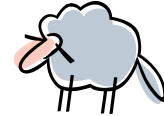


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 20th, 2021, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Charity Knitting and Crochet

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Betsy Walker, Cindy Green

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, mittens, etc are very much needed and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Another option is to bring completed items to donate, Christina Tartaro will collect them for distribution to various organizations. See the meeting minutes for charities that are collecting items.

Masks and social distancing will be required for our meeting inside the church. Remember to bring your lunch and coffee mug.

Breed Study - Columbia

Please bring your dyed and/or spun Columbia fiber to the meeting so we can photograph it and post to our guild Facebook page. Leaf Livestock, the farm from whom we purchased the fiber, is interested in our findings and via Facebook we can give them some good publicity.

Membership Dues

Dues for the 2021-2022 meeting year are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family consisting of an adult member and family members under 21. Dues must be paid by the November meeting to maintain active member status. Mail a check made out to 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 "send money to a friend" so that the transfer is free.** Otherwise, if you use the option for paying for products/services then PayPal charges a fee, and the guild won't get 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.

Guild Donations

We will vote on our annual guild donations to the church, Heifer International, the NYS Fair Spinning Competitions and other charities.

OCTOBER MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order, we met in the basement of the Grace Episcopal Church socially distanced and masked.

We welcomed new members Marcie Mann and Amanda Hoffman. Jill will make nametags for the new members.

Members were reminded to sign up to act as host/hostess and/or to bring treats, the associated responsibilities were reviewed.

Treasurers Report: balance of \$6,032.12.

All members were reminded that dues must be paid no later than the November meeting. Sue Jones has a list of those not yet paid and is taking payments.

Guild members decided to continue meeting in-person in the church with masks and social distancing required.

The Empire Alpaca Showtacular at the NYS Fairgrounds has been shortened to Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31. If you are interested in demonstrating spinning alpaca fiber on Saturday contact Sarah Lamanna (315.243.3782 or claddaghfarms@gmail.com) since she needs to know ahead of time so she can have the fiber ready. Joyce will email details to guild members.

April 2022's Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake will be a guild member vendor driven event with invitations extended to the three nonmembers who have participated in the past. The vendors themselves will be doing the bulk of the work, but guild members will be solicited to volunteer help at the time of the event. The Frolic is contingent on the COVID status at that time.

Members favorably reported on their experience with the East Friesian wool samples. Columbia fiber had been distributed at September's meeting, members that had started

spinning it were also happy with this fiber. Three ounce bags were distributed to those who hadn't previously received the fiber.

Diane Tice, Sue Jones, Nicole Massenzio and Angela Mann attended the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival held October 16th and 17th. All enjoyed themselves and showed off their purchases. Due to NYS attendance restrictions it was not as crowded as usual.

Wondering where to donate your knit or crocheted items? Many charities and churches collect these for distribution:

- [Red Scarf Project](#) collects red scarves for those aging out of the foster care system
- [Snuggles Project](#) collects 36" x 36" knit, crochet or sewn squares for rescue animals
- [Knitted Knockers](#) collects knit prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. You can drop off completed knockers at [Knitty Gritty Yarns](#).
- Christina Tartaro will collect items at the November meeting for donation as needed to [Vera House](#), the Department of Social Services, [Clear Path for Veterans](#) and [St Joseph the Worker Church](#).

The meeting was then followed by Show and Tell with items placed in front of their maker for later close up viewing.

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

April 30, 2022	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center*
May 7-8, 2022	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
June 11-12, 2022	CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*

2021-2022 Calendar and Program Plan (at the Church Unless Otherwise Noted)

September 18, 2021	Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 23, 2021	Heritage Breed Study: Columbia
November 20, 2021	Charity Knit and Crochet
December 18, 2021	Holiday Party
January 15, 2022	Roc Day Celebration
February 19, 2022	Open Spin
March 19, 2022	Guild Auction
April 16, 2022	Open Spin, Market Day
April 30, 2022	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
May 21, 2022	Open Spin
June 18, 2022	Guild Picnic
July 16, 2022	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 20, 2022	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 27-28, 2022	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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