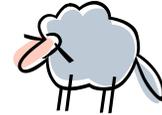


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 March 19th, 2022, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Sheep Breed Bingo

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Jill Robinson, Sue Jones

Based on a survey of guild members, the Annual Guild Auction will be postponed to May instead of being held at the March meeting. In March we'll play Sheep Breed Bingo, think regular Bingo but instead of numbers to fill in, it's breeds of sheep. Prizes will be awarded! At this time, since the church is requiring masks and social distancing inside the building, we will follow their protocol. *Remember to bring your lunch and coffee mug.*

Still keep thinking about donations for the postponed 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.

FEBRUARY MEETING

President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:08am, the meeting was held via Zoom.

Jill requested Joyce Lock to run a member survey as to whether members would attend an in-person auction in March, and whether members might prefer the event be moved to May or June. Also, members were reminded to keep collecting items for the auction, no matter when the date.

Jill thanked Val and Joyce for providing the Zoom and for running today's DVD presentation.

The Treasurer reported we have a balance of \$4,632.20.

Jill announced that the processed fiber for the next breed study, California Variegated Mutant (CVM), has arrived. It is a champagne color. As soon as it is divided and bagged, Jill will send out an email. Note: there are small quantities of dyed CVM included. The next breed study will be of Cotswold from Robin Nistock of Prattsburgh, NY.

As far as the Fiber Frolic the last Saturday in April; volunteers will be needed. Jill will send out an email signup. There was a discussion of a raffle for the benefit of Beaver Lake.

Members were again reminded of elections coming up in May. Anyone interested should please contact an officer.

Jill then brought up another potential guild donation opportunity, Adopt a Native Elder. Jill described it as purchasing boxes of yarn to be given to Navaho Elders to weave rugs that the program would then sell for them. She brought it up as something to think about, but enthused members decided to bring it up for a vote today. The motion to donate \$100 for two boxes was moved, seconded and passed.

We heard that our member Nicole Massenzio and her family are all down with the latest version of Covid. We all wished them a speedy recovery.

Christine Tartaro brought up an upcoming demonstration opportunity at the Farm Show at the Agricultural Museum at NYS Fairgrounds on Thursday – Saturday, February 24th, - 26th. The organizers are looking for demonstrators of spinning, knitting, crochet and weaving. The shifts are 9 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4:00. Anyone interested was directed to contact Christine.

Following Show and Tell, the program was *The Handicrafts of Gujarat*, a video presentation of the fiber travels of Marilyn Romatka.

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
May 14, 2022	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, NY
May 28-29, 2022	Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Festival, Cummington Fairgrounds
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	Sheep Breed Bingo
April 16, 2022	Shetland Sheep with Deb Robson (Zoom)
April 30, 2022	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
May 21, 2020	Guild Auction
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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