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# NEWSLETTER

## July 2024

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*Anne and Jean's trip to the Ontario Handspinning Seminar*



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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 13th, from 11am to 3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road). As part of the meeting, we will have a workshop about fleece and fiber preparation. There will be several stations set up in part of the room for members to try out different fiber preparation methods and tools. Fiber will be provided. There will also be our normal spinning circle.

Lots of thanks to Susan Sarabasha for teaching how to add beads to a knitting project during our June meeting! I not only learned how to add beads to my knitting, but also how to do an i-cord cast-on. Now I have dreams of making mittens for myself with a beaded cuff.

Bob Morena donated a \$100 recognition prize to be given to one member every year for a finished object in memory of Marie Bryhan for the next ten years. The first prize will be given in May 2025. The rules are meant to reflect Marie's loves for sheep and her enthusiasm for hand spinning. Please, check on the proposed rules in Guild News so we can vote to officially accept the rules this July meeting.

Our website is back up. You can find it at [www.blacksheephandspinnerguild.org](http://www.blacksheephandspinnerguild.org) There is still more work to do, but at least, our next meeting is now announced there now, and the newsletters up to the year 2018 are all available again. Many thanks to Simon St. Laurent for retrieving the files. I'll up-load the later ones as I get around to it.

Hope to see you soon,  
Angelika



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## Guild News

### Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be on Saturday, July 13th, 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



## 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

## 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.

## Proposed Rules for the Marie Bryhan Prize

1. Every member gets to submit one finished item a year they have made themselves.
2. Any item can only be submitted once.
3. The item has to contain sheep wool and handspun yarn. Blending wool with other fiber is permissible. Commercial yarn may be used in supportive functions, e.g. as core for a handspun core yarn, warp for a weaving featuring a handspun weft, carried along with the handspun yarn in knitting, or as sewing thread.
4. At least 50% of the yarn used should be handspun.
5. Along with the item, members have to provide a brief description of the steps involved in creating their item and what they learned in the process.
6. The winner is chosen by popular vote.





## **Guild Retreat 2025**

The 2025 retreat will be held March 6-9. For those who want to stay 3 nights, the cost is \$242, and for those wanting to join in Friday, the cost will be \$193. The two night package includes a dinner on Friday night provided by the retreat center. The potluck will take place Thursday night. We have room for 20 participants, and we hope you'll consider joining in! We'll be taking reservations as they roll in, and accepting payment in the month of October. We'll be requiring full payment then, rather than deposits and full payments later as we found that to be too cumbersome last year. Start planning ahead now! We hope to see you in 2025.



## **Guild Workshop Announcement**

### **Fiber Preparation**

Saturday's meeting will include a demonstration of various fiber processing techniques and tools and how to use them.

The full agenda is here:

Kaye Stickane will be demonstrating the picker (with people getting to try it)

Angelika and Marianne will be demonstrating drum carding

Marcia will be demonstrating carding and combing

Marianne will be demonstrating combing

Lois will bring historical combs

Marica and Marianne will bring washed wool

People will be invited to work around the circle, trying the techniques – first picking, then carding, then combing.

Thank you to Marianne for organizing!



## For Sale in the Guild

**Elizabeth Gossner** is selling her beautiful Finnsheep wool, in 1-2 pound bags. Anyone interested can look at the website for a peek at the sheep, stillmeadowfinnsheep.com. Or email Elizabeth at stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontier.com for availability.



**Marcia Weinert** has several fleeces for sale.

Greetings! I have twelve freshly-shorn Horned Dorset fleeces waiting for spinners to play with. Fleeces are skirted, any remaining VM should wash or drop out easily in processing from these bright white, open fleeces. Light grease. Horned Dorset (pictured) is a threatened breed of sheep, so I have "Shave 'Em to Save 'Em" passport stickers for either the fleeces (\$13/lb plus shipping) or the HD roving (\$3/oz plus shipping).

Ile de France is a Merino relative; this wool was grown on an organic farm just across the Canadian border by a young farmer who is a childhood friend of my kids. Soft roving, creamy white--\$3/oz plus shipping.

The shiny, creamy Romney was grown right next door to me in Wayne county--also \$3/oz plus shipping







## NY State Fair Wool Center - Volunteers Needed

It's that time of the year! The New York State Fair is seeking volunteers to demonstrate all stages of fiber work, from wool to product. The Wool Center is a shed in the State Fair that houses examples of many fiber prep tools - wheels, spindles, looms, and more - and offers demonstrations on their usage. Any volunteers are welcome, and you can bring your own projects and tools or use the wool provided by the Wool Center.

