miles of yarn.
- The small intestines from 11 sheep are needed to make 1 tennis racket.
- Sheep have poor eyesight but an excellent sense of hearing.
- Sheep only have lower teeth that press against an upper palette.
- Sheep make a bleating sound. A baby lamb can identify its mother by her bleat.
- There are 150 yards (450 feet) of wool yarn in a baseball.
- When Woodrow Wilson was President, the First Lady had sheep graze on the White House lawn to keep it neat and well trimmed.
- Lamb is the lowest in cholesterol of all red meats.
- Spinning wool into thread began about 5,000 years ago.
- Ewes typically give birth to twins.
- There are About 1 billion sheep on the planet.
- Sheep prefer running water when they drink.
- People started raising sheep over ten thousand years ago.

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2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page. In the 3rd column, 6th item down, you will see **Discount Cards**.
3. Click on those words then on the info page click on **Enroll Now**.
4. Fill out the form with the asked for information. Then click once more on **Enroll Now**.
5. You should be sent your discount card within 1-2 weeks.
6. To take advantage of the discount you will be asked to present BOTH cards at check-out.

Ithaca Scottish Games & Celtic Festival

The organizers of the Ithaca Scottish Games and Celtic Festival have invited us to give spinning demonstrations at the festival, to be held the weekend of June 25-26 in Stewart Park.

Wayne Harbert will be setting up a pavilion there, and bringing a few extra chairs. If you are interested in spinning with us, even for a little while, you are encouraged to do so. The people who attend this event tend to be strongly interested in our crafts. You can contact Wayne (564-9328, web2@cornell.edu) in advance for details concerning parking, etc.

Sheep to Shawl Team News



Here we are at work putting together the Sheep to Shawl entry for the Troy Fair. Audrey, who loves to play with words as well as wool, suggested a team name of **Sheep Thrills**. The weaver is Bill Bartlett, the plier is Ruth Allen, the spinners are Anne Furman, Jean Currie, Audrey Lowes, and Marianne Pelletier. Ellie May, who judged at the Troy Fair for years, is our coach.

Sent in by Anne Furman

FIBERY EVENTS



2011 Ontario Handspinning Seminar

June 10-12, Guelph, Ontario

Wild About Silk

CNY Fiber Artists Showcase

June 11 & 12, Bouckville, NY

(see poster on p 7)

4 of the 40 vendors are from our guild.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

June 11.

Take your knitting out of the closet and into the street.

Wiawaka Knitter's Weekend

June 17-19, Lake George, NY

Ithaca Scottish Games

← June 25-26

Continuous Strand Weaving

Carol Leigh Workshop

June ?, East Berne, NY

Mid Atlantic Fiber Assoc. Conf.

July 7-10, Gettysburg, PA

Workshops in weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, jewelry.

Wool Day at the Troy Fair

July 27, 9 - 4, Troy, PA

Vendors, + spinning, sheep to shawl, yarn & project contests

If you have not already filled this membership info form out, please print it, do so and return it at a guild meeting **or** to Charlotte Sharkey, 5080 Perry City Road, Trumansburg, NY 14885. Thank you.



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:

2011	2014
2012	2015
2013	2016
Joined guild in _____	

Name: _____

Address: _____

preferred email: _____

preferred phone # _____ birthday month (opt) _____

Please list your wheel(s)

We welcome spinners of all skill levels.

How long have you been spinning? _____

Do you: Knit? Weave? Crochet? Dye - (Natural or chemical) ?

Which of your skills might you be willing to share with a member or the group?
ie: teach beginning spindling or spinning or dyeing; teach a spinning / knitting /
crocheting skill, etc

If you raise any fiber animals, please list them here _____

Which committee(s) are you interested in joining?

- Roc Day
- Membership
- Programming
- Charity Works
- Outreach including Events & Activities Schedule for non guild members
- Newsletter - advisory & review
- None
- Library
- Education
- Website
- Nominating Committee (occasional)

Would you be interested in chairing or co-chairing one of these groups? If yes,
which one(s)?

CELIA QUINN WORKSHOP

Sponsored by

**When:** Saturday, Oct 29 and Sunday, Oct 30, 2011**Where:** Hampton Inn and Suites, Cortland, NY**Time:** 9am – 4 pm**Fee:** 1 Day \$80 or 2 Days \$155**Oct 29 - Spinning to Specification**

Learn to monitor the diameter and twist of your yarns in simple ways to develop greater consistency. Practice expanding your skills by spinning yarns of widely different sizes and twists. Exercises include making a successful singles warp yarn, a balanced 2 ply, a gossamer yarn, spinning for a specific knitting gauge, and discussing margin of error between skeins in the same project.

Oct 30 - Novelty Yarns

Expand your repertoire of handspun yarns by learning to produce various novelties that are attractive complements to simpler yarns. At day's end, your bobbins will hold an intriguing array of colorful, textured, looped, fuzzy and flecked yarns. Our sampling includes boucle, seed yarn knickerbocker yarn, mohair halo yarn, eyelash yarn, Navajo 3 ply, and garneted yarn.

Members Only REGISTRATION

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

OCT 29 _____ \$80

OCT 30 _____ \$80

BOTH DAYS _____ \$155

Make check out to: Black Sheep Handspinners' Guild**Mail check to:** Marjorie Inana, 41 W. Court St., Cortland, NY 13045

Registration is non refundable and due by June 11.



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**CNY Annual
FIBER ARTISTS &
PRODUCERS Showcase
From Animals to Art**

**June 11 and 12, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Butternut Hill Campground
NYS Route 20 in Bouckville**

**Workshops ~ Demonstrations ~ Exhibits
Fiber Arts and Handcrafts**

Sheep ~ Goats ~ Alpacas ~ Llamas ~ Angora Rabbits

Activities for Children ~ 4-H Dog Show

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Adults \$4.00 Children under 12 Free**

**For more information, go to...
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**Jim Buddenhagen, Agent
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To place an ad

A check for \$5.00 made to BSHG for an ad to run three times (a year is \$15) should be sent to the current treasurer: Vickie Marsted, 219 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Send the ad to the newsletter editor, Susan S, sarabasha@earthlink.net. If you have a question for her or others, you can email us through the links at the top of the newsletter.

For SALE

**Harrisville 45" Rock Maple
Standard Floor Loom**
(54.25" wide, 50.5" deep,
46" high. 32" deep when folded.
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Contact: **Carol Scileppi**
<carolscileppi@yahoo.com>



The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild was formed in 1973 and has been meeting to share spinning fellowship and techniques ever since. We welcome all spinners at all levels.

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS NEWSLETTER

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