WOOL GATHERINGS...



The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society

The mission of the Society is to preserve and perpetuate the art of hand spinning; to promote interest in spinning by educating the public through demonstrations, lectures, displays, and news/social media; and to provide instruction and social life in spinning for its members.

Next Meeting: Saturday May 21th, 2022, 10:00 AM

Annual Auction

Bring your bag lunch and beverage

The meeting this month is our annual fund raising auction with auctioneer Christina Rotondo. Each member is asked to **contribute at least two items** which can be yarn, fiber, knitting, spinning and weaving books, eggs, plants, fiber equipment, basically things that are spinning, knitting and weaving-related. Bring your cash or checkbook to join in the fun. **Plan on arriving early** in order to display your donations and get a good view of all the items prior to the start of the auction. Church regulations require those who are not fully vaccinated wear masks; masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated.

Officer elections will also be held. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the day-to-day work of the guild should consider running for office. Please contact one of the officers if interested.

If you've signed up for the Bundle Dye workshop in June, the materials fee of \$20 is due by the May meeting. Contact Nicole Massenzio if you have any questions.

APRIL MEETING

The guild met virtually, President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report from Angela Mann: the current Guild balance is 4,226.48.

Auction: Jill reminded everyone to be collecting items to donate. As a teaser, Jill mentioned a donation of yarns from Elaine Salvetti.

Fiber Frolic: There are still openings for volunteers. Sam Bova has been dyeing all week in preparation for the Frolic.

Joyce Lock has the signup sheet for demonstrators at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival at Bouckville June 11th and 12th.

Jill is still waiting for word from Seven Acres Alpaca Farm in Phoenix about the guild demonstrating spinning at their shearing day.

Announcements

Guild member Heather Warren of Lochan Mor Farm has a new shop open in Meridian. It is currently on the main street behind Sun Harvest Realty. Hours will vary.

Angela Mann gave an overview of current events on Etsy and rolling protests of raised fees.

The meeting was then followed by an excellent presentation on the challenges and rewards of the Shetland Breed by Deb Robson.

Events for your Calendar (* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

May 14, 2022 Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY

May 28-29, 2022 Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Festival, Cummington

Fairgrounds

June 11-12, 2022 CNY Fiber Arts Festival, Bouckville, NY*

2021-2022 Calendar and Program Plan (at the Church Unless Otherwise Noted)

September 18, 2021 Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day

October 23, 2021 Heritage Breed Study: Columbia

November 20, 2021 Charity Knit and Crochet

December 18, 2021 Holiday Party

January 15, 2022 Roc Day Celebration

February 19, 2022 Fiber Travels in India with Marilyn Romatka (Zoom)

March 19, 2022 Sheep Breed Bingo

April 16, 2022 Shetland Sheep with Deb Robson (Zoom)
April 30, 2022 Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center

May 21, 2020 Guild Auction

June 18, 2022 Bundle Dyeing Workshop

July 16, 2022 Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park August 20, 2022 Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park

August 27-28, 2022 Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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