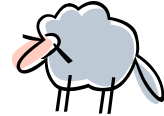


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 November 18th, 2023, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Charity Knit and Crochet

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Sue Jones, Therese Bishop

Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks, patterns and yarn to craft items for local charities. Yarn should be acrylic or a very washable wool blend. Cold weather is coming and hats, scarves, mittens, etc are very much needed and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Anyone who has a circular knitting machine, please bring it if you are willing to let others use it so that we can crank out some hats.

Charity Knitting Opportunities: Auburn businesswoman Melody Smith Johnson, owner of [Divine Coverings, LLC](#) and Melody's Coworking Space, is organizing her fourth annual My Hands Warm Your Heart – For Women by Women giveaway, and she needs your help! She is looking for donations of new handmade hats, gloves, and scarves that she can bedazzle and give to women in need. Linda Brust will be collecting items at the November meeting; she'll then take them to the Schweinfurth Art Center in Auburn.

Christina Tartaro collects handmade hats, mittens and scarves for local agencies/groups to distribute. Yarns should be washable.

The Seamen's Church Institute, located at seamenschurch.org. This group collects hand knit items for sailors on all waterways. Every sailor gets a handknit item for Christmas. All fibers accepted. Check the website for labelling requests.

Ornament Collection for Everson Museum Festival of Trees and Light The guild is donating a holiday tree decorated with handmade ornaments to the Everson Museum Festival of Trees and Light. Please bring your handmade ornaments to the November

meeting to add to the collection. Jill will be looking for volunteers to help set up and decorate the tree at the Everson either the Sunday or Monday after Thanksgiving.

Membership dues for the 2023-2024 guild year will be collected at the meeting: \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family consisting of an adult member and family members under 21. **Dues must be paid by the November meeting to maintain active member status.** If you won't be at the meeting, mail a check made out to the Golden Fleece Spinners' Society to:

Sue Jones
404 Sixth St
Liverpool, NY 13088

If you would like to pay your dues electronically, send them via PayPal to goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com. **Select "Sending to a Friend" so that the transfer is free.** Otherwise, you will be responsible for paying the PayPal fee so that the guild gets the full amount. Once received, Treasurer Angela Mann will let Sue know via email that you are paid in full. Please include any changes to your contact information.

OCTOBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order.

We welcomed visitors and new member Paz Zait-Givon.

We were reminded of name tags up front on the table.

A signup sheet for hostess and treat duty was passed around.

The treasury stands at \$7,544.17.

Dues must be paid by the November meeting to be considered an active guild member. Sue Jones has a list of members not yet paid.

Linda Brust is collecting new handmade hats, gloves, and scarves donations for the My Hands Warm Your Heart – For Women by Women giveaway organized by Auburn businesswoman Melody Smith Johnson. After bedazzling them she gives them to women in need. Linda will collect items at the November meeting; she'll then take them to the Schweinfurth Art Center in Auburn.

Nicole Massenzio reported on the **Maker Faire**. Next year's event will be May 4th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the New York State Fairgrounds. She needs two or more volunteers who are willing to teach spinning on the drop spindle. This is a rewarding experience, particularly for those that like to teach.

The **Fiber Frolic** at Beaver Lake will be April 20th, 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There are 11 vendors. Our regular meeting will be shifted to the 4th Saturday.

The guild is instituting a **reward program** for members who volunteer, teach and/or demonstrate at the Fiber Frolic, or who demonstrate/teach at Maker Faire, the CNY Fiber Arts Festival in Bouckville, the Golden Harvest Festival, and the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown. Starting January 1st and running for the calendar year, each member who accumulates at least eight hours of service will receive an article of clothing with the guild logo. You must be a paid member of the guild for the period of January through June and for the period of September through December. You must commit to the designated task by signing up and showing up. Demonstrators at festivals must be present at the guild booth for at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of their time slot. At festivals with fiber vendors, you should plan to shop before or after your demonstration commitment.

Linda Brust has found another vendor to order guild clothing from. She passed around a vest with the guild logo for people to see.

Ornament Collection for Everson Museum Festival of Trees and Light: Jill set up the tree at the meeting, it's a nice sized five-foot tree. She collected handmade ornaments for the tree at the meeting, if you have more, please bring them to the November meeting. Any extra ornaments will be sold in the Everson Museum gift store.

Breed Study: The next breed will be Cheviot from Spinners Hill; Lisa Merian will send dyed samples to Jill. A future breed will be Finn, purchased from Diane Tice for \$215. Jill will investigate an offer of free Suffolk.

Programs: The November program is charity knitting and crocheting for local non-profits. Work on items at the meeting or bring completed items to the meeting. Christina Tartaro will distribute them to various charities.

Nicole is waiting to hear back from Jillian Moreno about a future Zoom program.

Nicole passed out Fiber Bingo cards. Various prizes will be offered for members who complete one, two or three bingos or a "sheep-out" of all the squares. Members are encouraged to take photos and bring items for Show and Tell to show how they completed each Bingo square. The contest runs from October 1st to August 31st.

The meeting was followed by a report on the New York Sheep and Wool Festival at Rhinebeck and Show and Tell.

Announcements

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

May 4, 2024 [Syracuse Maker Faire](#), NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY

2022-2023 Calendar and Program Plan (at the church unless otherwise noted)

September 16, 2023	Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 28, 2023	Ornament Collection for Everson Museum Festival of Trees and Light
November 18, 2023	Charity Knit and Crochet
December 16, 2023	Holiday Party
January 20, 2024	Roc Day Celebration
February 17, 2024	Open Spin
March 16, 2024	Guild Auction
April 20, 2024	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 27, 2024	Open Spin
May 18, 2024	Open Spin
June 15, 2024	Guild Picnic
July 20, 2024	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 17, 2024	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 24-25, 2024	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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