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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Summer is coming to an end. This Saturday, 9-10-2022, will be the last one this year. We'll get to spin at the Brooktondale Farmers' Market (524 Valley Road, Brooktondale, NY, 14817). Our meeting goes from 11am-3pm. The official part of the meeting starts at 1pm, when the farmers' market ends and it gets easier to understand each other.

This time our meeting will have a special educational aspect to it: Arija will teach traditional Baltic band weaving. Materials necessary will be provided at the meeting.

Hope to see you soon,
Angelika

Guild News

The next meeting will be Roc Day, on Saturday, 10 September, 11 am - 3pm. We will meet in Brooktondale Community Center

This meeting will include a workshop with Arija on band weaving

Meeting address: 524 Valley Road, Brooktondale, 14817

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.



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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 .

Guild Officers

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

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.



General News

Indie Dyers Spectrum

Saturday, 9-10-2022 from 10am-5pm, is a fiber festival!

Indie Dyers Spectrum 2022 in Allegany NY. The festival happens at the Daniel A Carter Event Centrum, 82383 West Five Mile Road, Allegany NY 14706

<https://www.knitbuffalo.com/events/2022-indie-dyers-spectrum>

Musical Spinning Wheels

The Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild hosts a 'Musical Spinning Wheel' event on 9-17-2022, from 10am-3pm, at the Presbyterian Church (70 E Main Street) in Victor, NY 14564.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2113286992189982/?ref=newsfeed>

MAFA Movie Night

The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association is hosting a movie night for spinner's guilds throughout the region! Happening 9/14, at 7 pm EST on Zoom.

Fiber artist Sheila Hicks will be highlighted with inspirational videos, slides, and a lively discussion. Please join the Mid Atlantic and beyond audience to enjoy this premiere event!

Sheila Hicks was born in Hastings, Nebraska and received her BFA and MFA degrees from Yale University where she studied with Bauhaus instructor Joseph Albers. She received a Fulbright scholarship in 1957-58 to paint in Chile. While in South America she developed her interest in working with fibers. After founding workshops in Mexico, Chile, and South Africa, and working in Morocco and India, she now divides her time between her Paris studio and New York. "Textile is a universal language. In all of the cultures of the world, textile is a crucial and essential component," Hicks has said. Captivated by structure, form, and color, she has looked to weaving cultures across the globe to shape her work.

We hope you'll join us for this opportunity to connect with guild members and associates from across the Mid Atlantic region!

Looking forward to seeing you!
Kate Ohara & Gigi Matthews

See the end of this newsletter for details on joining the movie night, and links to videos that will be shown





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Freeville Farmer's Market

The Freeville Farmers Market, LocalFiber.org and The Freeville Community Council are excited to be organizing another Freeville Fiber Festival during a special extended market on Sunday September 25, 2022 12-4pm. The market's regular line-up of vendors will be there 12-2pm and are invited to stay for the whole event.

We would love for all of the awesome vendors from last year to join us again and we hope to add a few more. We are looking in particular for local fiber farms, hand-spinners, textile artists and other crafts people who make things with animal or plant fiber sourced from around our region. Additionally we are looking for fiber farmers to bring a couple of their fiber flock to exhibit and a few fiber creatives to show up and spin/knit/crochet/create. To round out the event, other artisans, food vendors and complimentary organizations may also be considered if we think you'll be a good fit and we still have room.

Help us celebrate local fiber and grow the movement to rebuild our local textile economy!

Apply to be a vendor!

VENDOR APPLICATION: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XIHJoMwQYRTBbHnImSjWieCblg-buLj_YArjINeiOP6M/edit

Thanks to the generous support of the Freeville Farmers Market, the Freeville Community Council and LocalFiber, we will have \$0 vendor fees and admission is free :)

Pics and info from last year's fiber fest: <https://www.freevillefarmersmarket.org/minifest.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to drop me a line at hello@bigrockfarm.net.

Thank you!

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Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association

As a handspinner's guild in the region, the Black Sheep are collectively members of the larger Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA). This is just a reminder that you all are invited to their conferences and events! Angelika is currently our MAFA representative.

The next large conference is June 2023, but there are many other events with MAFA to look out for, like the movie night in this newsletter. You can see events and resources on their website here:
<https://mafafiber.org/>

The editor will send some MAFA announcements out via email, and you can also sign up for their mailing list yourself at the following link:
<https://mafafiber.us20.list-manage.com/track-click?u=967a69ad928d91b3516e79db9&id=d035a73647&e=22f076f3d4>

Stories from the Guild

As always, if you have any projects or articles to share, send them in to the editor at rachael.siems.skye@gmail.com

This month, Shelly is writing in from Israel with projects and an interesting article to share:

Shelly Marino

I finally got back to the wheel. Here's the latest, just a few ounces, slight difference in colors. And I've met another spinner and weaver, Ruth Amieli, right around the corner from me!

Second, here's an interesting article on sheep; maybe it's time to increase your flock. "Sheep Are the Solar Industry's Lawn Mowers of Choice" from the Wall Street Journal

https://www.wsj.com/articles/sheep-solar-industry-panels-11662390795?st=mnbyhsnrwqe0cg&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink





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MAFA Movie Night Links

Link to enter MAFA Movie Night starting from 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14th:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86563320212?pwd=jMIJ5VgMnlLVE5yr0Z3cu2pNWN5dLD.1>

Resources from the movie night:

Sheila Hicks: YouTube – Campo Albierto (Open Field) - 3:30
<https://youtu.be/i3h3nK4SXUM>

Sheila Hicks: You Tube - Hanging by a Thread - 4:45
<https://vimeo.com/193924473>

Sheila Hicks: You Tube – Sheila Hicks: Pillar of Inquiry - 4:33
<https://youtu.be/C9PfcC1r52Y>

Sheila Hicks: Off the Grid at The Hepworth Wakefield - 2:28
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz6BxqYldzo>

Slide Show - Hepworth Wakefield Gallery
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IPekkJZEqKljUZpxxzs-PhIAoBV8W5X2ErRxP_ViGHn0/edit#slide=id.p

Slide Show - Sheila Hicks' Work
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1E9X08osFSBm_bGEiQI-cFkxHt0WmasCSy4aDgpjguDQ8/edit#slide=id.p

This video is available for individual viewing:
Sheila Hicks: Sheila Hicks Films.com – Opening the Archives 16:00
<https://vimeo.com/107166538>



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New Member's Form

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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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