

ROVIN'S

President's Message

I got in the last load, I hope, of wood pellets today while the ground was frozen hard enough to support the tractor. It looks like the cold weather has finally set in and winter is here. The light is at an ebb but is coming back, even if we can't notice it yet. With the luxury of glass and insulation between us and the cold and wind we can sit and spin. Spinning in the evening is an enjoyable activity to pass some of the dark outside time.

Roc Day is almost here! It always seems to take on more immediacy after the Christmas holiday. We will be hosting other spinners and the general public in a party, but also in an outreach of our guild. Remember the auction and the dish to pass, but more importantly be prepared to have fun being hosts to this event. I think there are still some spaces in the workshops so consider signing up for one or more of them. I know the instructors are well qualified and the classes will be informative and fun. *Jim*

Winter Retreat at [Stella Maris](#) in Skaneateles. March 10 and 11. \$120. Please speak with or write to [Anne Furman](#) for more details and to sign up. Space is limited.



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*The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm
on the 2nd Saturday of each month
at All Saints Church Parish Hall,
[Rte 34B, in Lansing, NY](#)*

January's Program

Roc Day

10-4

*workshops, vendors, dish-to-pass,
raffles.*

Spin-in FUN

DECEMBER 10 MINUTES

Minutes, Dec 10, 2011 Notes taken by Audrey.

Typed directly from her notes by Susan. I think Audrey knew what she was shortening but Susan does not so apologizes for the omissions and lack of detail.

Jim J called the meeting to order.

Fresh Dirt Magazine needs local stories. Wayne H will contact them about Roc Day.

Prices of lamb - New Zealand and Australia are producing fewer therefore ???? gets more money.

Becky T - Roc Day Signups needed. Drum carder fixed but needs doffer brush, c-clamps and skewer. Cathy C will monitor the machine.

Abbie Franquemont is scheduled for Nov 3 & 4, 2012.

Carolyn Wood, from Alfred, NY, is scheduled for April 28th. Workshop is on color blending with naturally dyed fibers. At the Parish Hall 9-4. Cost is \$55. More info and sign-up in the newsletter.

Newsletter did not get to most members, only some. Roc Day Poster did. Susan S will resend the newsletter.

Vickie M - membership form with dues, \$20, needs to be to her ASAP.

Roc Day Auction is in 2 parts. Regular and also Special items to benefit the Food Pantry. You must be present to win one of those or have a designated collector.

Program Calendar 2011 - 2012

May 14 Elections /Committee Meetings	June 11 Spinning New Fibers	July 9 Spin-In Dessert Dish-to- pass.	August 13 Spin-In Bring a snack to share.
September 10 Wheel Maintenance (get ready for the CQ workshop)	October 8 Knit/spin for our raffle or for charity	November 12 Celia Quinn Sharing	December 10 Holiday Party

January 14 Roc Day	February 12 Fiber Tasting	March 12 Member Made	April 9 Barn Sale
12-May	9-Jun	14-Jul	11-Aug
8-Sep	13-Oct	10-Nov	8-Dec

Minutes cont'd



Mary Miller reported on the Tee Shirt order.

Long sleeved mock turtlenecks - \$20

Short Sleeved Tee's - \$12

Please sign up with Mary.

We are using the old logo and it is silk screened so there should be no problem washing the shirts. Exact change or checks are appreciated.

Remember, you can find the Blacksheep Handspinner's Guild on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Black-Sheep-Handspinners-Guild/>

Use it to find the latest info, post information on events or items for sale, add photos of your most beloved creations, and ask for help or info, and more.

You just never know what's going to happen next on FB. So please join our page--become a fan and visit often.

Ayne Sheldon will be happy to provide a tutorial on getting around on FB at one of our meetings.

Retreat in Skaneateles. \$120 includes meals. March 9-11 at Stella Maris. Sign up sheet with Anne F. (see page 1)

Roc Day Committee meeting after our meeting.

Wayne and Priscilla will reset the room.

Scotland Yard has lots of yarn and fiber for sale.

