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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It is rather warm and sunny of late. It sure is summer. Our next guild meeting will be on Saturday, July 9th from 11am to 3pm at the Brooktondale Community Center (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale, NY 14817). The first two hours coincide with the Brooktondale Farmers' Market, which means, we'll get to enjoy live-music and have the opportunity to buy fresh fruit, veggies, popcorn etc. The official meeting will start a bit after 1pm, when things will have quieted down a bit and we'll have an easier time to understand each other in a large group.

Last meeting, we did a bit of planning on the future of our guild meeting. We decided it would be good to have some educational component to some of our guild meetings. Arija volunteered to give us a tutorial in band-weaving during our September meeting.

We are planning to have an election of guild officers during our October meeting. If you are interested in serving, please, do not be shy to announce this. I'm happy to report, that Yvonne, our past Roc-Day coordinator, has volunteered to take over the position again.

Hope to see you soon,
Angelika



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Guild News

The next meeting will be Roc Day, on Saturday, 14th May, 11 am - 4pm. We will meet in Brooktondale Community Center

Meeting address: 524 Valley Road, Brooktondale, 14817

There is a map of the meeting location attached; please note that it is not to scale

Minutes of the June Meeting

The June meeting hosted important discussions on the Guild's plans going forward. Please see the details below.

Next meetings: Our July (7-9-22), August (8-13-22), and September (9-10-22) meetings will be held at the Brooktondale Community Center (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale). The first two hours of these meetings will be coinciding with the Brooktondale Farmer's market. Suzanne will play music during the first two hours of the meeting in July and August. As long as we are meeting at the Farmer's market, the official part of the meeting will start shortly past 1pm.

We plan to return to the Parish Hall in Lansing (347 Ridge Road, Lansing) for our October meeting (10-8—22) and meet there over the winter.

Special activities at meetings: We found it would be good to have some sort of special activity in some of our meetings, such as a tutorial or demonstration. We will start out doing that every three months. Arija will be the first teacher. On our September meeting (9-10-22) Arija will teach band weaving. She is going to buy heddles for this from guild funds. Attendees will be able to purchase these heddles after the class.

On the October meeting (10-9-22) we are planning to hold our traditional guild garage sale. Members interested in giving a presentation/leading a workshop are invited to step forward.

New guild officers: Due to Covid we have gone for two years without elections. We will hold elections of guild officers on our October meeting. Members interested in holding an office are heartily encouraged to step forward.

Marianne volunteered to be the new person in charge of classes.

We do need a new Roc Day Coordinator. (Yvonne has since volunteered for this position.)

We are also looking for a person in charge of guild owned equipment.



Roc Day: Roc Day was small, but those able to attend had a good time. It was felt that as small a crowd as this Roc Day drew might be too small to make things worth the while for vendors. Our paper bag raffle did not bring in much funds (just enough to cover the rent for Roc Day itself), because of low attendance. Generally, it was felt that the Brooktondale Community Center was a good place to hold such an event.

There are many open questions on how Roc Day will happen in the future:

Do we want to go back to a larger event open to the public or keep things small on member only basis?

If we want to hold an event with vendors, we need to invite people from other guilds and the general public. In order to do that, we need to set publicity into action about three months before the event.

At what time, should we hold the next Roc Day?

Considering the spikes in Covid cases during the holiday season the last two years, it is rather likely, that we might see a similar spike this year. A celebration in early January would likely be affected by that. The Parish Hall in Lansing is a nice place to hold an event in winter. If we decide to celebrate in January, we need to come up with a plan on how to avoid this becoming a disease-spreading event. Some members feel comfortable requiring and checking immunization records. However, others feel less comfortable with this approach.

During the warmer time of the year, we could resort to an outdoors location. In this case, there would be no need to check immunization records etc. 'Roc Day' as the name of the event held in spring wouldn't be quite fitting, but maybe something like 'Spin into Spring' would sound nice.

A celebration date in fall, before the holidays might also be an option. However, some people might be less eager to shop, with the holidays approaching – on the other hand, some people might use the opportunity to buy gifts.

If we change the date/name of our event, we will reduce the recognition factor, drawing in less people. However, starting with publicity in time, we might make up for this problem.

We need to hear members' opinions and ideas on how we will go forward with this. Please, don't be shy to email or talk at our next meeting.

Our Money: At the moment, the guild has \$5000.

This is enough that we can consider inviting a teacher for a spinning workshop.

We also have enough money to buy nice fiber for our next spinning challenge



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Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2022. 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, Wayne Harbert at weh2@cornell.edu or phone 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>



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

Steamboat Landing

Shelly Marino has been hosting Tuesday evening spinning sessions! Thank you, Shelly, and here is a message from her:

I want to thank everyone who came down to Steamboat landing on one or more Tuesday evenings. What a wonderful treat to spend a languid hour or two in that idyllic spot, spinning, knitting and chatting with friends old and new. Special thanks to Angelika, who appeared every time.

State Fair

Linda Miller, the superintendent of the Wool Center, is looking for volunteers to spin in the center during the fair. Usually, it's different guilds on different days but there are some people who are always there. We have been going on Tues. with some for the morning and some for the afternoon. It's really fun and Sharon and I have always tried to go, I like the afternoon session so I can watch horses in the morning.

For more info contact Linda at rainbowacrefiberfarm.com

For Sale

A woman in the local quilters guild has a Schacht Baby Wolf Loom with accessories and an Ashford Traditional spinning wheel for sale. Contact info: rebekahglacy@gmail.com



Roc Day Celebration

Thank you to all of the people who made Roc Day happen! Belatedly, I've compiled some images and stories to celebrate the festivities. Below are some reports and the pictures you all took at the day.

Roc Day Contest

Anne Furman ran the contest; here are the stories of the winners (and a look ahead at next year).

The Roc Day Contest resulted in some fabulous yarns as people played with a new technique. A good idea to stretch ourselves in learning something new and taking a chance. In the judging contest, Beth Varierur won first place, Shelly Marino won second place, and Sharon Gombas won third place. Louise Henrie won the Peoples' Choice.

The ad hoc and self-appointed Roc Day Contest Committee is thinking about next year. Nancy Morey of Shadeyside Farms has several one day workshops on using silk. We could ask for a workshop heavily weighted towards the spinning component which would get us ready to spin 2 ounces of tussah or bombex as a 2 ply to be knitted/crocheted into a cowl. Look at her offerings, especially the 1 day silk workshop on spinning. Shadeyside Farm Fibers. As we just don't know what the coming year will bring us in terms of COVID, the option of postponing this until 2024 should be considered or perhaps Roc Day should be in May again.





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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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