



# NEWSLETTER February 2024

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*A laugh for us from Marilee*



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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

First of a big thanks to everyone: Roc Day was wonderful! I would like to thank Yvonne for the overall coordination, Jean for running the kitchen, Debbie for organizing the Elli Mae paper-bag raffle, Kathy for organizing our welcome table, Marianne for working with our vendors, Marianne and Pricilla for teaching workshops, Rachael and Zoe for demonstrating, Lois for bringing in antique equipment to be sold, Rachael for keeping us all connected as newsletter editor and making the poster, Renata for keeping contact to other guilds, Roberta for taking notes and keeping us all on track, to our vendors for coming in and setting up all their delightful wares, Louise for keeping our finances in order, providing us with the cash needed and counting everything so quickly in the end.

Generally, big thanks to everyone, who lend a hand with set-up, clean-up, and in the kitchen, manned a table, donated to the raffle, brought a dish to pass, participated in the competition and filled in with all the many tasks that needed to be done. Roc Day is just as much fun as you and your contribution made it. And you really made it rock.

Ourt next meeting is on Saturday, February 10th, 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (346 Ridge Road). We'll have a quiet meeting, talking a bit about Roc Day and planning for the future. And of course, we'll spin and socialize – and we will have a time for show and tell.

I hope to see you all,  
Angelika



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## Guild News

### Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be Roc Day on Saturday, February 10, 11-3 PM, in the Parish Hall of the All Saint's Church

Address: 346 Ridge Rd, Lansing

### 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, Roberta Sibley at [robertainez@yahoo.com](mailto:robertainez@yahoo.com).

## Guild Officers

President	Angelika St. Laurent
Vice President	Sue Quick
Secretary	Roberta Sibley
Treasurer	Louise Henrie
Newsletter	Rachael Skye
Workshops	Marianne Pelletier
Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Roc Day Coordinator	Yvonne LaMontagne



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## Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2024. Please pay at a meeting, send your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or now you may send money via Venmo to Black-Sheep-NY

## Guild Meeting Location

All members are asked to be on the lookout for a new guild meeting location in a reasonable price range. It must have adequate parking.

## 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.

## 2024 Retreat Update

The retreat will be the weekend of February 23 through 25 at Casowasco Retreat Center. Those who have gone in past years can tell you what a great time this is. With a minimum of 18 people registered, it will cost \$159 per person. This fee includes lodging (the entire Galilee Lodge for our group) and meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday. If you have not yet paid your deposit or need to make changes, please get in touch ASAP. you can: mail a check written out to Black Sheep spinning guild to: Sarah Davis 26 Curtis Road, Ithaca NY 14850, or you can Venmo to "Black-Sheep-NY". If you Venmo, please put "retreat" in the comment.

We will accept payments toward the retreat at any time if you want to spread it out. Final payment is due to Casowasco on February 5th.

Please contact Kylie Spooner, Sarah Davis or Anna Murray-Bartels with any questions.



## Roc Day Gallery

This month's newsletter features a gallery of stories and photos from Roc Day!

### Roc Day Challenge

By Angelika St. Laurent

When I went out last October and bought 12 pounds of raw Lincoln wool for our Roc Day competition, I was mildly worried about what I would do if I ended up stuck with several pounds of it (admittedly, ending up with several pounds of lovely fleece, isn't really all that much of a worrying prospect to a hand spinner. I just didn't want to get my hopes up, so I stuck with worrying..) Well, even before the December meeting, every single 8-ounce bag had been delivered into eager hands, and I had only my own 8 ounces to play.

On Roc-Day, 17 finished bags were on our table to be admired. Every single one of them fit the criteria of holding a cup of marbles and being made exclusively from the eight ounces of wool provided. The competition really let the guild's creativity shine. There were bags for many different purposes and shapes, ranging from planters and tissue dispensers to bottle carriers to shopping bags with little extra purses to hold the coupons.

And along with the many purposes and shapes, there were a whole array of techniques used in making the bags: dyed with natural dyes or acid dyes or left with the natural colors, carded, combed or spun from the locks, felted, knitted, crocheted, woven, braided, embroidered, made in one piece or sewn together.

Right: All the bags on the table (Photo credit goes to Simon St.Laurent):









## Photo Gallery

Thank you to Yvonne for photos.









# ROVINGS

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## Guild Vendors

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## New Member's Form

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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, mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or send via Venmo to Black-Sheep-NY.