Marjorie will take a bag of fiber for her class in April. The rest will go to our Roc Day Auction.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Lowes, Secretary, with faulty interpretation by Susan

Incredible Web-based Yarn Resource

<http://www.wiseneedle.com>

For some interesting and fun reading try [Knit Riot Strikes Again](#).



READY for RENTAL LOAN

Housed with Sharon
Felting machine, loom, wool combs,
random bits of wool

Housed with Cathy
carder (currently with Jean T)

2012 Roc Day Workshops - Saturday - January 14, 2012

All Saints Church in Lansing- 347 Ridge Rd. (Rte 34B) Lansing NY.

See registration form for location directions

MORNING - 10:30 - 12 NOON

ROOM A - CATHY CHESNUT - Knitting Technique workshop

KNITTING AND BEADS 10:30 TO 12 NOON - \$20.00 CLASS FEE - INCLUDES MATERIALS CLASS SIZE - 8 MAX

Not a beginner knitting class. Students must know how to Knit - Purl - Yo - K2tog.

This is the class to learn how to add beads to your knitting. You will learn what yarn works with what size beads; when to string the beads on to your yarn and how to do this with a special threading tool; how to place the strung beads as you knit or purl and what method to choose for desired results; how to use a crochet hook to attach beads without stringing and why and when you would want to use this method and what effect you achieve by proper placement of your beads into your knitting.

All supplies and equipment will be provided - this is a technique class and not a project class.

Some vendors will have beaded knitting patterns and kits available after class

ROOM B - TERESA PORRI - Spinning Technique workshop

COLOR MANAGEMENT WHILE SPINNING ARTISAN-DYED FIBER

Wheel or Spindle 10:30 TO 12 NOON - \$25.00 CLASS FEE - INCLUDES FIBER CLASS SIZE - 8 MAX

Not a beginner spinning class. Students must be comfortable spinning and plying yarn from various fibers.

Students will learn how to manage multicolored batts and roving to maximize the color placement in spun yarns. This is the class to learn how to avoid muddy colored yarn spun from multi-colored batts and roving. **Make your yarns pop with color!**

A variety of techniques and spinning decisions that affect the look of the finished object - including fiber thickness, plying, organizing color sequences and color choices will be covered.

Students need to bring either a drop spindle suitable for medium weight yarn or your wheel in working order, 4 empty bobbins, and a separate lazy kate if you have one.

ROOM C - RUTH ALLEN - Spindle Spinning Technique workshop

BEGINNERS' SPINDLE SPINNING WORKSHOP 10:30 TO 12 N - \$20.00 INC MTLs, CLS SIZE = 8 MAX

This is the class for people to test their interest in spindle spinning. **Beginners welcome!**

Students will learn how to spindle spin using spindles and fiber owned and provided by the guild. You will learn what fibers work best for beginning spindlers and why; what happens when you put twist into fiber and how to manage the spindle and fiber to produce a pleasing usable yarn. This is a skill that develops with practice. Test out your interest in the class before investing in your own spindle and fiber.

NO MATERIALS LIST - Students will borrow equipment and fiber for class use only. Spindles and fiber will be for sale at various Roc Day Vendor booths after the class.

AFTERNOON – 1:00-3:00 PM**ROOM B - MARJORIE INANA** - Fiber Processing workshop**CARDING AND FLICKING 1 - 3:00 PM - \$25.00 INCLUDES FIBER CLASS SIZE - 10 MAX**

Not a beginner **We are very sorry. Marjorie is ill. This workshop has been cancelled.**

This workshop will give you an opportunity to learn how to use your carders and flicker to prepare fibers in a variety of ways. Bring your carders and flicker if you have them and a spindle or wheel to try spinning the different preparations that you will learn to prepare in the class.

There will be loaner hand carders and flickers available if you don't have your own and are thinking about buying them. There will not be enough for each student, so if you have your own, please bring them or plan to share the loaners with other students.

ROOM C - CAROLYN RIVELLO - Plying Technique workshop**PLYING ON A WHEEL: BASICS AND BEYOND 1 - 3:00 PM - \$25.00 INCLUDES FIBER CLASS SIZE - 10 MAX**

This is not a beginner spinning class. Students must be comfortable spinning and plying yarn on a wheel from various fibers.

