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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

The new year starts with sudden changes to our plans. The recent surge in Covid-19 cases made even our small member-only Roc Day plans appear too risky. We will not have an in-person meeting in January at all. There will be a [zoom meeting](#) on Saturday, January 8th, from 12pm - 2pm. The meeting ID is 833 0283 2305, the Passcode 500975.

We have not given up on Roc Day completely. The zoom meeting on Saturday is not a replacement, but meant as an opportunity to socialize safely and plan on how we might hold a celebration later in the year. If you have ideas and opinions on the where, when and how of our postponed Roc Day, please join us on the January zoom call or let us know by email.

In the meantime, I hope you all stay healthy and spin along.

Hoping to see you all soon,

Angelika



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.

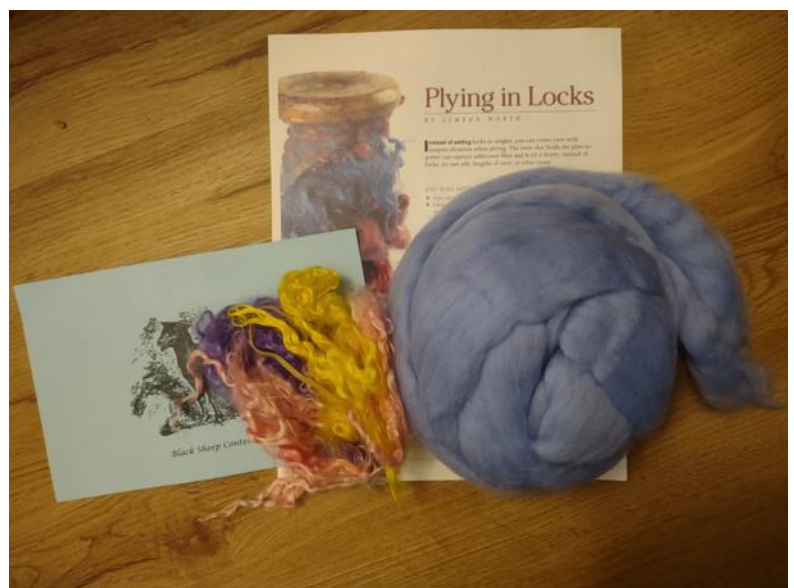
The superfine merino roving is from Outback fibers in Colorado, color Hydrangea:

<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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Guild News

The next meeting will be on January 8th, over Zoom for Roc Day, 12 am – 2 pm.

Meeting ID: 833 0283 2305

Passcode: 500975

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>



General Announcements

For The Guild Retreat

Members who are attending the Guild Retreat in February are asked to get a COVID test before going. At-home tests can now be purchased in most pharmacies for very cheap, around \$10-\$20. They keep for a while and can be in short stock, so please start keeping the tests in mind now and potentially purchase one in advance to save for the weekend.

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.

We have a new vendor in our newsletter, Nistock Farms, who are part of Shave 'Em to Save 'Em! You can see their offerings at nistockfarms.com



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Stories From The Guild

With the Guild meeting online for Roc Day, I'm doing a special edition of our Stories. Thank you to everyone who submitted! If you have projects to highlight or stories to share, send them to the editor, Rachael Skye, via email: rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com

Shelly Marino

This is merino that I've spun during covid. I've shown you all a hat before, and I've now made a scarf as well. Both the hat and scarf are by designer Martina Behm. I'm falling in love with colors that I have never worn before.





I also have to share some finds from the collection of the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. Here are some whorls, spindles, and a sheep head statue. Wish I'd copied down details on the age of these, but it was probably well before the Common Era.





Suzanne Schwartz



Well, it took me about 4 years to make this shawl. It's made of Silk Tussah, Merino, and Yak purchased from Susan Sarabasha of the Spinning Bunny in 2017. The wool was hand spun into a 4 ply yarn. I have named it the Meditation Shawl. I was hoping to present it at Roc Day, but it seems that life in the days of COVID had other plans. I am now on to making socks, hopefully.

Angelika St. Laurent

A Fleece to Sweater Project

In 2019 Marie Bryant invited me and my children to visit her to watch her sheep getting sheared. Since I love sheep, fleeces, and any good opportunity for education of course I followed the invitation. The sheep got a haircut on a chilly Monday in March. And I drove home with the fleece of a young ewe called Twotone (I took the children back home, as well). The fleece was a beautiful mix of white and gray wool, and big enough for two sweaters.



I dyed half of the fleece with Greener Shade Dyes. I was aiming for a turquoise yarn. But to give the yarn-color more depth (and because I wasn't entirely sure if I'd hit a pleasant hue dyeing everything at once), I dyed the wool in four colors, turquoise, green, blue, and orange, and carded the four colors together. The result was nicely heathered batts.



The wool was a dream to spin. I started spinning in 2020 on our last retreat. And a few months later, I had enough yarn to knit a sweater. As any spinner would, I stashed the yarn safely away in my yarn bin in the attic.

In May 2021, I started knitting. I followed a top down raglan pattern from [Ann Budd's Handy Book of Top Down Sweaters](#), and used the cable patterns for the Arnhild Sweater in [Viking Knits and Ancient Ornaments](#). Knitting took me a while. I prefer to knit top-down sweaters with my handspun yarn, it is easier to adjust the length, should I run short of yarn – and I don't particularly enjoy seaming. I finished just in time to put the finished and blocked sweater for my daughter under the Christmas tree.





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Zoom Information

Angelika St.Laurent is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Angelika St.Laurent's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 8, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83302832305?pwd=RDdQRGtyUmM1eHpwbnl1eWV3dEtEZz09>

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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

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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 or mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850