

ROVIN'

President's Message

October is here and I have seen my first woolly bears of the season. They prophesied a long fall and winter and a short spring. I hope the fall part is right as it is probably my favorite season. The weather is finally cool enough to make spinning comfortable even when the humidity is up.

Remember the Celia Quinn workshop coming up. Get your wheels all ready for that workout. I will have my tools with me this weekend and can help any of you who need special help with them, but that is not the program.

Jim

**We saw the first in this series a couple of years ago.
These farmers are getting way more tech savvy.
Check this out.
Extreme Sheepherding**



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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](#)*

October's Program

**An opportunity to knit or spin for
our Roc Day Raffle in January.**

**Also to knit or donate yarn for the
children's hat project**

(see last page).

Bring a snack to share.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

President Jim Johnson called the meeting to order and asked for a "Once-Around" to learn what everyone was making.

Marie Bryhan was working on her Wensleydale wool challenge.

Wayne H has a new bat head on his mini great wheel and was working with his freshly (indigo) dyed wool.

Sharon Gombas is knitting a shrug for the Roc Day auction using yarn spun by Celia Radke. She reminds all that Ellie is accepting items for the auction; look for announcements of get-togethers to work on these projects.

We heartily congratulated Vernice Church for winning the Celia Radke award at the New York State Fair. Vernice is now spinning and knitting a lacy circular shawl (next year's entry?)

Lois Swales has produced striped handspun and made a pair of mittens and matching scarf with nicely spaced striping - however did she do that?!?

Marjorie Inana reminded us of the workshops next month: just one space remains open for the Sunday workshop. Please get in touch if you would like to attend that workshop.....

Margaret Flowers showed us some beautiful Icelandic baby lambswool (from her own sheep) that she had worked on during the demonstrations at the Wool Room at the State Fair.

Sue Quick had a nice bobbin of pink Cotswold wool that she spun at State Fair and reminded everyone that it really was a low turnout from the Black Sheep at the fair in terms of entries this year (three entrants). Please, please everyone plan to enter the competition at the NY State Fair next year. You will find by June that the classes and requirements are listed online.

Carol LaBorie was spinning a Polworth skein in the color Blue Lagoon (very fitting name) that she bought from Susan Sarabasha.

Marilee Williams (from Skaneateles) has just joined Black Sheep Handspinners and is also a member of the Golden Fleece Handspinners. Marilee was spinning a Romney/Border Leicester fleece from "Lucy." Welcome Marilee!

Carol Franco was spinning a Troy Fair roving (we think in anticipation of the Hemlock Fair next week.)

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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 Felting Workshop	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.

Our Roc Day committee met after the business meeting and discussed vendors and vendor letters. It was decided to send applications to last year's vendors and to also send invitations to the waiting list with the understanding that there would be a lottery drawing for any spaces not renewed by Nov 10.

Also, there was discussion of having a Member Made table where any member could display goods for sale. The committee will not be responsible for this. Members wanting to participate in this informal sale should get together to organize sales shifts. If there is enough interest perhaps the space could be divided up into morning and afternoon. Display on this table would be paid for by volunteering at Roc Day.

Our committees are doing well. We need someone for Hospitality Friday night for set up folks and Sat for vendors and folks volunteering.

Jim

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.

I was trying to figure out WHAT these were when I finally got to the caption...

" French artist Annette Messager works in all mediums and has diverse persona's. The story goes that sparrows would constantly fly into her large studio windows and kill themselves. It was very disturbing to her as she would find their small lifeless bodies. So as a way to deal with her own sadness and the loss of the birds she hand knit each bird a small sweater."



And THAT really cracked me up! Char

September Minutes cont'd

Cathy Chestnut offered us all coupons from Jo-Ann's fabric in hopes that we would snatch them up and leave her with none - thus she could avoid going in this week. We gladly offered to 'help'.

Priscilla Hurdle was spinning a Finn skein from wool she got from Elizabeth Kinney-Gossner.

Keri, Becky Terwilliger's daughter was working on a very large and complex counted cross stitch pattern - the second in a series of four. Way to go!

Becky was spinning a spring fiber of Merino, bamboo, silk and Angelina in shades of lavender.

Audrey Lowes was knitting (still) the chestnut-colored double-sided afghan that is being produced from Celia Radke's stash yarn.

Deirdre Murphy showed us a Turned Square Hat she made with her handspun. It was an excellent application for all the men in her family (Christmas) but would also be beautiful with bright feminine colors! A very nice pattern.

Susan Sarabasha showed us a lovely green and blue sweater she has completed for Theo (Teresa's little boy). She skillfully used Blueberry patch and Tropical Sea hand spun yarns together for a truly nice effect.

Angelika St. Laurent is spinning angora and hopes to make a scarf sometime in the next 15 years. An excellent time frame considering she has a husband in school and two little children.

Mary Miller is working on her Wensleydale spinning challenge and also showed us her new Moose Antler spindle. Mary also mentioned that she has had a bit of trouble getting the new shirt samples (they are only open when she's at work) and has asked Audrey Lowes to pick them up for the next meeting.

