

NOV 2012

ROVINOS



One of Cathy C's reps sent her this picture.

Nov 10 Meeting

GARAGE SALE

It is that time of year again--time to purge that closet (or every closet in my case) for fibers/yarns/unfinished projects and any other fiber-related objects that you will probably never use and would like to interest another fiber junkie in. Bring it all to the meeting this month and feel virtuous in reducing that stash.

Also be thinking about a favorite and somewhat fast-to-make pattern (with no copyright issues of course) to share with each others at the December holiday party. Bring a made-up example if possible. I am thinking of some last-minute yet lovely gift suggestions to use up some of the stash.

Best wishes,

Sharon

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is again November, where has the year gone? The program for this meeting is Garage Sale, so bring in excess stash and take home someone else's. Perhaps this will be an opportunity to pick up some fiber that you are not familiar with and/or give you a chance to try something new.

I was at the spindling workshop with Abby Saturday morning. She's a wonderful teacher and has much to share. For a self taught spindler like myself there was so much

information to absorb, old habits to try and break, and new ideas to try. I'm sure that I will become a better spindler because of the time spent in the workshop. A great big thank you to the guild and especially to Marjorie for bringing her here.

Remember, Roc Day is coming up and the list for volunteers that Becki has will be on the table. We can't bring off the event without the help of many members of the guild. Also, we will be discussing what we want to do for our December party. *Jim*

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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

Donations Wanted for Superstorm Sandy Refugees.

I'm collecting hats, scarves and gloves or mittens, or any knitted or crocheted items, and will forward them to people in need on Long Island, along the Connecticut or NJ shore. I'll contact various individuals on Ravelry who live in those areas, or else churches or schools to receive the donations. So many people have lost everything they had, and will need our help. *Please label any contributions with the fiber content and washing instructions, and the size or age it is intended for.* Bring items, for any size, gender or age, to the November guild meeting. I'll also be glad to take contributions after that:

E-mail me

(ruthmumsie@wildblue.net) to arrange a pickup/drop off or mail your contributions to: Ruth Allen, 47 Taggart Rd., Newfield, NY 14867.

Please pass this information on to other knitters and crocheters you know who might like to help.

Contributions to help with postage are also welcome. Thank you all so very much for your generosity and kindness. **Ruth**



Born to Jean Tyler

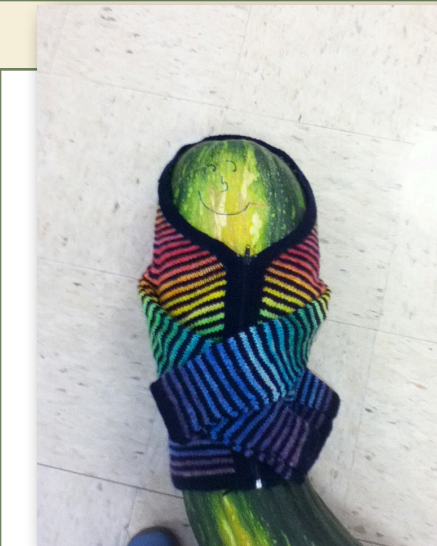
Baby Robbie on Sunday, October 21. He's beautiful and all are well.

Congratulations!



Squash Boy Soup

2 Tbsp oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c chopped onion
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 2 tsp sweet curry powder
 2 tsp cumin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cardamom
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground coriander
 1 tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp black pepper
 Dash cinnamon
 1 qt chicken broth
 4-6 c. roasted squash or pumpkin, mashed
 1 (14 oz) can coconut milk



Poem and Recipe by Marilee W. Squash Boy Blues

Poor little squash boy so cozy and warm,
 wrapped up in the sweater the toddler has scorned.
 We lift you and heft you and guess at your weight.
 Theresa is closest: thirty-seven and eight.
 Sharon is wondering just how you grew
 unseen in her garden; she hasn't a clue.
 Your heritage murky, your parents unknown,
 it's really a mystery just how you were sown.
 You hid among 'maters and taters and corn.
 Are you some strange offspring of vegetable porn?
 Your father a pumpkin, your mother a zuke,
 an acorn, a butternut, or maybe a cuke?
 A biotech monster or maybe a clone?
 A cucurbit wonder the world's never known?
 It's really no matter, we know what to do:
 we'll chop you in pieces and deal with the goo.
 Dissect you and parse you among all the crew.
 To roast or to boil, it's a matter of taste,
 for a soup or a salad or maybe a paste
 to bake into bread or cookies or cake.
 We'll have to appreciate all that we take.
 You gave up your life so that we could partake.
 Thank you Squash Boy.

