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# NEWSLETTER

## May 2024

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*A cross stitch depiction of Riga, the capital of Latvia  
Taken by Arija on her October trip*



## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

It's spring for real, and there are fiber festivals springing up everywhere. I can't go to all of them, but that doesn't keep me from enjoying the announcements and pictures of yarn, fiber, and animals that go along with these events. There are also all the plants coming up in the yard, and the newest generation of red squirrels are chasing each other up and down the tree in front of my window. It's pretty difficult not to get excited about all the possibilities of gardening and spinning and starting the next knitting project.

I'm also looking forward to our next guild meeting on Saturday, May 11th, from 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church (346 Ridge Road). Especially, since we will have a speaker: Arija Restberg will report from her trip to Latvia.

I hope to see you soon,  
Angelika

P.S. Lisa Ferguson, owner of Laughing Goat Fibers, is holding her open house day on May 11, from 12pm-4:30pm and is looking for a volunteer to demonstrate hand spinning on that event. Her open farm day sadly coincides with our guild meeting. However, if you would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa at [lisa@laughinggoatfiber.com](mailto:lisa@laughinggoatfiber.com)



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## Guild News

### Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be Saturday, May 11th, 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
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Treasurer	Louise Henrie
Newsletter	Rachael Skye
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## 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.

## May Meeting: A Fiber Tour of Latvia

At our May meeting, Arija will tell us about her recent trip to Latvia and the fiber traditions she learned about there. There was a lot of beautiful knitting, and some interesting yarn. Below are a few pictures as a teaser.







## Guild Workshop Announcement

### **Spiral Beaded Bracelet**

Announcing a Guild workshop led by Susan Sarabasha. At the last meeting, there was a lot of interesting in learning how to add beads to your projects. Susan will be giving this workshop at the June meeting, on June 8.

Learn how to easily add beads to your knitting with a small crochet hook.

We will be making a beaded cuff bracelet and learning a couple of Elizabeth Zimmerman techniques, particularly internal Icord and Icord bindoff.

I will have a selection of colors of yarn and beads for you to choose from, plus a crochet hook.

Please bring size US5 dpns or 2 circular needles and scissors. Class size is limited to approximately 10 people.

Please email Marianne at [mpellet771@htva.net](mailto:mpellet771@htva.net) to reserve a spot. She will keep a class list and a waitlist.





## Fiber Events

### Ontario Handspinning Seminar

This year, the Ontario Handspinning Seminar will be held at Waterloo University. The theme is “Diamonds in the Fluff: 60 Years of Spinning” celebrating 60 years of seminars. This year, classes and workshops will follow the theme so that “Beginning to advanced spinners can explore the diversity of “fluff” and options to spin “diamonds” to admire or to take to the next step, an end product.” See their website for information and to register to attend.  
<https://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca/>



### Central NY Fiber Festival & NYS Fiber Animal Conference

The Central NY Fiber Festival is happening this year in conjunction with the NYS Fiber Animal Conference. On June 8 and 9, the Fiber Festival will be open, admission \$5. On Sunday June 9th, the Fiber Conference will occur in the same location, and registering for the Conference will get free admission to the Festival.

Conference description: Beginners as well as more experienced fiber producers are sure to gain valuable hands-on skills and knowledge with respect to fiber quality and what to look for. You will be touching, feeling and seeing the difference between various fiber and fleece types in the presence of an instructor who will display and demonstrate what you need to look for in a quality fleece or fiber. You will also learn how to skirt a fleece and what the best uses are for the different fibers. There will also be a sheep shearing demonstration with a commentary on what needs to be done at this stage to insure the best quality.

Conference Website: <https://caahp.cceext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=193>

Festival Website: <https://cnyfiberarts.org/>







## Using Your Murk

A quick story from Kay Stickane about finding fiber in your stash.

In preparation for going to MDSW festival, I decided to take a quick inventory of fibers that I have. Sadly, I found that I have more than enough rovings, fleeces, and yarns to carry me through the next 50 years, at least. Oh bother!

I did discover that I have some pretty nice stuff, and I need to make an effort to work through my stash. Amazingly, I had taken on some of the stash from Celia Radke's collection, and if any of you knew her, it seemed that she had an infatuation with the color "murk".



Maria Bryhan was always good to call out these colors, I can't really remember if she tended towards murk, but she was always good to point out the color when it surfaced. So here I find that I have at least 3 sets of the variation of the color (murk btw, I have also seen the color dubbed goose\*\*\*\* green) from Celia.

They were all interesting with each one having maybe a bit of blue or rust added to the murk green color. I also discovered that I had a couple of sets of dyed tussah silk that I have learned that I really don't enjoy having silk yarn as much as blends. I took one of the brighter dyed tussah (under 2 oz) and blended it very lightly with one of the murk (6.49 oz) colorways. I am quite pleased with the blend and have begun spinning up the new colorway, I hope that the final 3 ply yarn will be as lovely.







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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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