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# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

it is finally getting chilly outside. I get to wear some of the warm things I have spun and knitted during the past few years. My mind wanders to where all that fiber had come from. Quite a few of my hats, gloves, and shawls are made from fiber I got from the one or the other spinning friend at our guild garage sales. So I'm looking forward to our next guild meeting, which also will be a garage sale. I'm going to go my own stash as well, since there are a few things in there, that would be more loved in somebody else's stash. The next meeting will be indoors in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Church in Lansing (347 Ridge Road) on Saturday, November 13, from 11am-3pm. Masks are required during the meeting. Kindly put your name and telephone number on the sign-up sheet for contact tracing.

During our December meeting we are planning to once again have our annual holiday gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, bring a wrapped small fiber-related gift. If gift exchanges are not your thing, just come and spin and socialize.

On our January meeting we plan to ring in the new year of spinning with a small in-person celebration of Roc-Day. Since Corona virus is still spreading, we do not yet consider it safe to hold a crowded celebration open to the public. Therefore, our Roc-Day celebration will be limited to guild members. We will hold our annual spinning competition, there is still fiber available for those who want to join in the fun, please contact Anne Furman for it. There will be a pot-luck, and a paper-bag raffle. We hope to have a presentation or two. We are looking for donations of fiber, yarn, or finished items for the paper bag raffle. And we are looking for volunteers to give a presentation. Since we can't provide the usual foot traffic, we are not inviting vendors. Guild members, who usually sell at Roc Day, are invited to just join us without the burden of business.

Hope to see you soon,

Angelika



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## Guild News

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at the All Saint's Church in Lansing.

347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY 14882

## Guild Garage Sale

At the November meeting, the Guild will hold our "garage sale." This is a chance for you to bring the items from your stash that could be better enjoyed by someone else, and for you to look at what everyone else has to offer. Go through your old stash, rifle through the attic, and I'll see you on Saturday!

## Guild Dues

Hello, Black Sheep Guild members! Greetings from your treasurer. If you haven't paid your dues of \$25 yet for 2021, now is a good time to catch up. You can send a check made out to Black Sheep Handspinners Guild or BSHG and mail it to me,

Louise Henrie  
417 Second Street  
Ithaca NY 14850,

or we now have a Venmo account! Be the first to try this! our username is @Black-Sheep-NY

Of course, you can catch me at a guild meeting and pay in person. Checks are fine, or if you want to pay in cash, an envelope with your name on it helps with tracking!

Thanks, spinners!



## Roc Day Contest

The Roc Day contest is underway for January 2022! Thank you so much to Anne Furman and her helpers for choosing the contest and packing fiber. Pick up a kit at a meeting to join, or email Anne ([ahfurman@yahoo.com](mailto:ahfurman@yahoo.com)) if you can't make it.

### **Roc Day 2022 Spinning Challenge**

Spin the 2.5 ounces of Merino wool roving to create 2 singles. Spinning techniques are your choice – any gauge, any twist, or any ply. Ply the 2 singles together, incorporating the dyed kid mohair locks. These locks should not be carded or otherwise prepped; they should be plied in. An example of one type of this plying is included in the packet. Use **only the fiber provided** with no dyeing or additions of any kind. It is not necessary to use all the fiber. It is necessary to use only the fiber provided.

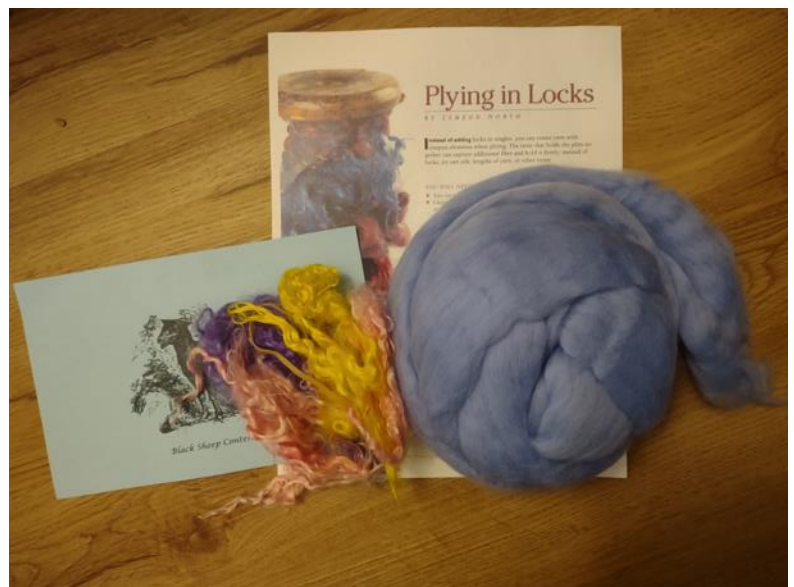
The superfine merino roving is from Outback fibers in Colorado, color Hydrangea:

<https://www.outbackfibers.com/superfine-merino-wool-roving>

The kid mohair locks are from Diane Coon at Coon Hollow Farm in Hamilton, Montana.

Finishing the yarn to set the twist by steaming or washing is recommended. Loosely tying the yarn in 3 places is also suggested. There will be two judgments: one for proficiency, and one by people's choice.

The deadline for turning your yarn in is 10:30 AM on Roc Day.





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## Old News

### Guild Meeting Location

All members are asked to be on the lookout for an alternative potential 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](tel:607-564-9328).

## Guild Officers

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



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## 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).

### Sheep For Free

A notice from Susan Verberg:

On behalf of Lambs Quarters Inc: there are 2 polled Icelandic ram lambs, free, born March 2020, preferably for a new farmer starting out. In Plymouth NY.

Please contact

[Lambsqfarm@frontiernet.net](mailto:Lambsqfarm@frontiernet.net)

Or call Sandy 607 334 4928

### MAFA Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the MidAtlantic Fiber Association is available here:

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## New Member's Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 or mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850