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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Winter is coming, and Roc Day is just around the corner. With Covid-19 casing on the rise all over, we won't be able to hold our normal celebration. But we hope to have a small virtual event on January 9th, 2021. Our December meeting will be held over Zoom on Saturday, December 12th, from 12pm to 2pm. Some of this meeting time will be dedicated to planning a virtual Roc Day.

If you have ideas on how best to hold an online event, could volunteer to demonstrate a fiber related skill over zoom, or you have experience in using Facebook as a platform for business, please, let us know. We could do with helpful input.

I wish you all a peaceful holiday season and very much hope the coming year will prove less challenging than the present one.

Angelika

Saturday Meeting ID: 844 3988 9755

Passcode: 367382

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84439889755?pwd=ZWhpV2diYzJnSkJsaGIVWIBWR0wrZz09>



Guild News

The next meeting will be on December 9th, over Zoom. Details are in a page at the end of this document.

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, adult or child sized, with or without fingers. 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.

The Fiber content is:

Pacific Wool and Fiber

100% Merino Wool
from Great Britain

Red # 1836

Blue # 3023

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.

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



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.

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. Ads will not be removed from the newsletter without further notice.

Events

Local Fiber is hosting a series of virtual farm visits starting December 5, from 2-4 using an interactive zoom format. These continue throughout December. In addition, there is a small pop up currently housed in the back of Wapole's in Groton that will run until at least the end of the year. Again, this showcases local fiber producers products, including roving, batting felted items, yarn, and decorative items. The link describing these tw activities is below. To participate in the virtual farm visits, you will need to register so the zoom link can be sent. A link to the registration is available at the web page below.

Thanks Amy for notifying us!

<http://localfiber.org/virtual/>

A promotional graphic for "Local Fiber Virtual Farm & Studio Visits". The top half features a collage of images: a red knitted hat, a white woolly sheep, and a person. Text overlaid on the collage reads "JOIN US SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2-4PM LAUGHING GOAT FIBER FARM & WINDSONG FARM". The bottom half has a teal background with a white sheep silhouette on the left. Text on the teal background includes "LocalFiber Virtual Farm & Studio Visits", "Saturdays in December 2020, 2-4pm", and "REGISTER at localfiber.org/virtual". A small logo for "LOCAL FIBER Virtual" is in the bottom right corner.



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

Best,
Rachael

Angelika

I did some weaving during the summer and then let the fabric sit for a while, until I dared to cut it up and sew it together. I did it now and am quite happy with my results.





Rachael

This last month was busy for me. I have gone to live with my family for several months over the holiday season, which is fantastic but involved quite a lot of work, on both sides of traveling (I got tested several times at Cornell and travelled safely). It also raised the question: how much fiber can I reasonably bring home with me? Fortunately, the alpaca I had lying around compressed quite a bit, so I've got enough to keep me busy. It also made me thankful I've been practicing on my portable drop spindle, instead of a wheel!

I had two Alpaca fleeces, brown and cream, which I've combined with a dark brown and greenish wool I got at the Ithaca farmer's market. I'm spinning them together somewhat randomly, hoping to end up with a variegated result. I'll see how it goes, it's been a lot of fun to work with so far!

In other news, I've decided to learn how to make socks for gifts, and I'm enjoying learning about the construction process. In unfortunate news, I decided to start with socks for my father, who has feet large enough to nearly max out the size chart. He takes up many more yards of yarn than I would have needed if I started with my mother!





Allison

Allison Morris sends a hello from her temporary spinning studio/trailer in Florida!





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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



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Zoom Details

Topic: Angelika St.Laurent's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 12, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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