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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

The year is coming to an end and we are going to celebrate. On our next meeting, on December 11th from 11am-3pm, we will hold our traditional holiday gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, bring a wrapped small fiber-related gift. If gift exchanges are not your thing, just come and spin and socialize. If you feel like bringing a few baked goodies to share, this would be appreciated, too.

For those who would like a bit of practice on how to incorporate locks into yarn during plying, before they try their hand on the Roc Day competition fiber, there will be locks and roving available to practice during the next meeting.

We will be meeting again in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road). Masks are required during the meeting. Kindly put your name and telephone number on the sign-up sheet for contact tracing.

On our January meeting we plan to ring in the new year of spinning with a small in-person celebration of Roc-Day. Since Corona virus is still spreading, we do not yet consider it safe to hold a crowded celebration open to the public. Therefore, our Roc-Day celebration will be limited to guild members. We will hold our annual spinning competition, there is still fiber available for those who want to join in the fun, please contact Anne Furman for it. There will be a pot-luck, and a paper-bag raffle. We hope to have a presentation or two. We are looking for donations of fiber, yarn, or finished items for the paper bag raffle. And we are looking for volunteers to give a presentation. Since we can't provide the usual foot traffic, we are not inviting vendors. Guild members, who usually sell at Roc Day, are invited to just join us without the burden of business.

Hope to see you soon,

Angelika



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Guild News

The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 11th, 11AM-3PM, at the All Saint's Church in Lansing.

347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY 14882

Guild Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in the December gift exchange, bring a small fiber-related gift to the meeting on December 11th.

Roc Day

Roc Day 2022 is planned for January 8th. There will be the annual spinning competition, a pot-luck, and a paper bag raffle.

Volunteer opportunities:

Donations of items (yarn, fiber, finished items, and fiber-related) for the paper bag raffle

Presenters with a class they'd like to talk about or teach



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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!



Roc Day Contest

The Roc Day contest is underway for January 2022! Thank you so much to Anne Furman and her helpers for choosing the contest and packing fiber. Pick up a kit at a meeting to join, or email Anne (ahfurman@yahoo.com) if you can't make it.

Roc Day 2022 Spinning Challenge

Spin the 2.5 ounces of Merino wool roving to create 2 singles. Spinning techniques are your choice – any gauge, any twist, or any ply. Ply the 2 singles together, incorporating the dyed kid mohair locks. These locks should not be carded or otherwise prepped; they should be plied in. An example of one type of this plying is included in the packet. Use **only the fiber provided** with no dyeing or additions of any kind. It is not necessary to use all the fiber. It is necessary to use only the fiber provided.

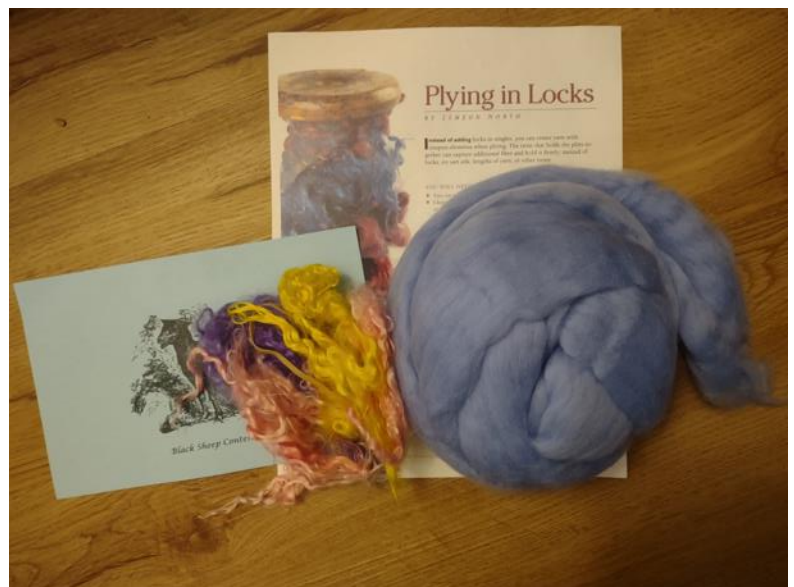
The superfine merino roving is from Outback fibers in Colorado, color Hydrangea:

<https://www.outbackfibers.com/superfine-merino-wool-roving>

The kid mohair locks are from Diane Coon at Coon Hollow Farm in Hamilton, Montana.

Finishing the yarn to set the twist by steaming or washing is recommended. Loosely tying the yarn in 3 places is also suggested. There will be two judgments: one for proficiency, and one by people's choice.

The deadline for turning your yarn in is 10:30 AM on Roc Day.





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



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General Announcements

Bouckville Fiber Festival

A message from Kirseten Weyter about the Bouckville Fiber Festival for 2022; they are searching for committee members. Contact keyter@icloud.com if you are interested.

I'm writing to you in regards to the Bouckville Fiber Festival that is held on the second Saturday of June. I am on the organizational committee, so I wanted to reach out and ask if there is anybody in your guild that would be interested in joining our committee. Our next meeting will be Sunday January 9th at 7:30pm via Google Meet-Up Video Call.

I have attended your Roc Day celebration for three consecutive years, the last being in 2019, with a few members of my guild Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists, so I know firsthand that your guild does a lot of wonderful things.

I have the organizational committee title of Guild Ambassador, because I have friendly contacts with Golden Fleece, Spiral Spinners, Butternut Valley and Lamb to Loom. In addition, I have been elected as the new president of Cherry Valley and we have a new website:

<https://cherryvalleycountryspinners.org/>

That being said, I wanted to reach out to you, introduce myself and get better acquainted with you and your fellow guild members. I know that our guild member Candace Cain has attended Roc Day in the past as a vendor representing Lisa Merrian. I most recently met one of your members Bruce Berggren-Thomas at the Alpaca Showtacular at the NYS Fairgrounds.

I would love to hear from you and find out what your guild plans are for 2022.

Sincerely, Kirsten



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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