

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 24th, 2026, 10:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Open Spin

Host: Marcia Synder, Treats: Gail Roemer, Kathi Piirak

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

Membership dues for the 2026-2027 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 goldenfleecespinners@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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Vice President Nicole Massenzio, acting for globe-trotting President Jill Robinson, opened the meeting at 10:15. She welcomed visitors and new members, and reminded everyone to wear name tags.

Signups for host and treats will be handled by Marcia Snyder from this year forward. Marcia briefly explained the duties of both. Member Jules Heller suggested that the

term “hostess” be replaced by “host” or some other gender-neutral title. Members are reminded to make sure they record the date and set reminders for when they have signed up for host or treats duty.

Treasurer’s report from Angela Mann: our balance is $7010.85.

Annual Dues of $20 must be paid by the November meeting. Sue Jones is collecting them and has a list of those who still have not yet paid. Also please check with Sue to confirm that your contact information is up to date.

Comments from demonstrators at either the NYS Fair Witter Agricultural Museum or the Wool Building were solicited. Marilee Williams reported that the Black Sheep Guild did a sheep-to-shawl demonstration.

State Fair competition winners were congratulated. Angela Mann won the Golden Fleece prize.

Demonstrators at the Golden Harvest Festival at Beaver Lake generally reported a positive weekend. The tent held and the rain mostly held off.

Sponsorship of an Art Rage Exhibit this year was brought up. A motion was made to authorize $100 for this year, seconded, and passed without opposition.

Next Breed Study subject will be Corriedale. We hope to distribute it at the October meeting.

Nicole, wearing her Program Chair hat, thanked everyone for their program suggestions.

A Retreat at the Colloca Winery, which had been mentioned last meeting, was brought up for discussion. Gail Roemer has been to several quilting retreats there and gave positive descriptions of what to expect. We will need a minimum of 25 people to sign up and the cost will be about $50 per person. A survey will be sent out to gauge interest.

Marcia Snyder is interested in getting guild logo clothing. She has been looking around and will take on getting an order for whoever else is interested. Stay tuned to your email. And thank you Marcia.

The next Frolic will be held on April 10, 2027.

Member Margaret OBrien’s brother has passed away. A card was passed around for all to sign.

The meeting was closed at 11:05, followed by the always delightful Show-and-Tell, and a potluck luncheon.

Announcements

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

October 17-18, 2026	New York Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY
November 7-8, 2026	Fiber Festival of New England, West Springfield, MA
January 9, 2027	Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day, Lansing, NY
February 13, 2027	Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival, Henrietta, NY
April 24, 2027	Connecticut Sheep and Wool Festival, North Haven, CT
May 1-2, 2027	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD
May 8, 2027	Shepherds Wool Market, Rush, NY
May 8-9, 2027	New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival, Deerfield, NH
May 17-18, 2027	Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival, Hughesville, PA
June 5-6, 2027	CNY Fiber Arts Festival, Herkimer County Fairgrounds, NY*

2026-2027 Calendar and Program Plan (at the church unless otherwise noted)

September 19, 2026	Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 24, 2026	Open Spin
November 21, 2026	Charity Knit and Crochet
December 19, 2026	Holiday Party
January 16, 2027	Roc Day Celebration
February 20, 2027	Open Spin
March 20, 2027	Guild Auction
April 10, 2027	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April 17, 2027	Spring Clean Your Spinning Wheel
May 15, 2027	Open Spin
June 19, 2027	Guild Picnic
July 17, 2027	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 21, 2027	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park

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