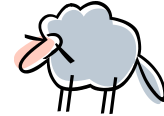


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 May 15th, 2021, 10:00 AM

Breed Specific Wools with Deborah Robson via Zoom

The guild business meeting will be held prior to Deborah Robson's 11:00 am talk on "Breed-Specific Wools: What They Are and Why They Matter". Her website is <https://independentstitch.com>.

Look for an email 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 Bechtler (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 June 19th meeting in the church. 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.

APRIL MEETING

Recording Secretary Meg Welch provided the following meeting minutes.

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1. **Treasurer's report:** \$4,171.13
2. Jill reminded everyone that the **Selling on Etsy** class will be next week (4/24/21) from 11 to 12 as part of the regular informal Zoom meeting. Angela Mann, Joyce Lock, and Sam Bova will be guiding those interested in the art and craft of selling on the internet through Etsy.
3. **CNY Fiber Arts Fest:** GFSS will be providing demonstrators at the festival on June

12 and 13, 2021. Demonstrators are limited to two per booth and several people have signed up. Shifts will probably be 2 to 3 hours, depending on the number of volunteers.

4. **Guild Auction:** the auction will definitely be scheduled for June 19th, which makes the May meeting available for another Zoom presenter. Jill has looked into the shelters at Onondaga Lake Park. The rent is \$200 per day and the largest can take 150 people. It is also the farthest from the Thruway traffic noise. Of concern is that it is quite a way from parking. Also Park officials control the number of visitors at the park by closing the parking lots when they reach a certain level of fullness.
5. Reminder: April 17 is **local yarn shop day**
6. **State Fair report from Linda Miller:** Officially, the Fair is a go, but Linda has been talking to lots of people involved in the local organization, and she has serious doubts. But she is planning to start dyeing wool in the middle of May and welcomes volunteers.

Linda also announced that the annual Blessing of the Beasts is going to be brought back on April 25th. Anyone interested should contact her.

7. **NorthEast Handspinners Guild** report from Angela Mann: Their attorney notified them that their completed application for non-profit status has been filed. It will be official next year.

The **Open House** will take place this year on November 6 at Belfast Boathouse, Belfast, Maine. The team is currently firming up a choice for Mentor and may have both a lecture and a workshop. Details will be sent in the June newsletter and registration will open in September. Angela is planning on making a weekend of it with possible side trips to WEBS and the New England Fiber Festival at the Big E. She hopes others will join her.

The **Gathering** will take place the first weekend in November, 2022 at the Doubletree in Danvers, MA. An impressive list of teachers, ???????secret!!! is being assembled. Shhhhhhh.

8. **Empire Sheep:** Has been sending Sheep Industry magazines. Any members with sheep who do not get their own copies and are interested should contact Jill Robinson.
9. **Shepherd's Wool Market** is being held May 22, 2021 at the Rush United Methodist Church parking lot. 6200 Rush Lima Rd Rush, NY.
10. **Programs:** A beginning discussion of the possibility of a second breed study and which breed to choose. CVM and Columbia were mentioned.

11. Completed **Scrappy Socks** from Jill and Sue (too nice to hide in shoes)

12. Show and Tell

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 Breed Specific Wools with Deborah Robson via Zoom
June 19, 2021 Annual Auction
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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