

SEPT 2012

ROVINOS



from Ann F

[Knitting & Technology](#)

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Aug12/Knitting.html>

Sept 8 Meeting

September's meeting will be an opportunity for visiting and catching up on what direction spinning is taking us. Bring those projects to share, finished or not.

Also be sure to bring your wheel and a pair of large needles (11-15 should do) because we have a game planned. That is all we can tell you except that there is a very nice prize for the winner.

Attendees for last-month's meeting included some new people: Adrienne, Stephanie, and Lindsay, and also Virginia, who is Charlotte's mom. We hope to see more of them. We would like to say a big "congratulations" to Sandra for completing her PhD in plant systematics, while working as a pharmacist--a very talented person.

Sharon

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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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It 's time for schools to start again and the days to grow noticeably shorter.

September again after a summer that just evaporated in the heat. It seems that summers get shorter every year and I get less done with them. Maybe that is just me getting older and slower. Still we are in the thick of much planning for a GREAT Roc Day.

Don't forget the upcoming classes with Abby Franquemont and the various fall fiber fairs. Endless Mtns is next week while Hemlock is the weekend after our meeting. I hope to see a lot of us there. Some of us will make it to Southern Adirondack the following week and Rhinebeck is coming not long after that. These shows provide many opportunities to enhance our stash and, if we take classes, improve our skills.

See you next Saturday-
Jim

Fall Guild Retreat at Stella Maris Retreat Center on beautiful Skaneateles Lake
(stellamarisretreat.org)

Late afternoon **Friday October 5 through noon on Sunday October 7**

Contact Carol LaBorie to sign up by September 8 at 607-277-9108 or tusweca_winan@yahoo.com

Cost is \$150 per person and includes meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

We usually meet for lunch at the Sherwood Inn prior to the retreat, and we adjourn to Doug's Fish Fry for a farewell lunch on Sunday. The food at Stella Maris is excellent, and the retreat center is in a lovely mansion, formerly the summer home of Frederick Roosevelt, cousin of Teddy Roosevelt. There are interesting shops and galleries within walking distance, and a nice quilt/yarn shop is in nearby Marcellus. If the weather is good we can spin on the porch overlooking the lake, or take our wheels and spindles down to the beach.



Also from Carole L.

The Chemung Valley History Museum is seeking regional craftspeople for the Homemade Handmade Craft Show and Sale at the museum on Saturday 10/27/12 from 10-5. It is a juried show and sale, and they want the vendors to also demonstrate their work. It sounds like it might be a good opportunity for weavers, spinners, knitters, etc. They are located in downtown Elmira, just a short drive away.

There's an application on line at www.chemungvalleymuseum.org.

Sharon G reports that she made out fantastically at the **NYS Fair** this year.

She was awarded 2 Firsts for a sweater and a shawl, a second for a skein and a 4th place for a novelty skein (which she says she may never do again).

Sharon will have these items at our October meeting for all of us to ooh and ahh over.



from Ruth A

Samples discussed & shown at last month's meeting.

Sea Glass fiber

2 ply Sea Glass yarn spun so colors matched.

3 ply Sea Glass yarn spun fractally.



Fibery Events



Endless Mtns Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 8 & 9
Hartford Fairgrounds, PA

Finger Lakes Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 15 & 16
Hemlock, NY

S Adirondack Fiber Fest

Sat & Sun, Sept 22 & 23
Greenwich, NY

Fiber Fallout Retreat

Sat & Sun, Sept 28 & 29
North Country Spinners, NJ

Bel Canto Farm Fest

Sat, Oct 6, 11am - 5pm
Trumansburg, NY



Roc Day Committee Update

All were agreed at the end of our last meeting: We're in great shape for January! Here are some of the things we discussed.

Workshops: Likely workshops include carding and flicking with Marjorie, designing a triangular lace shawl with Terry, beginning spindle spinning with Ruth, and a possible workshop put on by a member of the Ithaca Lace Guild. We're still soliciting workshop ideas, so if you would like to present something or nominate someone else to present, let us know.

Skein competition: A new activity this year will be a skein competition. We have several experienced judges who are guild members, and many talented spinners, and this will be an excellent opportunity to show off what you've worked on this year, look at other spinners' best work, and get useful feedback for future improvement. The competition will be open to any Roc Day attendee. Categories, awards, etc TBA.

Silent Auction: We are discussing having a single silent auction item

at the door, with the proceeds to go to charity.

What we need from guild

members: Many hands make light work! If you would like to teach a workshop, volunteer to help on Roc Day, or join in the lively Roc Day Committee discussions, we'd welcome you! Contact Becki (RTERWILL@aol.com) to inquire. And as always, if you have ideas for Roc Day that you would like to share, contact Teresa (tjporri@gmail.com).

from Wayne H.

