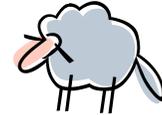


WOOL GATHERINGS...



The Monthly 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 21, 2020, 10:00 AM

Charity Knit and Crochet via Zoom

We encourage everyone to make hats, mittens, scarves, etc to donate to one of the many local groups that supply cold weather items to those less fortunate. Christina Tartaro will be collecting items to donate to Vera House and the Department of Social Services (DSS) up until Saturday December 12th. Call or text her to make arrangements for getting your items to her.

Look for an email from Val Bechtler or Angela Mann before the Saturday meeting giving the details of how to join via Zoom. If you haven't joined our virtual meetings yet because you aren't comfortable using Zoom, contact Angela or Val for a trial run. You can even participate in the Zoom meeting on your landline phone with just audio.

Membership

To keep your active member status for the 2020-2021 guild year, payment must be mailed so that it reaches Sue Jones by November 18. Since we haven't been able to hold in person meetings since March due to the pandemic, dues for the 2020-2021 year are reduced to \$15, family dues to \$25. However, if you want to pay the standard \$20 fee (\$30 for a family membership), the extra \$5 will be donated to a fiber related non-profit that has been impacted by COVID-19. Mail your check made out to the "Golden Fleece Spinners' Society" to Sue Jones at 404 Sixth St, Liverpool, NY 13088. Please include any contact information changes. Fifty plus members have paid so far.

December Meeting

We are trying to put together an in-person holiday gathering for the December 19th meeting for anyone who wants to attend. The location would either be Therese Bishop's Make & More community center or the church. The county/state limits on group gatherings in place in early December will determine the location, and the location will determine whether we will have a short social gathering, maybe an hour or a little longer, or if we can meet for two to four hours and spin.

We will be sending out a survey to determine how many members would be interested in attending an in-person gathering for the December meeting. The level of interest will also impact which location we use if we are able to hold the meeting. Please watch for the survey and be sure to respond if you are interested. Plans will be finalized early in December, so be sure to watch for your newsletter before December 13th.

Guild Charity Donations

Traditionally, we have voted on our annual monetary donations at the November meeting. Last year we donated \$300 to the church for use of the space, and \$250 to Heifer International. The officers have had conversations with regard to the donation to the church in light of the fact that we haven't been able to use that space since the February meeting. Consensus is that we should continue the donation to the church at last year's level. It's not the fault of the church that we can't use the space, they do continue to store our valuables, and they continue to have heating and lighting expenses, both of which benefit our stored items. Not to mention the fact that our bank account can afford it.

Since we can't gather to vote on these donations, the survey about the December meeting will also include the opportunity for you to vote on the donations to the church and to Heifer International. Please be sure to register your vote regarding the donations on the survey.

Future Programs

Vickie Marchand shared some information from her California guild with us on connecting with nationally known fiber people who are willing to do Zoom instructional classes for far less money than we would have to pay to have someone come here in person. Vice President Nicole Massenzio is looking into the possible offerings. Stay tuned for updates!

OCTOBER MEETING

There was no October business meeting.

Treasurer's Report \$5,704.97 balance

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

None at this time

Proposed 2020-2021 Calendar and Programs (at the church unless otherwise noted)

September 19, 2020	Welcome to New Members at Onondaga Lake Park
October 17, 2020	Heritage Breed Study: Make & More, Warners, NY
November 21, 2020	Charity Knit and Crochet via Zoom
December 19, 2020	Holiday Party
January 16, 2021	Roc Day Celebration
February 20, 2021	TBD
March 20, 2021	Guild Auction
April TBD, 2021	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
April TBD, 2021	TBD
May 15, 2021	Basket Making
June 19, 2021	Guild Picnic
July 17, 2021	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 21, 2021	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August TBD, 2021	Guild Weekend at NYS Fair Wool Center

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