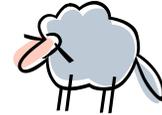


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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: April 17, 2021, 10:00 AM

Guild Meeting via Zoom

Look for an email from Val Bechtler 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 Mann (evenings) or Val (text or call) for a trial run. You can even participate in the Zoom meeting on your landline phone with just audio.

Guild Auction

Start thinking about what to bring to our annual fund raising auction. The auction will be held at the May 15th meeting, with a rain date of June 19th. We are looking at shelters in local parks. Since we missed last year's auction due to the pandemic, it shouldn't be hard for each member to **contribute at least 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.

Spinning Equipment Help List

Problems with one of your spinning wheels or drum carder? Questions about spinning equipment you plan on getting? Just want to speak to someone else about your fiber tools? Since we aren't getting together in person, these conversations aren't as likely to happen. We've created a list accessible only by guild members to identify the equipment you own along with your contact information. You received the link to the file in an email. If you can't find the email, send a request to goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com and it will be resent to you. Once the list is displayed (you don't need to sign in) change the green button from "Viewing" to "Editing" to add your information. Contact Joyce Lock at goldenfleecespinners@gmail.com if you have questions.

Breed Study

Please give some thought to doing a guild breed study more than once a year. Since our in-person meeting schedule may be rather unpredictable this year, and the breed

study seems to be an instrument of community gathering for us, even if by Zoom, maybe we should consider doing it more than once a year. We can discuss this matter at the guild meeting.

Website

Since the company that has hosted our website is going out of business, it was necessary to recreate the website with a different company. You'll find it at the same www.goldenfleecespinnerssociety.org web address with the same information, just with a new look.

MARCH MEETING

Recording Secretary Meg Welch provided the following meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Jill Robinson at approximately 10:00 AM.

1. The treasurer reported a balance of \$4409.97.
2. The Etsy Guidance session will be held during the casual Saturday session on April 24, 2021 from 11AM to 12 noon. Please review the Etsy site information previously provided prior to that meeting.
3. Empire Sheep Association 2021 membership dues of \$40: Sue Jones moved that we pay the dues and Joyce Lock seconded the motion. A member requested and got an explanation of our relationship with the Empire Sheep Association and their role in rebuilding the Wool Building at the NYS Fair. The motion was then passed unanimously.

Linda Miller and Jill Robinson reported positively on the Empire Sheep ZOOM meeting.

4. Guild Auction: Jill proposed that the auction be held on May 15th, with a rain date of June 19th near the Good Dog Park, or if impossible, at Willow Bay. We will be trying for a 75 person shelter. If that is not available, we will use the guild tents for the auctioneer and plastic ground cloths to lay out items to be auctioned. Kathie Piirak suggested that Therese Bishop's parking lot might be a possibility. Therese said that the May date was still possible but the June date was booked.
5. Scrappy sock project: Happy progress was discussed informally, with a peek or two of work in progress.
6. Shepherd's Wool Market at the Rush United Methodist Church is being held on May 22, 2021. It will be in the parking lot so it is weather dependent and there will be no bathrooms.
7. Nicole Massenzio has asked if there is interest in her arranging for another ZOOM speaker, and if so, on what subjects? After a discussion, the request was

made for another speaker for April if possible on, ranked by preference, a) Breed specific b) finishing c) dyeing.

8. Jill reported that there has been some interest expressed in our guild joining the Handweavers Guild of America and the Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association. Because there are expenses involved for both and considerable responsibilities required with MAFA membership the matter was set aside for further discussion. Jill suggested that we should need a good three quarters of the membership approving before we joined either.

The meeting then shifted to show and tell and lovely general fiber conversation.

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

May 22, 2021	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY
June 12-13, 2021	*CNY Fiber Arts Festival, Bouckville, NY

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 via Zoom
January 16, 2021	Roc Day Celebration via Zoom
February 20, 2021	Color In Spinning with Carolyn Greenwood via Zoom
March 20, 2021	Zoom Meeting
April 17, 2021	Zoom Meeting
May 15, 2021	Annual Auction, location TBD
June 19, 2021	Guild Picnic, location TBD
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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