



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 May 16th, 2026, 10:00 AM

**North Syracuse Library
100 Trolley Barn Lane
North Syracuse, NY**

Open Spin

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Jules Heller, Lorraine Savidge

Note the change of location to the Community Room of the North Syracuse Library. For this meeting the guild will NOT be providing coffee and tea, please bring your own beverage along with your lunch if desired.

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

APRIL MEETING

President Jill Robinson opened the meeting at 10:13am with a welcome to all, including new member Allen Killenbeck, visitors, and members attending.

We need hostess and treat signups.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$7459.78.

Officers' Elections will be held May 2026.

Please notify Sue Jones if you have any updates to your contact information.

Nicole sent out a survey in regard to possible programs for the next Guild Year. **Please answer it.**

The May Meeting will be held in the Community Room of the North Syracuse Public Library, 100 Trolley Barn Lane, in the Village of North Syracuse because of a conflict with a funeral at the Church.

We have an opportunity to purchase a \$1000 projector for the price of \$100 (the cost of a new bulb). Angela, Joyce, and Jill have tried it out here in the Church basement and found it works quite well on the wall and could be shown on a white sheet taped to the wall for optimal viewing. Kathie Piirak moved that we purchase the projector for \$100. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

The March Auction results are \$2650.71. Reminder: Please remember to use “send to a friend” if you are using PayPal. Two people didn’t, which is why the amount is odd—PayPal deducted a fee.

Frolic Raffle Report: Per Jill, Heather Warren won the basket. We took in \$579. In the past we have shared the raffle income with Beaver Lake as they give us the use of the room for free. Do we wish to continue to do so this year? After a brief discussion, Sam Bova moved that we donate \$250 to the Friends of Beaver Lake. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent.

See Linda Miller about signing up to demonstrate at the Witter Agricultural Museum during the Fair.

Beaver Lake sent an inquiry as to whether or not we are interested in participating in the Golden Harvest Festival. Jill polled the meeting and enough people expressed interest to make our participation feasible.

A signup sheet was passed for demonstrating at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY on June 6-7. Joyce reminded everyone of the Vivian Fulton Weaving Competition and explained how to enter.

Our Empire Sheep Membership has come up for renewal. After extended explanations and discussion of why we belonged in the past and why there is a great deal of unhappiness with the relationship over the last year, Meg Welch moved that we suspend our membership for the next year. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

The Northeast Handspinners Association biannual Gathering is being held on a new date (no longer conflicting with the New England Big E Festival) - July 24-26, 2026 at Westfield State University in Westfield, MA. Jill has a printout of class offerings and instructors. All information can be found at <https://www.nehandspinners.org>.

Jill closed the meeting at 11:00am.

Announcements

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

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