



NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to everyone who made it a great retreat!



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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Spinners,

Spring seems to be coming early this year. Still, it might not be wise to start gardening too early. Conveniently, spinning is a good way of keeping the hands busy enough to stay out of the mud for just a little bit longer. Our next guild meeting will be this Saturday, March 9th, from 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall of the All Saints Catholic Church in Lansing, 346 Ridge Road.

We have nothing in particular planned for the meeting, but we have to do some planning on what to do in the up-coming meetings. It would be nice, to have a guild member or an invited speaker to give a presentation during one of the up-coming meetings. If you are interested in presenting or know somebody, who would be good to invite, please make yourself heard.

The last weekend of February had been our annual guild retreat. I would like to thank Kylie for her effort to organize the event for us. Once again, the retreat was great fun and a good opportunity to relax, get to know other spinners, and play a lot with fiber.

Hope to see you all on Saturday,
Angelika



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Guild News

Guild Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be Roc Day on Saturday, March 9, 11-3 PM, in the Parish Hall of the All Saint's Church

Address: 346 Ridge Rd, Lansing

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, Roberta Sibley at robertainez@yahoo.com.

Guild Officers

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



Guild Dues

For all members who have not yet paid dues, they are \$25 for the year of 2024. 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

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.

2024 Retreat Thank-you!

Thank you so much to all of the organizers for the 2024 retreat! The weekend was fabulous, and we're already excited about planning for next year. If you went on the retreat, Kylie is welcoming any feedback on what we can improve (within our control, of course).





For Sale In The Guild

Spinning Wheels

Emily Butler has two spinning wheels in search of a new home (see below). Call or text her at (607) 368-5244 for information.



Ellen Gossner is selling her vintage 1973 castle wheel (see right).

Interested folks can phone me at (315) 852-3344 or speak at the meeting. It is a nice wheel built by someone with initials HOH and dated 1973...a double drive that spins beautifully for me. I took a chance & got it from ebay about 14 years ago. I replaced the flyer and have enjoyed it, but now it is time for it to find a new home. Valued at \$300. which is the price I paid originally. It travels easily on the passenger side of a car.



Loom

Mary White is selling a LeClerc loom and warping board that never made it out of their box, as well as cotton yarn cones in a variety of colors. She is asking about \$200 for the equipment. Contact Mary at marywhite1945@gmail.com for information



Fiber Events

Ontario Handspinning Seminar

This year, the Ontario Handspinning Seminar will be held at Waterloo University. The theme is “Diamonds in the Fluff: 60 Years of Spinning” celebrating 60 years of seminars. This year, classes and workshops will follow the theme so that “Beginning to advanced spinners can explore the diversity of “fluff” and options to spin “diamonds” to admire or to take to the next step, an end product.” See their website for information and to register to attend.
<https://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca/>



Central NY Fiber Festival & NYS Fiber Animal Conference

The Central NY Fiber Festival is happening this year in conjunction with the NYS Fiber Animal Conference. On June 8 and 9, the Fiber Festival will be open, admission \$5. On Sunday June 9th, the Fiber Conference will occur in the same location, and registering for the Conference will get free admission to the Festival.

Conference description: Beginners as well as more experienced fiber producers are sure to gain valuable hands-on skills and knowledge with respect to fiber quality and what to look for. You will be touching, feeling and seeing the difference between various fiber and fleece types in the presence of an instructor who will display and demonstrate what you need to look for in a quality fleece or fiber. You will also learn how to skirt a fleece and what the best uses are for the different fibers. There will also be a sheep shearing demonstration with a commentary on what needs to be done at this stage to insure the best quality.

Conference Website: <https://caahp.cceext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=193>

Festival Website: <https://cnyfiberarts.org/>





Knit For Food Fundraiser

Kylie is participating in a Knit-a-thon fundraiser and sent in some information on how to join her.

Hi Spinners! Last guild meeting I mentioned local knitter and pattern designer extraordinaire Laura Nelkin has once again put together a fundraiser to raise money for some wonderful organizations. I hope you'll consider donating or—even better—becoming part of the team, and raising some money for a great cause while spinning on Saturday the 23rd of March. This year they have raise \$134,000 so far!



The following is from her Knit for Food page.

<https://givebutter.com/knitforfood24/lauranelkin>

Knit for Food Knit-a-thon is a 12 hour knitting marathon to raise funds and awareness for food insecurity. 100% of funds raised will be equally divided between Feeding America, World Central Kitchen, No Kid Hungry, and Meals on Wheels.

There are two ways to support the Knit-a-thon: You can sign up to knit/craft for 12 hours OR you can donate!

You can stay home and knit or gather with a group of crafty friends (or do some of both)!

Want to knit with others in your area? See if there is a meet-up near you.

There will be Zoom programming in the morning and evening of the 23rd.

We will hear from the 4 organizations we are raising funds for, do bodywork to keep you healthy while you knit, and end the evening with a fantastic game show.

Everyone who raises \$100 or more will receive a link.

Thanks so much for supporting our effort to craft a better future.

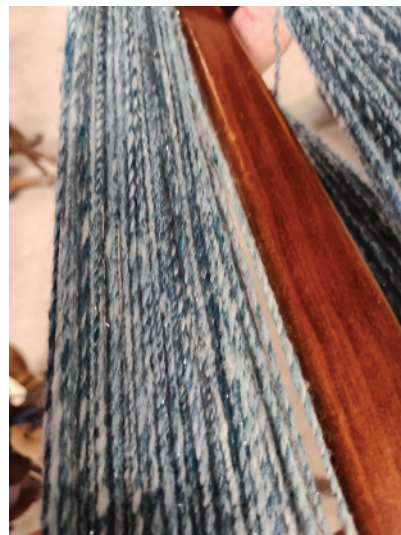


Retreat Gallery

The Guild retreat at Casowasco was a beautiful and inspiring weekend! Here are some photos from the weekend, starting with a Finished Object parade.



Arija cranked out beautiful socks on her knitting machine



Rosane spun some beautiful blue on her drop spindle



Melody learned how to use a drum carder for some wonderful fluff.



Ronda finished a gorgeous burgundy yarn



And Marianne finished this brown yarn right before we packed up to leave!





And finally, a series of the weekend's beautiful sights! Both inside the building...





...and outside!



Our fearless president bundled up for a walk in 1 degree windchill



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New Member's Form

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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, mail it with your check for \$25 to: Louise Henrie, 417 2nd Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or send via Venmo to Black-Sheep-NY.