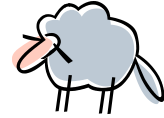


# WOOL GATHERINGS...



## *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.*

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**Next Meeting: Saturday January 20th, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**Baldwinsville, NY**

### **Annual Roc Day Celebration and Beaded Lanyard Workshop**

*Hostess: Cindy Green, Treats: Marilee Williams, Elizabeth Wilcox*

To celebrate Roc Day:

- Bring your decorated spinning wheel. Traditionally married women would decorate their spinning wheels in green, while single women decorated their wheels in red. There will be prizes for the best decorated wheels.
- Bring a dish to pass along with your table setting for the Potluck Lunch

A few of our members will guide us in making **beaded lanyards** for our guild name tags. If you have a bead stash, this is a fun way to use it up! Keep an eye on your email, a supply list will be sent out so members know what items to purchase for the meeting.

Start thinking about donations for the **March auction**. Each member is asked to contribute 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.

### **DECEMBER MEETING**

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:15.

She introduced new member **Tracy Minsterman**, who was heartily welcomed by the meeting.

Everyone was reminded about name tags and the treats/hostess signups sheet as there are still openings.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 12/14/23 the balance was \$6263.96.

**Empire Sheep Producers Association** has not sent out requests for dues yet. Although it is an organization for producers, we belong to maintain our involvement with the Wool Building at the NY State Fair, which has not yet been replaced. It also gives us an opportunity to communicate what we are looking for in fleeces to member sheep farmers. The dues call usually comes in January, and dues are now \$45.00. A motion to authorize this payment now was seconded and passed unanimously.

Linda Brust collected the final orders for Guild jackets.

The Everson Tree was a beautiful success as reported by Sue Jones.

The new bag for one of the Guild wheels is bright pink. Angela arranged to have the zipper repaired on the other wheel bag for free. The guild has new wheel oil bottles for the guild wheels.

The Guild has a new Cabinet. The families of Sue Jones and Angela Mann removed the old one and assembled and installed the new one on a wooden base built by Sue's husband. Sue also obtained a dehumidifier bag that will help prevent the mold problems we have had in the past. Thanks to all of them!

Jill received a note with a renewal from member Doreena Xedis. She wanted to let us know how much the guild means to her even though she has not been able to attend in person.

**Programming:** Nicole Massenzio sent out a survey and asked for more responses on preferences for a workshop in April or May in color blocking or blending. Also in the works is a possible workshop in silk with Nancy Morey in June.

**Bingo Cards:** We have until August 31st to fill up our cards.

The business meeting ended at 10:25, followed by a fabulous Show and Tell.

### **Announcements**

**The Black Sheep Handspinners Guild** issued an invitation to their **Roc Day** celebration on January 13, 2024 in Lansing, NY. It's a potluck with speakers, demonstrations, and a few vendors.

Seven Acres Alpacas, a vendor at our Fiber Frolic, is offering end of year blankets (skirted fleece) for just \$30. The blankets weigh about two pounds each. Their farm is on Dinglehole Rd off Lamson Rd.

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

January 13, 2024	<a href="#">Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day</a> , Lansing, NY
February 18, 2024	<a href="#">Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival</a> , Henrietta, NY
April 20, 2024	<a href="#">Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center</a> *, Baldwinsville NY
April 27, 2024	<a href="#">Connecticut Sheep &amp; Wool Fiber Festival</a> , North Haven, CT
May 4, 2024	<a href="#">Syracuse Maker Faire</a> , NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
May 4-5, 2014	<a href="#">Maryland Sheep &amp; Wool Festival</a> , West Friendship, MD
May 11, 2024	<a href="#">Shepherd's Wool Market</a> , Rush, NY
May 11-12, 2024	<a href="#">New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival</a> , Deerfield, NH
May 18-19, 2024	<a href="#">Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival</a> , Hughesville, PA
May 25-26, 2024	<a href="#">Massachusetts Sheep &amp; Wool Show</a> , Cummington, Ma
June 8-9, 2024	<a href="#">CNY Fiber Arts Festival</a> *, Bouckville, 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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