Cilantro for garnish

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Cook onion until soft. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in spices and cook 1 minute. Add broth and squash, bring to boil, reduce heat to low, simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Puree in blender, food processor or with immersion blender. Stir in coconut milk and heat through. Adjust seasoning to taste. Ladle into bowls and garnish with chopped cilantro.

Thank-the squash boy.

Fibery Events



Roc Day

Saturday, January 13 & 14

10-4 Saturday

All Saints Parish Hall

Lansing, NY



Bill working on the double crocheting he taught himself.

Roc Day Committee Notes - from Teresa P

Plans for Roc Day are progressing smoothly. Here are some updates from the Roc Day planning committee. We are approaching the time in which we are getting more information more frequently than newsletter intervals. If you want to keep up, the latest updates on the schedule for Roc Day will be available on the guild website:

<http://www.blacksheephandspinnersguild.org/rocdays.html>.

Ongoing activities:

Classes: We will definitely have classes on beginning spinning, wool carding and flicking, and designing triangular lace shawls. We have a few more ideas in the works, and we hope to have the finalized list with schedules and prices sometime in November.

Vendors: We will have 10 vendors this year and they will be more focused on materials of immediate use to handspinners and other fiber artists--raw and processed fibers, yarns, tools, and accessories.

Advertising: We'll be advertising in the winter issue of Spin-Off and on regional groups on Ravelry, along with sending emails to regional guilds and yarn shops and posting flyers around town.

New this year:

"Ask me about my spinning!":

We will have some designated (but very informally appointed) Fiber Ambassadors in the spinning circle. Some attendees interested in learning more about fiber arts have expressed feeling "shut out" of the spinning circle in the past. Fiber Ambassadors will have a sign in a prominent spot (back of the chair or on the wheel depending on where they're sitting) that says "ask me about my spinning!" It's a small thing, but one that we hope makes Roc Day feel more inclusive of all attendees.

Skein competition: We will have a skein competition. For \$2, you can submit up to 5 entries (one for each class you qualify for). Ellie and Sharon have offered their considerable expertise as judges. The rules for this competition should be available by the next guild meeting.

How you can help:

Advertising: A survey the committee took last year informed us that word of mouth is the main way people hear about Roc Day, by FAR. Please tell your fiber arts friends about this festival! If you know of a good location to put up a flyer, a pdf of the Roc Day flyer is available on the BSHG website, and we will

have printed-out flyers to hand out at the next two guild meetings.

Volunteering: Becki has a volunteer list. Please sign up for a shift! The jobs available run the gamut from the social to the behind-the-scenes, the active to the not-so-active.

Pictures: We have some pictures from previous Roc Days on the guild website, and I would love more. If you have pictures you'd be willing to have on the website, please contact me at tjporri@gmail.com.

Feedback: I and the rest of the committee are always open to feedback on ways of improving Roc Day. Feel free to contact me any time with ideas.



The **Chinese Auction** is a fun part of Roc Day. Members make contributions and we place them on a table. Each item has a number and a corresponding bag. People buy tickets and place them in the bags of their choice. Numbers are drawn and the winners receive their prize. It all depends on our beautiful member contributions. Make something *you* would like to win. Contributions are accepted now and up to rather early on Roc Day. The drawings will be at 12:30.

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER



Membership Form

Please type or print

Date: _____

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Joined guild in _____

Please fill this out
and either bring it
to a meeting or
mail it with your
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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
- Library
- Education
- Website
- Nominating Committee (occasional)

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

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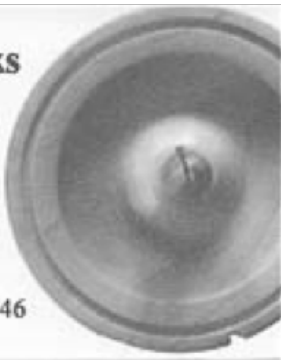
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