



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2023! The new year starts off surprisingly warm. There seems also much less of a Covid spike compared to the last two years, which makes me much more comfortable in announcing our next meeting on Saturday, January 14th, 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing, 347 Ridge Road.

We will have to make some decisions on how we as a guild want this year to go. How and when do we want to celebrate Roc Day? Do we want to keep masking in the indoors meetings? Do we want to have outdoors meetings in summer again, or rather stay indoors? If you have ideas and opinions, please come and share them. For our February meeting, Arija Restbergs has agreed to teach band weaving. A show of hands, who would be interested in the class, so Arija can prepare enough kits.

Hope to see you soon,
Angelika

P.S. Please, bring a mask along to the January meeting.



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Guild News

Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2023. 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.

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, Roberta Sibley at 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



Roc Day Challenge 2023

This year's Roc Day challenge will build on the silk spinning workshop with Nancy Morey, though attendance is not necessary for participating in the challenge. Brief details are below, and more will come as get get closer!

Use the 2+ ozs. top of tussah silk top to spin a two ply yarn. Spin S and ply Z. Use regular plying, no special plying techniques such as boucle, spiral, or slub. Use only the fiber provided with no dyeing or additions of any kind.

You can create any gauge yarn you want, fat or spider web thin. Judges will be looking for even twist, appropriate plying twist, consistent thickness of yarn, durability of the structure (that it doesn't fall apart when pulled)

February Weaving Workshop

Arija will be running a belt-weaving workshop for the Guild this February! Thank you so much for volunteering to set this up, Arija.

She currently has enough supplies to accommodate 15 people, but can make more. Please be ready for a count of attendees at the January meeting so she can make up enough supplies. If you can't attend in January, get in touch with the editor or Arija at 1arijar@gmail.com to sign up.

See you there!





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.

General News

Local Fiber

LocalFiber had a successful seasonal popup shop this year and look forward to creating another one next holiday season. Along with finished goods folks were finding some excellent roving and top to work with at home.

If you have an interest in selling some of your animals products or your own creations and have made them using fiber that was locally produced in the Fingerlakes region (we can help you source almost any type of fiber) please get in touch with one of us. The Freeville farmers market is also planning a repeat of the mini fiber festival that was so much fun last September- we will have more info on this as the world turns



Stories from the Guild: A Handspun Sweater

Shelly Marino is reporting in from Israel with a handspun sweater!

I finished a handspun sweater, yay! With yarn I spun in 2002! It's amazing how motivated one can become to use existing yarns when you live in a country where acrylic is king, and the cost of shipping from anywhere else is prohibitive





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New Member's Form

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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.