Susan Sarabasha reminded us that there are links in the newsletter on the first page so we can send inquiries to the folks that are in charge of certain activities.

The interweave link is missing the "number" needed to secure the cheaper subscription - Ann Furman may have that information.

It was also suggested that the membership information form be put in a more easily accessed spot on the website.

Becky reported that the guild carder she has really needs new cloth. After some discussion it was decided that \$147 to refurbish the carder would be money well spent. Becky's husband will attach it and "spiff up" the old carder. Thank you!

Wayne H. reminded us that Sunday, September 18th is Judy's Day at Cornell and it would be nice to have a good turnout.

Audrey Lowes advised that September 20th is a day to spin at Oak Hill Manor. It is from 10:30 to 11:30am in the Community Room. Not very long, but very much appreciated by the residents.

Cathy Chestnut will be picking up fleeces from a friend whose only request is that they be used by spinners. There is very little vegetation and the wool is FREE! Please talk to her if you are interested.

We had a library book sale and donated what we felt was a fair price for each book to the guild.

Marjorie reminded those who were taking the Celia Quinn courses to read the Newsletter to be sure they would have the materials needed.

Jim Johnson conducted a Wheel Tune Up and Maintenance Program and gave us lots of good advice especially since many of us are preparing to take the Celia Quinn courses next month.

A Rock Day committee meeting followed the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Lowes, Secretary

Black Sheep Represented. At the FingerLakes Fiber Festival



Johanneshof Romneys, above



**Sharon's
Romney felted
Scarf →**



**Teresa teaching
spindling.**



**Bill's Wonderful
Wovens**





Trinity Farm



← Susan teaching spindling.



Jim's new Wheel in action →

Debbie Miller, Ellie May and I spun at the **Judy's Day event at Cornell Plantations on Sept 18**, in the flax tent. Ellie and Debbie were demonstrating flax spinning and I was demonstrating wool spinning. *Wayne*



FIBERY EVENTS



Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conf

October 7-10,

Chautauqua, NY

Workshops, classes, vendors

NYS Sheep & Wool Festival

October 15 & 16, Rhinebeck, NY

The Big Shew!

Fiber Festival of New England

Nov 5 & 6

November 5 & 6

W. Springfield, MA

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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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
- 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)?

CELIA QUINN WORKSHOP INFORMATION

When: Oct. 29 and 30th, 2011

Where: Hampton Inn and Suites, 26 River St., Cortland, NY

Time: **Be ready and set up by 9 am.** Workshop ends each day at 4 pm. One hour is allowed for lunch. You can bring your own or eat at one of the fast food places or restaurants close by. No food is available at the hotel. There will be coffee, tea, and water available.

Student Material List for Oct 29 Spinning to Specification

Treadle Wheel (avoid bulk type wheels. If you have a Louet, have one bobbin $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ full to cut down on drag for fine yarns. Or have a fat core bobbin. Or put a piece of foam pipe insulation and a leader on the bobbin

Oil for wheel,	1 yard of any yarn to attach zip lock to your wrist
Ball winder or Kate for plying,	Dark sewing thread
Niddy Noddy,	Tape any kind
Unsharpened pencil,	Cardboard 8 1/2" X11"
Ruler or inch gauge,	Magnifier (any kind)
Index cards (a few),	1 zip lock bag,
Knitting needles (selection of your typically used sizes)	
Quality fiber, a few ounces you are comfortable spinning	

2 or more skeins of yarn (all the same from a project you are working on). Measure the yardage of each skein and label. In class we will weigh them and compare them for margin of error between them (optional).

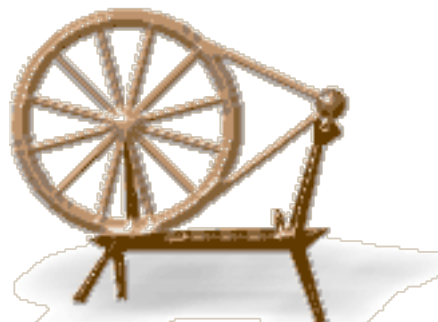
Student Material List for Oct 30 Novelty Yarns

Treadle wheel	3-4 bobbins
Oil	Hand carders
Niddy Noddy	
Zip lock bag (1 small)	Length of yarn to hang zip lock bag from your wrist
Index cards (12 -15)	Fine point permanent marker or ballpoint pen
Ball winder (optional)	Scissors

Detached lazy kate or a sturdy box and thin knitting needles to make a kate if yours is on your wheel

Plastic lid or shallow dish, or a little aluminum tart pans for use in stringing beads

Colored markers (as many as you like for decorating a paper yarn)






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If you have a question for her or others, you can
email us through the links on page 1.

B&W Business card ads are free for Current
members.

Audrey asks that all hats and mittens made for the Head Start children of Newark Valley be brought to the October meeting for distribution to them. There is still time to help with this; bring projects to the meeting if you wish to finish up there. Items are to go to 3-6 year olds. Donations of wool are gratefully accepted as well, in useful amounts; a 3 ounce ball can make a small hat. We are well on our way. With your help we can wrap it up!

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.

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