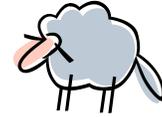


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 February 19th, 2021, 10:00 AM

Fiber Travels in India with Marilyn Romatka DVD via Zoom

Program video will start at 11:00am

In the comfort of our own homes, we will watch *The Handicrafts of Gujarat* DVD. Marilyn Romatka describes her documentary/travelogue this way:

“India. The word alone conjures up images of vivid color and pungent spice. The handicrafts one finds there are stunning. Here is your chance to explore many of the skilled craftspersons that make up this national legacy. Follow along with the weaver and the photographer, as they probe the variety of hand-skills in of one of the most artistic states in India: Gujarat.”

March Auction: Start thinking about donations for the annual guild auction. Each member is asked to contribute 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.

Election Year: Officer Elections are to be held in May this year. Anyone thinking about becoming more involved in the day-to-day work of the guild should consider becoming an officer. Please contact one of the officers if you are interested in running for office.

JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by President Jill Robinson.

The annual Roc Day meeting was held via Zoom in response to pandemic levels. Jill began by thanking Val Bechteler for hosting all our Zoom meetings.

The Treasurer, in absentia, reported we have a balance of \$5,467.47.

We will be passing the signup sheet for treats and hostesses again as soon as we return to meeting at the church.

Jill reminded everyone to start collecting and planning on items for the Guild Auction, which is scheduled for March but may be held in May, depending on the pandemic.

Jill also reminded everyone who works with carders, wool combs, and raw fleece of the importance of keeping one's tetanus vaccine up to date.

This was followed by an explanation of Roc Day. The name comes from the German word "Rocken" for distaff. It is also known as St Distaff's Day. It came from the European Medieval Catholic practice of celebrating the female workers' return to spinning after Epiphany. The ploughmen started a day later. Jill explained how essential spinning was based on the pervasiveness of the words for distaff used to describe women's spheres.

Finally, this is an election year. Since elections are held in May, there is time for anyone thinking about becoming more involved in the day-to-day work of the guild to consider becoming an officer.

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	Fiber Travels in India with Marilyn Romatka (Zoom)
March 19, 2022	Guild Auction
April 16, 2022	Shetland Sheep with Deb Robson (Zoom)
April 30, 2022	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
May 21, 2020	Angora Rabbits
June 18, 2022	Bundle Dyeing
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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