

ROVIN'

President's Message

November is here and there is only one more meeting before Roc Day. Yes, we will have our guild party in December, but our public party is Roc Day and we all need to be getting ready for it. Ellie still needs hand made items for the chinese auction, the RD committee needs people to volunteer to sell tickets for the auction and to welcome people at the door. Also, we need people to help with the set up and clean up. All this and still find time to spin, whew!

I would like to thank the people who did a wonderful job of resetting the room after our last meeting. They allowed the people in the Roc Day committee to get our work done as well.

Please bring your Celia Quinn samples and stories to share at the meeting

Jim

Ruth modeling a pumpkin squash Audrey grew in her garden this year. Evidently these virtually seedless squash are really what are smooshed up, canned and sold in the stores as pumpkin pie filling.



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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](#)*

November's Program

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Bring a snack to share.

OCTOBER PHOTOS



Annika opening her birthday surprise present from her in-laws (A gift certificate from Spinning Bunny).



Teresa showing us a huge ball of hand spun.
(Your editor does not remember from where or why.)

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 8 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

Roc Day Committee continues to meet and plan.

No minutes submitted.

The following workshops are planned:

Beginning Spindling

Beaded Knitting

Beginning Crochet

Carding Wool

Roc Day Raffle Items Needed from Ellie

What's your project for Roc Day?

Hand done items are always the most popular.

Roc Day meeting following open spinning at our next meeting.

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.

Subject: finding a spinner

Reply-To: "Rita and Phil McIntire" <phrim@roadrunner.com>

Dear Ladies - I am writing to you from Queensbury, New York. I have an elderly friend who is a weaver and was recently given several bags of alpaca wool which needs to be spun so that she might be able to use it in her weaving hobby. The contacts she has made have all wanted her to take a course in order to learn to spin. As she has stated, she is a "weaver" and at her present "young" age of 88, she does not want to "spin" but rather "weave".

I was hoping you might be able to help us find a spinner who would take on the task of spinning some wool for us. We would expect to pay for this time consuming art and would be able to ship the wool if someone would be interested and kind enough to help my elderly friend.

Any information and/or suggestions would be so greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rita McIntire
2352 Ridge Road
Queensbury, New York 12804
[\(518\) 656-9596](tel:(518)656-9596)

CELIA QUINN WORKSHOP

There was lots of learning and fun at the Hampton Court in Cortland, NY this weekend. **Celia Quinn**, noted spinning instructor and writer from Homer, Alaska, taught two workshops to a full classroom of enthusiastic spinners, mostly from our guild.

Saturday, Spinning to Spec, was all about wraps and twists per inch. From newbies to veteran spinners, we all spun outside our comfort zones, from as thin as possible on a fine combed Merino, to pencil-roving fatness on coarser fibers. Celia pointed out how some fibers were more appropriate for fine versus thicker spinning. We all tried spinning the same fiber, to the same specifications (20 wraps and 5 twists per inch) and were delighted to see how similarly most of our samples came out.

Celia brought wonderful samples of her yarns and various knitted and woven items to illustrate her teaching points. She talked about not trying to make "perfect" yarn, because we're human and there is variation in everything we do. Nonetheless, her work was pretty spectacular and consistent. Her teaching empowered even the least experienced in the group to try planning and controlling our yarns a bit more than we have in the past. She shared many tips and tricks for measuring and testing yarn, and for deciding what kinds of fibers and what spinning decisions are appropriate for particular projects. "Sample, sample and sample" she advised. "Measure frequently to help maintain consistency." She taught us to calculate Grist (yards per pound) so we could compare one bobbin or skein of a project to another, and how to determine if our skeins were within a 10% tolerance of each other.

On Sunday (Novelty Yarns) we spun samples of Alpaca, Merino, Mohair and several other yarns. Celia steamed the samples to take the liveliness out of them (normally this happens naturally when the yarn is left on a bobbin for several days). We then plied these yarns using different techniques to create beaded yarns, seed yarn, precise Navajo 3-ply yarns with deliberate color changes, mohair "halo" yarn, Knickerbocker yarn (multicolored silk noil carded into white Merino top), glitz - blended alpaca with firestar, Garnetted yarn (with thread waste), and even Shifu "au lait", which was made from coffee filters! The trickiest project was the boucle, or "boo-hoo-cle" (*at right*), as Celia called it. Combed mohair top was plied with dyed silk and then re-plied with a decorative sewing thread. Challenging, but lots of fun. Celia suggested to us that novelty yarns be used in small quantities, as accents, rather than for large projects, as they are so time-consuming.

Celia's high energy, extensive experience and knowledge, and down-to-earth personable manner made it a fun and informative weekend. (She was delighted, by the way, that there was a Homer, NY nearby, and was tickled to receive Homer T-shirts to take home!) A great guild-sponsored program, and many thanks to Celia and to our guild members who organized it.

Ruth Allen





October's Spinning Circle



Your article / contribution could be here.

FIBERY EVENTS



Roc Day

Saturday, January 14

Workshops, Vendors, Dish-to -pass,
raffles, spin-in

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all might want to attend? Please
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Date: _____

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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
- Membership
- Programming
- Charity Works
- Outreach including Events & Activities Schedule for non guild members
- Newsletter - advisory & review
- None
- Library
- Education
- Website
- Nominating Committee (occasional)

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The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild was formed in 1973 and has been meeting to share spinning fellowship and techniques ever since. We welcome all spinners at all levels.

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNER'S NEWSLETTER

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