



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 January 17th, 2025, 10:00 AM

**Grace Episcopal Church
110 Oswego Street
Baldwinsville, NY**

Annual Roc Day Celebration

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Marilee Williams, Sue Jones

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 a Potluck Lunch

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 10:25am. She reminded everyone to wear their name tags.

Christina Tartaro is collecting donated items for several groups today—see her with yours.

Treasury: the balance is \$5,539.49

Budget: Expense summary for 12/1/24 to 12/1/25 is:

- Breed studies-\$843.90

- Donations (including Church) - \$1,604.92
- Classes - \$1,412.99
- General expenses - \$277.48
- Frolic - \$197.83
- Subscriptions - \$145.00

This year's donations:

- Grace Episcopal Church- Previous donation in lieu of rent has been \$500 for several years. Meg Welch moved to be increased to \$600 to reflect the church's increasing expenses and services to our guild. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.
- State Fair prizes: Sue Jones moved that we continue to sponsor two prizes at \$25 each. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.
- Heifer International: In the past we have voted for \$250 for the general donation and \$275 for the Educate a Girl fund. Marcia Snyder moved that we continue as before. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.
- Adopt an Elder: Previously we donated \$100. Paz Zait-Givon moved that we do the same this year. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.
- CNY Fiber Arts Producers: A \$100 amount was authorized by a vote at a previous meeting.

We received an email inviting one and all to join the Black Sheep Guild's annual Roc Day celebration. Jill gave a brief explanation of Roc Day for newer members.

Business Cards: Joyce Lock has been working on GFSS business cards in lieu of bookmarks and half sheets to distribute at festivals and demonstrations. The card has a QR code that can transport smart phone owners to the website for the usual information. There was a discussion as to how many to get and how much to spend. Meg Welch then moved that we authorize spending of up to \$50 worth of cards. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Joan Snyder relayed thanks to members who donated items for baskets for a benefit for a local cancer patient. Per Marilee, we have a new member as a result!

Art Rage Traditional Palestinian Embroidered Thobe Exhibition which we sponsored. Several members attended the opening and bubbled over with praise for the exquisite workmanship and art shown in these garments. The show will be open until January 17th.

Sarah's Guest House is still looking for smaller quilts suitable for hanging on the walls.

The meeting was closed at 11:00 and followed by our always dazzling Show and Tell.

Announcements

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

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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