Most spinners think of plying merely as putting two singles together and sending them through the wheel the opposite way, but there is so much more to it!

This workshop will teach you how to create one of a kind yarns through plying. We will discuss reasons for plying and ways to get the right amount of ply twist every time; make basic 3-ply and 4-ply yarns; learn two ways to Navajo ply, and ***much more as time allows.*** Bring your wheel in working order, 4 empty bobbins, and a separate lazy kate if you have one. All fiber provided as part of the \$25.00 class fee.

For more information on these workshops - go to:

<http://blacksheephandspinnersguild.org>

To check out our ROC DAY 2012 updates.

You can also contact - Cathy Chesnut - cchesnut@frontiernet.net

Registration forms and payment directions will be posted to website soon.

Registration will start December 1, 2011 and end January 5, 2012 or until full. There will only be registration on ROC DAY if there are workshop openings not filled or cancelled prior to the big day.

This is a 1st come - 1st served experience so if you are interested, don't delay!

Roc day 2012 Workshop Registration Form

Name - _____

Address - _____

Phone & Email - _____

Please fill in the blanks for each workshop in which you are registering yourself or others .

AM - 10:30 TO 12 NOON

KNITTING AND BEADS - # OF REGISTRANTS _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

COLOR MANAGEMENT WHILE SPINNING ARTISAN-DYED FIBER -
OF REGISTRANTS _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

BEGINNERS' SPINDLE SPINNING - # OF REGISTRANTS _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

PM - 1 - 3:00 PM

CARDING AND FLICKING - # OF REGISTRANTS _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

PLYING ON A WHEEL - # OF REGISTRANTS _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

If you are registering for more than one person on this form, please send a list with the name and contact information for each person attending each workshop.

Please send your check or Postal/Bank money order and this form to:

**Cathy Chesnut
752 west State Road
Cortland, NY 13045**Please email me to let me know that this information is in the mail. I will reply when I receive the envelope.
cchesnut@frontiernet.netPlease check our website - www.blacksheephandspinners.org - for workshop openings and updates

Registration forms and payment must be received by January 5, 2012 to hold reservation.

WORKSHOP WITH CAROL WOOD

COMPLEX COLOR FROM NATURAL DYES----- COLOR BLENDING AND SPINNING

When: Saturday, April 28, from 9-4

Where: Our regular meeting place - All Saints Church

Cost: Members \$55 Non Members \$65 (includes material fee)

Description:

Learn about the possibilities of color blending and color theory from fiber "dyed in the wool" exploring the dramatic differences resulting from small changes in the proportions of primary colors, black and white. Using fleece pre-dyed by the instructor with natural dyes (cochineal, indigo, weld) and natural/black fiber, students will card, spin and ply yarns in order to learn about the interactions of colors and choosing colors to blend based on the desired results. The workshop will include an overview of natural dyes and their use; topics covered will also be applicable to synthetic dyes.

Note: Participants must be comfortable with spinning and plying on a wheel or a handspindle. Dye work will be described but is not the focus of the class.

Participants need to bring: hand cards, drum carder (optional) spinning wheel or handspindle, knitting or crocheting equipment for swatches (if desired) notebook, and specific project ideas (optional).

Please contact [Marjorie](#) if you want to sign up.

FIBERY EVENTS



Roc Day

Saturday, January 14

Workshops, Vendors,

Dish-to -pass, raffles, spin-in

Fiber Arts Festival

Saturday, February 20

11 - 5

Grey Barn B&B, S Lansing, NY

Know of any other fairs/events we all might want to attend? Please send the info, with a link, to [Susan](#).

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If you have not already filled this membership info form out, please print it, do so and return it at a guild meeting **or** to Vickie Marsted, 29 Lincoln Ave, Cortland, NY 13045. Thank you.



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

DUES Record:

2011 2014

2012 2015

2013 2016

Joined guild in _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

preferred email: _____

preferred phone # _____ birthday month (opt) _____

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 ° Library
- Membership ° Education
- Programming ° Website
- Charity Works ° Nominating Committee (occasional)
- 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)?




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