An opportunity to demo in Costume

Carol West of the History Center has asked for Blacksheep spinners to demonstrate at the Eight Square Schoolhouse festival, September 8, starting at 1:00 (or earlier, or later). The schoolhouse was built in 1827. The organizers plan to attend in attire appropriate to the period, and would be particularly pleased if we could do so too.

The schoolhouse is located on Upper Hanshaw Road in Dryden, 1/4 mile east of the airport, and not too far from Lansing, so we could drive over there after the guild meeting.

Anyone interested should contact Wayne Harbert, weh2@cornell.edu

from Lindsay Stevens

I am writing to say thanks for welcoming me to the group. I am happy that I came to the meeting on Saturday to meet you all and I am so excited to be able to spin and hang out with likeminded fiberheads. :)

I thought Theresa's talk was so interesting and it made me think more critically about how I spin and with more focus and intent for a final product. Her cardigan is beautiful. I really appreciate being able to apply this with the 1 ounce bumps she gave out too. I am looking forward to getting the notes she said she'd put up about this and doing a small project.



Here's a pic from the Celtic Fest.

We were also interviewed by the [Cortland Standard](#) It's a little blurb half way down.

BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS HOSTING **ABBY FRANQUEMONT**

Nov. 3 and 4 Country Inn and Suites, 3707 State Route 281, Cortland NY

Four half-day workshops will be offered. There are 16 seats available for each session. Each workshop is \$45 for guild members and \$55 others. The workshop fee must be paid at registration and is non refundable. Material fees (in parenthesis) will be collected at the door on the day of your class. Guild member registration began at the May meeting and will run through the August meeting. After that the remaining spaces will be offered to the public.

NOTE: ALL WORKSHOPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHEEL MECHANICS CAN BE TAKEN WITH A DROP SPINDLE

Saturday, Nov 3, 9am to noon Getting More Done With Spindles (\$25 mtl)

For those who already spin with spindles a little or a lot, for wheel spinners who want to know how to make the spindle more productive. This class is just your ticket. Learn where your personal bottlenecks are, learn techniques to speed up various spindle tasks, learn to spin various kinds of yarn and different fibers. Bring a spindle you love or one you hate. A basic low whorl spindle and fiber will be provided.

Saturday, Nov 3, 1-4pm, Wheel Mechanics (\$30 mtl)

Learn about drive systems, tensioning mechanisms, ratios, treadle systems, flyer design, and how all these things affect your wheel's performance and the yarn you produce. How, when, and why would you choose one system over another, or make setup changes? How can you troubleshoot mechanical problems? How can you change settings on your wheel to change the yarn you are spinning? Fiber will be supplied and wheels with multiple drive systems will be present but you should bring your own wheel.

Sunday, Nov 4, 9am-noon Drafting: The Long and Short of It (\$30 mtl)

What is the difference between long draw and short draw? Does it matter? Why should you choose one or the other? What difference does it make in your finished yarn? Are some fibers or preparations more suited to one or the other? We will talk about these subjects, learn to execute a range of drafting methods with a variety of fibers. Bring a wheel or spindle and fiber will be supplied.

Sunday, Nov 4, noon to 4pm Plying Basics (\$20 mtl)

Often overlooked, plying is actually its own whole skill set. There are many plying structures which bring different benefits to your yarn, and this class will help you decide which you'd like to use and make sure you can get that done. We'll cover the differences between singles, 2 ply, 3 ply, more than 3 ply, cabled yarn and crepe yarn. Participants should bring a wheel in good working order and or a spindle they like, a lazy kate with at least 4 bobbins. Optional: niddy noddy, skeiner, ball winder or nostepinne. Fiber will be supplied.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EACH WORKSHOP IS \$45 FOR GUILD MEMBERS AND \$55 FOR ALL OTHERS

SIGN ME UP FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS

Getting More Done With Spindles _____ (\$25 material fee) Wheel Mechanics _____ (\$30 material fee)

Drafting : The Long and Short Of It _____ (\$30 material fee) Plying Basics _____ (\$20 material fee)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ Make out checks to Black Sheep Handspinners and mail registration form and check to Marjorie Inana, 41 W. Court St., Cortland, NY, 13045

Plan on bringing your own bag lunch or go out to eat. Coffee, tea, and water are provided. Soda machines are available but there is no food served at the hotel.

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and either bring it
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Membership Form

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Joined guild in _____

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preferred phone # _____ birthday month (*opt*) _____

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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A photograph of a wooden spinning wheel in the foreground, with shelves of hand-dyed yarn in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) in the background.

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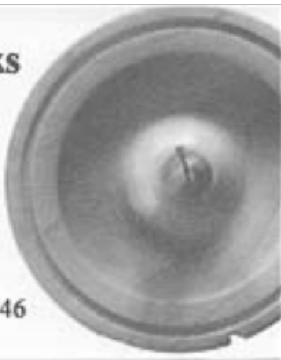
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