



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 November 15th, 2025, 10:00 AM

**Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

Beginning Spinning Workshop with Terri Guerette

Hostess: Angela Mann, Treats: Jill Robinson, Cindy Green

Participants in Terri Guerette's spinning workshop should plan to arrive at the meeting by 9:30am to get set up. The workshop will begin promptly at 10am and end at 3pm. There will be a half-hour break for lunch. For those auditing the class, Terri will have an informational packet available for \$10 that they can pay directly to her the day of the workshop.

Participants who haven't already made spinning wheel arrangements with Nicole, please bring your wheel and any other requested materials. Signing up for this workshop is closed, there are no open spots left. Contact Nicole Massenzio nicolemassenzio@gmail.com if you have questions.

To remain an active member for the 2025-2026 guild year, dues must be paid by the November 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 goldenfleecespinnners@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.

Christina Tartaro is collecting cold weather items like hats, cowls, mittens and scarves for local charities to distribute. Yarn should be acrylic or a very washable wool blend. Cold weather is coming, and these items are needed and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Christina will take our donations to Vera House, Clear Path for Veterans.

OCTOBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson opened the meeting at 10:25 AM with a welcome and a reminder to wear nametags. Jill also reminded everyone of the sign-up sheet for hostess and treats and explained those duties. Hostess duties include coming early to help set up chairs and tables as needed, bring creamer and to make coffee.

Treasury: the current balance is \$6551.16.

Membership: dues are \$20 per year. See Sue Jones to pay or to check your status. Dues must be paid by October if participating in the workshop, or November to no longer receive guild communications.

Reminder: If you bring something to give away or to sell, please take whatever is left home with you!

Charity Knitting: Christine Tartaro (not present) will be collecting at the November meeting and at the Knitting Guild.

CNY Fiber Producers, who run the CNY festival at the Herkimer County fairgrounds in Frankfort (used to be at Bouckville) usually gets a Sponsor donation from us this time of year. Previously, it was \$100. Kathie Piirak moved that we renew at \$100. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Nicole Massenzio had two announcements:

- 1) On November 22, from 9AM to 9PM, a **Crochetathon** is scheduled at the Salt City Market in Syracuse to make hats to be dispersed to the unhoused.
- 2) **Sarah's Guest House** (sarahsquesthouse.org) is looking for donations of quilts, preferably on the small side, to be hung on the walls. This non-profit provides lodging and support for those families from out of town receiving medical care in Syracuse.

Rhinebeck Report: Members who attended reported perfect sweater weather. Several wore their sweaters made from the previous year's finds. And there were, to this Recording Secretary, cryptic references to "hot pants", a report of a "walton", and discussion as to the merits of sweaters worn by this year's attendees vs other years.

Art Rage sent a very grateful letter thanking us for our sponsorship of two upcoming shows.

Jill announced this month's fiber distribution. It is **Perendale**. This wool comes in relatively long blocky locks. The fiber can be as long as 7" but mostly is 4" to 6". Unlike many other long wools, Perendale has a fairly crisp bouncy crimp. This fiber was distributed unwashed in two oz lots. Jill recommends washing to maintain the lock structure and challenged us to try spinning the wool from the lock.

The meeting closed at 11:03AM and was followed by the always inspiring Show and Tell.

Announcements

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

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 Guerette
December 20, 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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