

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 21st, 2026, 10:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Charity Knit and Crochet

Host: Jill Robinson, Treats: Elizabeth Wilcox, Evelyn Essig

Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks, patterns and yarn to craft items for local charities. Yarn should be acrylic or a very washable wool blend. Cold weather is coming and hats, scarves, cowls, mittens, etc are very much needed and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Christina Tartaro will take our donations to Vera House and Clear Path for Veterans.

Anyone who has a circular knitting machine, please bring it if you are willing to let others use it so that we can crank out some hats.

To remain an active member for the 2026-2027 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 a family member 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.

OCTOBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:18. She welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to wear name tags and to make sure they have signed up for host or treats duty.

The Treasury balance is $6,830.25.

Annual dues of $20 are due no later than the November meeting.

Reminder: If you bring something for Market Day, the Free Table or to eat, please make sure anything not snapped up goes home with you. We have no place to store leftovers.

Winery Retreat: The survey is in and since no date got the minimum of 25 people, so the idea is tabled for the time being. Informal groups may want to make their own arrangements separate from the guild.

Sam Farr is making wooden parts and tools for spinners. Members showed off some lovely bobbins. CLI Studio Designs, CllStudioDesigns@gmail.com, 607-279-5088.

We received a lovely thank you from the Art Rage gallery for our support.

Christina Tartaro will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for Vera House and Clear Path for Veterans at the November meeting.

CNY Fiber Artists and Producers who bring us the CNY Fiber Arts Festival) will be looking to us to renew our sponsorship again for the coming year. In the past we voted to authorize $100. Joyce Lock was bullied into making a motion to repeat last year's donation. It was seconded and passed without opposition.

Report on the Zoo demonstration. Everyone who participated was very pleased by their experiences. Ethan Lewis suggested that perhaps we can work out some more interactive props or routines as visitors were making connections between what we were spinning and the animals.

News from Rhinebeck: It was cold, windy, and VERY crowded.

Member Jean Jonov passed away October 17, 2026.

Marcia Snyder has been looking into getting more GFSS official garb made up. She is working with Brewerton Special Tees. You can see what they have at their shop at 5500

Bartel Rd. Everyone interested should get in touch with her. She hopes she will have a shirt made for her at the November meeting and she has prices now.

The business meeting ended at 11:05. It was followed by the distribution of Diane Tice's Corriedale and the ever-dazzling Show and Tell.

Announcements

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

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	Dorset Buttons and 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	Plying with Marcia Weinert
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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