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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

in July and August many of us enjoyed in person guild meetings at the Varna Community Center. Unfortunately, seeing the recent Corona virus infection numbers at Cornell, I'm no longer confident in having an in person gathering in September. Instead, we will have another video meeting on zoom on September 12th from 12pm to 2pm. To access this meeting follow the link below.

With summer coming to an end, we need to think of Roc Day. Unless a miracle happens (or vaccine development is faster than predicted), it is unlikely that we will be able to celebrate Roc Day the way we usually do. I would love to hear everyone's' ideas on how we might be able to have a virtual celebration. I followed this spring the virtual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on Facebook and quite enjoyed the experience.

Stay healthy and keep spinning!

Angelika

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 874 3481 4250

Passcode: 907419

Web Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87434814250?pwd=WXlXQzJvVGhybVVRSXJGRG81Zmw4Zz09>



Guild News

The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 12th, online. The Guild meets on the second Saturday of every month. Exceptions are possible.

Roc Day Contest

Spin any yarn in any ply using the 3 ounces of the 3 primary-colored rovings being given out, which you may blend with a drum carder, hand cards, a blending board, or other blending technique. You may create any gauge yarn. Use only the fiber from the provided rovings with no additions of other fibers or embellishments. It is not necessary to use all the fiber.

Unblended fiber from the rovings may be used to create yarn for up to 50% of the mittens.

Using your yarn(s) knit and/or crochet a pair of mittens either adult or child sized. The deadline for turning in your mittens to the judging table is 10:30 on Roc Day. There will be two judgments: one people's choice and one by judges.

This was interesting to organize as choosing the three primary colors from websites with appropriate rovings was done at a Zoom meeting. With input from those with good eyes for colors and the hope that the website colors were accurate, we have good primary colors for the contest. Packets for the contest were given out last guild meeting. If you have questions because the directions left out something important to you, or if you are interested in a contest packet and cannot attend the next meeting, please contact me at: ahfurman@yahoo.com.

The Fiber content is:

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Yellow # 1842





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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.

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](tel:607-564-9328) .

Guild Officers

President	Angelika St.Laurent
Vice President	Sue Quick
Secretary	Wayne Harbert
Treasurer	Louise Henrie
Newsletter	Rachael Skye
Workshops	Position Open
Webmaster	Rosane Mordt
Roc-Day Coordinator	Yvonne LaMontagne



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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.

Ad Renewal

If you've had a business card in the newsletter for the last year, I would appreciate confirmation that you still want that ad to be run. Email your confirmation along with any updates to the editor, rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com. Ads will not be removed from the newsletter without further notice.

Stories From the Guild

While we're scattered, I've been collecting stories from our members. You can send stories to the email chat threads being sent around, post them to our Ravelry group, and check out the Facebook page. If you want help finding these groups or if you have a story to feature, email me at rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com

Best,
Rachael



Shelly Marino

A big shout out to Angelika for keeping the zoom meetings going! It is so good to catch up. Last month she, Elaine and I had a great chat.

I've been spinning 100g each of 5 colors of carded Corriedale that I ordered from England. The colors are nice and it spins pretty well, but it is rather brillo-like. The Corriedale breed came from a Merino-Lincoln cross, and this particular fiber has the shortness of Merino and the coarseness of Lincoln! No Dick Luce fleece this!

Be well, stay safe! Best wishes,

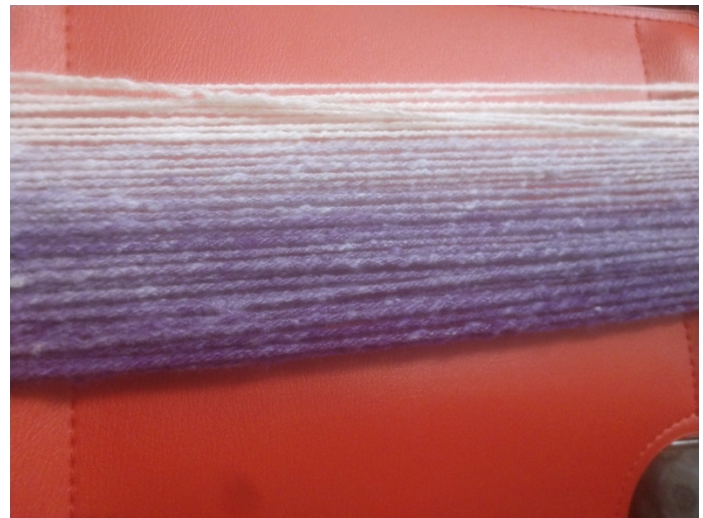
-Shelly





Rachael Skye

I have been busy this month! In part starting the Roc Day contest, so there will be some secrets kept. I got really excited using hand carders, and used them to blend some scraps of white and purple together into a smooth gradient yarn. I also used this chance to learn the chain plying technique, and I love it! Not needing to match up lengths of singles is great; I always get bothered with leftovers even if I try to weigh carefully. Also, since I don't have dedicated bobbin-holders, it makes it a lot easier to go higher than two-ply without having problems with managing the yarns. If you have any suggestions for what to do with about 40 yds of medium-chunky yarn, I'd love to hear them!



My other project was an adventure into basic lace knitting, since I've always loved how it looks but never had the courage to try. I used scraps of my handspun brown and red to make this lacey snood, which is quite good at keeping the hair off of my neck. I may be making more!





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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.

Roc Day Programming Newsletter

Membership Website

Outreach Treasurer

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



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Zoom Details

Topic: Angelika St.Laurent's Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 12, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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