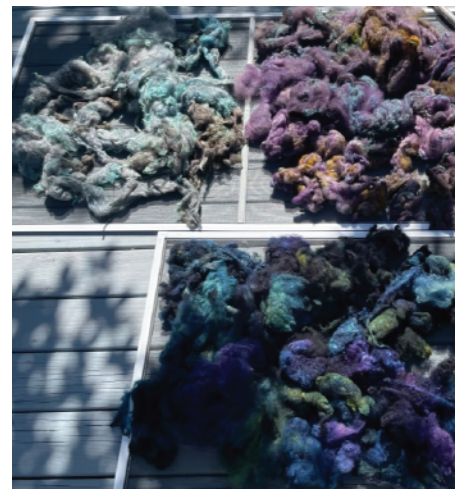
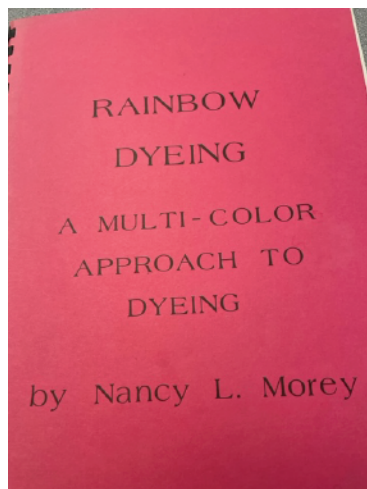
Linda, the Wool Center coordinator, is processing the fiber for volunteers every Sunday noon to 4 pm. She appreciates anyone stopping by to help; contact her so she knows you're coming.

The days for the fair this year is August 21 thru September 2. Those volunteering will get a free parking pass and entry ticket. Time slots are 10AM-2PM, 2PM-5:30PM, and 5:30PM-9PM. Contact Linda at 315-440-6049 or [linda@rainbowacrefiberfarm.com](mailto:linda@rainbowacrefiberfarm.com) to schedule a slot. See you there!

## Stories from the Guild - Dyeing with Indigo

From Kay Stickane

I don't know how many have tried rainbow dyeing (also called casserole dyeing), but these are the results of the initial dye batch, and then two dye baths using the exhaust. I used the method developed by Nancy Morey (1980's). I hope to spin the individual locks of the initial dye batch, and who knows where I'll go from there. 38 oz total fiber, the first batch was a white fleece, the other two are from one gray fleece.





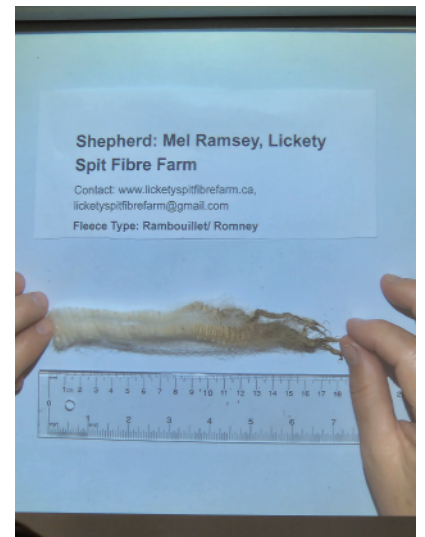
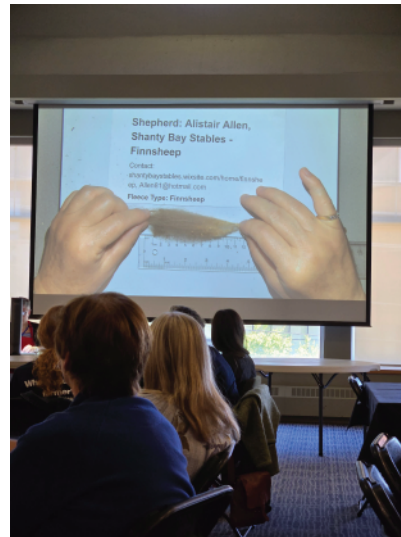
## Stories from the Guild - Ontario Handspinning Seminar

Anne Furman reports on the yearly seminar up in Canada.

Jean Currie and I went to Waterloo, Canada for the annual seminar. We both took the same workshop on spinning 15 different samples of carded puffs of wool with shiny fibers added to produce a yarn with luster. The shiny fibers included: bamboo viscose, flax, tencel, ramie, tussah silk, alpaca, mohair, Firestar, and sari silk. A photo of the carded puffs with the spun samples. Jean finished her samples, I still have carded puffs.



During the seminar 10 local fleeces were available to thoroughly examine and think about. On Sunday morning each fleece was commented on by a fleece expert on an overhead screen so all could see. Here is an example of two of the fleeces. The expert spoke about the quality of the fleece, how to process it, any flaws, and possible end use.



Finishing Sunday morning, we all learned how to make a braided cord with a lucet. Learning en masse is a wonderful thing to behold. And, we had the added treat of seeing Canadian friends for this once a year seminar.







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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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