

AUG 2012

ROVINOS



Seen at the Ithaca Artist's Market, July 27.

from Ruth

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month there was a preliminary Roc Day meeting. Theresa volunteered to be the chair, that is a load off my mind as I have done it for the last 4 or 5 years and it is time for some fresh ideas. There will be another meeting this month so there is plenty of time to get your ideas incorporated into plans for action. Nothing was decided except for volunteers for several positions but an hour plus of lively discussion lead to many ideas all aimed to making 2013 the best Roc Day ever. We have the state fair demonstration days

coming up. Sharon is coordinating them and if you are going get your tickets from her. In the past it has been a hot but fun event. I am proud that we as a guild take the time to do this and other demonstrations to inform the public about our craft. It is one way of passing the skills forward.

I will not be at the August meeting in person, but will be thinking of you as I am helping to clean out rotten sheet rock from the basement of St John's Church. Speaking about cleaning up, remember to help put the All Saint's Parish Hall back to rights after the meeting.

August 11 Meeting

If you have ever started spinning a colorful pile of fiber and ended up with a pile of mud-colored yarn, this is the class for you. This class will explore techniques for creating exactly the effect you want with space-dyed top or roving. I will be focusing on setting up the spinning of colorways when you have a desired final project in mind.

Some topics that I will touch on will include choosing fiber thickness to control striping, reorganizing color sequences, how plying choice affects color, and choosing a colorway that complements your spinning choices. I will have a limited number of one-ounce pieces of fiber to work with.

I encourage everyone to bring fiber, yarn, or FOs made from space-dyed fiber so that we can analyze what makes them so great, or how to improve them if you were disappointed with the result. ↑

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am - 3pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church Parish Hall, Route 34B, in Lansing, New York

Fall Guild Retreat at Stella Maris Retreat Center on beautiful Skaneateles Lake
(stellamarisretreat.org)

Late afternoon **Friday October 5 through noon on Sunday October 7**

Contact Carol LaBorie to sign up by September 8 at 607-277-9108 or tusweca_winan@yahoo.com

Cost is \$150 per person and includes meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. We usually meet for lunch at the Sherwood Inn prior to the retreat, and we adjourn to Doug's Fish Fry for a farewell lunch on Sunday. The food at Stella Maris is excellent, and the retreat center is in a lovely mansion, formerly the summer home of Frederick Roosevelt, cousin of Teddy Roosevelt. There are interesting shops and galleries within walking distance, and a nice quilt/yarn shop is in nearby Marcellus. If the weather is good we can spin on the porch overlooking the lake, or take our wheels and spindles down to the beach.

Anne F reports that there are a couple of Looms for sale through [MAFA](#). 59" Glimåkra loom with fly shuttle attachment and double warp beam. asking \$2350 and a 63" Glimåkra loom. 4 harness, 6 treadles. Can be made into 10 harnesses. Bench, textsolves and a reed are included. Asking \$1,750

Quite a few of us, although fewer than normal, spent a wonderful day at **Wool Day at the Troy Fair in July.**

We enjoyed wonderful fresh peach shortcake with the spinning and visiting. As usual spinning contests were held. Jim won the spindle spinning one.



Check out the Lamb Jammies



from Cathy.

<http://animaltracks.today.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/07/12/12703015-lambie-jammies-keep-sheep-comfy-clean-and-chic?lite>

Fibery Events



Endless Mtns Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 8 & 9
Hartford Fairgrounds, PA

Finger Lakes Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 15 & 16
Hemlock, NY

S Adirondack Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 22 & 23
Greenwich, NY

Fiber Fallout Retreat

Sat & Sun, Sept 28 & 29
North Country Spinners, NJ

Bel Canto Farm Fest

Sat, Oct 6, 11am - 5pm
Trumansburg, NY



BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS HOSTING **ABBY FRANQUEMONT**

Nov. 3 and 4 Country Inn and Suites, 3707 State Route 281, Cortland NY

Four half-day workshops will be offered. There are 16 seats available for each session. Each workshop is \$45 for guild members and \$55 others. The workshop fee must be paid at registration and is non refundable. Material fees (in parenthesis) will be collected at the door on the day of your class. Guild member registration began at the May meeting and will run through the August meeting. After that the remaining spaces will be offered to the public.

