



WOOL GATHERINGS...

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 October 25th, 2025, 10:00 AM

**Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

Open Spin

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Christina Rotondo, Christina Tartaro

Bring your spinning, knitting, crocheting, etc for a few relaxing hours of crafting and conversation.

Membership dues for the 2025-2025 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. 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 goldenfleece spinners@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.

Marilee Williams is collecting handmade and fiber goods for a fund raiser silent auction basket for Mark and JoAnn Schneider who have been facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis and treatments. If you would like to contribute an item or two, bring them to the October meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

She welcomed returning members and new members: Julia Abbott, Marcia Snyder, and Kiki Raymond, as well as several visitors.

Jill reminded everyone of name tags and the signup sheet for hostess and treats for the guild year.

The Treasurer's report is that our current balance is \$6,335.74.

Jill reminded everyone that dues are \$20 per year, due at the latest by the start of the November meeting. The October meeting will be on the fourth Saturday instead of the third because of the conflict with the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival.

Guild member State Fair competition winners were congratulated, including Nicole Massenzio, Angela Mann, Alicia Henn, and Elaine Salvetti.

Earlier in the year, the local knitting guild Twisted Stitches sent out feelers in regard to a bus trip to Rhinebeck. Per Christine Tartaro, interest appears to have waned. Some GFSS members suggested that they may have found, as we did earlier, that rising costs have made bus trips unfeasible.

There are still openings for demonstrators for the Zoo Fall Fest October 4th and 5th. A signup sheet was left out for interested parties.

We are confirmed for the Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center on April 18th, 2026. Insurance will not be required.

The Schweinfurth Museum is collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc for their My Hands-Your Heart project. The deadline to donate is September 30th.

Marilee Williams brought up the suggestion that the guild support two exhibits at Art Rage in November, and in January and February. The first is of the extraordinary embroidery on traditional Palestinian garments and the second —250 Million Stitches— is to show work representing refugees throughout the world. After discussion, Laine Abernathy moved that we donate \$100 for each exhibit, totaling \$200. The motion was seconded and voted on. It passed with one opposed.

Nicole Massenzio, our program chair, reported on progress for two workshops. One, given by Terri Guerette, would be aimed at beginners. The second will involve dyeing by our own star dyer Sam Bova.

Our next breed experience will be Romney. Sam will be dyeing some of this for us also.

There was a general discussion about the State Fair experience this year and next year.

The meeting then ended to be replaced by a much happier sharing of Show and Tell, and a lovely luncheon.

Announcements

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

October 18-19, 2025	New York Sheep and Wool Festival , Rhinebeck, NY
November 1-2, 2025	Fiber Festival of New England , West Springfield, MA
January 10, 2026	Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day , Lansing, NY
February 7, 2026	Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival , Henrietta, NY
May 2, 2026	Syracuse Maker Faire , NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
May 2-3, 2026	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival , West Friendship, MD
June 6-7, 2026	CNY Fiber Arts Festival , Herkimer County Fairgrounds, NY*

2025-2026 Calendar and Program Plan (at the church unless otherwise noted)

September 20, 2025	Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 25, 2025	Open Spin
November 15, 2025	Beginning Spinning Workshop with Terri
December 21, 2025	Holiday Party
January 17, 2026	Roc Day Celebration
February 21, 2026	Open Spin
March 21, 2026	Guild Auction
April 18, 2026	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 25, 2026	Spring Clean Your Spinning Wheel
May 16, 2026	Open Spin
June 20, 2026	Guild Picnic
July 18, 2026	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 15, 2026	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 29-30, 2026	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair

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