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# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Spring is here, well almost. At least it is lurking around the corner. I'm looking forward to starting my garden and finishing my winter-themed spinning projects. But winter might not be quite as much done, yet, as I hope. And right now, it looks in the weather forecast that the date of our next meeting on Saturday, March 12th, might be the date we'll receive a few inches of snow as parting gift of the outgoing season. We plan to meet in person on Saturday, March 12th, from 11am-3pm, in the All Saints Parish Hall (347 Ridge Road, Lansing). The meeting will be masked and socially distanced.

However, should there be in fact a snow storm that makes travel dangerous, we will hold a zoom meeting from 12pm-2pm instead. Please check your email on Saturday morning to see if there will be a zoom-meeting or an in-person meeting. (Please, see the link to the zoom meeting, below.)

During our next meeting we have a couple of things to discuss: Our postponed Roc Day is coming up on May 14th. We will hold the celebration at the Brooktondale Community Center (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale). We will have both indoors and outdoors spaces available. Sharon, Marianne, Roberta, and I visited the Community Center this weekend and came to the conclusion, that we have enough space to safely hold a somewhat larger celebration, than what we had envisioned for January. There is a 30x40 sq ft for the spinning circle and a smaller pavilion for classes. There is 10x40 sq ft roofed outdoors area, which offers room for vendors. In case of inclement weather, we have the 36x38 sq ft indoors area to retreat into. There is also a kitchen with dishes for our use. Additionally, there is a playground, which might be of interest for members with young children/grandchildren. At this point we are looking for volunteers to help with the organization and teach classes. We'd also like to hear from prospective vendors.

Another topic for the up-coming meeting is our meeting location during the summer. The Brooktondale Community Center offered us to spin again at their Farmers' market during the summer months, which would allow us to meet without paying rent. – And we'll get live music and fresh groceries.

Last but not least, a big shout-out to Kathy Thomas for organizing our retreat.

Hope to see you soon,  
Angelika



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## Guild News

The next meeting will be Saturday, 12th February, 11 am - 3pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall of All Saints Church in Lansing.

Meeting address: 347 Ridge Rd., Lansing, NY, 14882

In case of inclement weather, there will be an online meeting:

Meeting ID: 819 2376 3421

Passcode: 631421

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81923763421?pwd=VWxuYTJ4RXhBNWM1WV-VuQi80L2E5QT09>

## 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](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, Wayne Harbert at [weh2@cornell.edu](mailto:weh2@cornell.edu) or phone 607-564-9328 .



# ROVINGS

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## Guild Officers

President	<a href="#"><u>Angelika St.Laurent</u></a>
Vice President	<a href="#"><u>Sue Quick</u></a>
Secretary	<a href="#"><u>Wayne Harbert</u></a>
Treasurer	<a href="#"><u>Louise Henrie</u></a>
Newsletter	<a href="#"><u>Rachael Skye</u></a>
Workshops	Position Open
Webmaster	<a href="#"><u>Rosane Mordt</u></a>
Roc-Day Coordinator	<a href="#"><u>Yvonne LaMontagne</u></a>

## General Announcements

### 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](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com).



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## Wool and Mohair Skirting Workshop

Contact: Dana Havas, [dhm353@cornell.edu](mailto:dhm353@cornell.edu)  
607-391-2664

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County (CCE Cortland) and Springside Farm for a Wool & Mohair Skirting Workshop on Saturday April 23rd from 9:00 – 11:30 am at Springside Farm in Fabius NY. This 2 1/2-hour workshop will include both a presentation and a hands-on portion where attendees will have the opportunity to learn and practice skirting fleece for various markets. As shearing season, for many, comes to an end the question remains what to do with all that wool? No matter the end market skirting is a step that most every wool producer needs to perform but many feel overwhelmed by the task. This workshop is designed to help attendees understand what skirting is, to what extent they need to skirt, and have the opportunity to put their knowledge to practice.

During the presentation, Dana Havas of CCE Cortland will review the difference between skirting and classing (why, when, and how), the various market channels and how they relate to skirting, what you should have on hand to make skirting efficient and effective for your end goals/product.

After a short break (snacks provided) Pauli Drexler, shepherd and owner of Springside Farm, will lead the hands-on portion where attendees will get to watch, learn, and practice skirting fleeces. Pauli will review the various steps, point out the relationship between skirting and the market channel, and then invite attendees to put their hands to it and practice skirting themselves (attendees are encouraged to bring fleeces and/or skirting tables, but this is not necessary as there will be plenty of fleeces to work with from Pauli's flock).



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Handouts will be made available for all attendees.

Register early to attendee – only 20 spaces are available and registration closes on Monday April 18th!

Register by visiting this link [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Skirting\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Skirting_211). If you have any questions or would like to register via email or over the phone, please contact [dmh353@cornell.edu](mailto:dmh353@cornell.edu) or call (607)391-2664

There is a \$15 fee to attend to help pay for snacks and handouts BUT please don't let this keep you from attending scholarships are available - contact Dana to learn more.

## **Stories From The Guild**

Here, we share the projects and stories that you've accomplished over the month. Send pictures and stories to the editor at [rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com)

### **Shelly Marino**

Shelly has a video to share!

This is a video by one of my favorite designers, Martina Behm, whose topic here is knitting from your stash. She offers useful advice illustrated with some of her own designs, but the best part of the video is at about the 9-minute mark, when she reveals a beautiful philosophy on stash. I dedicate this in memory of Celia Radke, who was, in my mind, the Queen of Stash.

## Anne Furman

Cocheneil, madder, and Indigo

My favorite natural dyes were on display at this exhibit by Melissa Conroy at the Jill Stuart Gallery in the HEB Building at Cornell from February 7 to March 1, 2022. The exhibit, *Listening in Slow Motion*, linked her drawings to her textile designs around these three natural colors. Using knitting machines, clothing and wall hangings interpret the ideas expressed in her drawings. As the Department of Human Centered Design now has a senior lecturer interested in using knit textiles, perhaps more of this type of work will be on exhibit. Go to her web site for many more photos of her work; attached are some of my favorites.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81923763421?pwd=VWxuYTJ4RXhBNWM1WVVuQi80L2E5QT09>

Meeting ID: 819 2376 3421

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## New Member's Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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.