NOTE: ALL WORKSHOPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHEEL MECHANICS CAN BE TAKEN WITH A DROP SPINDLE

Saturday, Nov 3, 9am to noon Getting More Done With Spindles (\$25 mtl)

For those who already spin with spindles a little or a lot, for wheel spinners who want to know how to make the spindle more productive. This class is just your ticket. Learn where your personal bottlenecks are, learn techniques to speed up various spindle tasks, learn to spin various kinds of yarn and different fibers. Bring a spindle you love or one you hate. A basic low whorl spindle and fiber will be provided.

Saturday, Nov 3, 1-4pm, Wheel Mechanics (\$30 mtl)

Learn about drive systems, tensioning mechanisms, ratios, treadle systems, flyer design, and how all these things affect your wheel's performance and the yarn you produce. How, when, and why would you choose one system over another, or make setup changes? How can you troubleshoot mechanical problems? How can you change settings on your wheel to change the yarn you are spinning? Fiber will be supplied and wheels with multiple drive systems will be present but you should bring your own wheel.

Sunday, Nov 4, 9am-noon Drafting: The Long and Short of It (\$30 mtl)

What is the difference between long draw and short draw? Does it matter? Why should you choose one or the other? What difference does it make in your finished yarn? Are some fibers or preparations more suited to one or the other? We will talk about these subjects, learn to execute a range of drafting methods with a variety of fibers. Bring a wheel or spindle and fiber will be supplied.

Sunday, Nov 4, noon to 4pm Plying Basics (\$20 mtl)

Often overlooked, plying is actually its own whole skill set. There are many plying structures which bring different benefits to your yarn, and this class will help you decide which you'd like to use and make sure you can get that done. We'll cover the differences between singles, 2 ply, 3 ply, more than 3 ply, cabled yarn and crepe yarn. Participants should bring a wheel in good working order and or a spindle they like, a lazy kate with at least 4 bobbins. Optional: niddy noddy, skeiner, ball winder or nostepinne. Fiber will be supplied.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EACH WORKSHOP IS \$45 FOR GUILD MEMBERS AND \$55 FOR ALL OTHERS

SIGN ME UP FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS

Getting More Done With Spindles _____ (\$25 material fee) Wheel Mechanics _____ (\$30 material fee)

Drafting : The Long and Short Of It _____ (\$30 material fee) Plying Basics _____ (\$20 material fee)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ Make out checks to Black Sheep Handspinners and mail registration form and check to Marjorie Inana, 41 W. Court St., Cortland, NY, 13045

Plan on bringing your own bag lunch or go out to eat. Coffee, tea, and water are provided. Soda machines are available but there is no food served at the hotel.



Date: _____

Name: _____

Address:

preferred email: PRINT NEATLY please _____

preferred phone # _____ birthday month (opt) _____

This info will be made available to the guild membership. If you wish to remain anonymous please let Char know.

Please list your wheel(s)

We welcome spinners of all skill levels. How long have you been spinning? _____

Do you: Knit? Weave? Crochet? Dye - (Natural or chemical) ?

Which of your skills might you be willing to share with a member or the group?

ie: teach beginning spindling or spinning or dyeing; teach a spinning / knitting / crocheting skill, etc

If you raise any fiber animals, please list them here _____

Which committee(s) are you interested in joining?

- Roc Day
- Membership
- Programming
- Charity Works
- Outreach including Events & Activities Schedule for non guild members
- Newsletter - advisory & review
- None

Would you be interested in chairing or co-chairing one of these groups? If yes, which one(s)?

Newsletters are sent via email. If you would prefer to get yours via snail mail please give 12 SASE envelopes to Sharon Gombas. Postage should be \$2 per envelope.



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A photograph of a wooden spinning wheel in the foreground, with several colorful skeins of yarn in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

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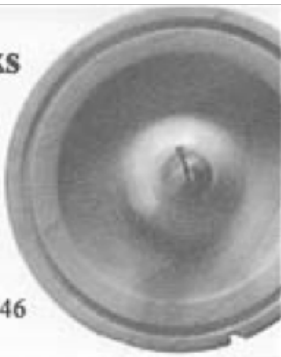
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