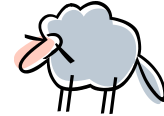


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 April 16th, 2022, 10:00 AM

Shetland Sheep with Deb Robson via Zoom

From the comfort of your own home watch Deborah Robson's 11:00 am talk on Shetland Sheep. Her website is <https://independentstitch.com>. The guild business meeting will be held prior to her virtual presentation.

Keep thinking about donations for the guild auction to be held in May. 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.

MARCH MEETING

The guild met in person at the Grace Episcopal Church, President Jill Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

She announced the Church mask regulations: required for those who are not fully vaccinated and optional for those who are fully vaccinated.

She reminded all present of the signup sheet for treats and hostessing. Also name tags are up front. Anyone who needs one should speak up.

Treasurer Angela Mann reported that the current balance is \$4573.09.

Membership in the Empire Sheep Association renewal: the renewal was proposed, seconded and passed.

The annual auction will be held in May. Everyone should keep saving things up to donate to the auction.

Seven Acres Alpaca Farm of 9457 Dinglehole Rd, Phoenix NY contacted Jill to request demonstrators at their public shearing on Sunday, May 22nd. They will give us a block of

time and a sheltered place to set up. Refreshments will be served. Anyone interested should contact Jill, she is currently playing phone tag with them.

The April meeting will be on Zoom. Deb Robson will speak on Shetland Sheep.

The CVM fiber was distributed at the meeting. If you haven't picked up yours, please contact Jill to make arrangements. The next breed experience will be Cotswold from Robin Nistock. The fiber will not be white.

The Fiber Frolic will be April 30th at Beaver Lake. There is a signup sheet for helpers, demonstrators etc.

There is a signup sheet for spinning demonstrators for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 11-12 in Bouckville.

Officer elections will be held in May. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the day-to-day work of the guild should consider running for office. Please contact one of the officers if interested.

Linda Miller reported on the Wool Center and the State Fair. She has a new signup sheet. Demonstrations will be in the old building still, but she is looking to have a new display cabinet made for the new building. Also, the State Fair will be displaying the local Make It With Wool competition winners. She has no news about competitions as that is up to the person running the Arts and Home Center.

The Woolly Thistle Shopcast #163 on YouTube has a yoga session for knitters that may interest spinners too.

Per Jill, anyone looking to support the American Wool Industry via yarn purchases: Hudson and West Co. has 70% US Merino/30% US Corriedale yarn, sourced in the US, spun at Battenkill Fiber Mill, and dyed in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Brooklyn Tweed has American Targhee/Columbia yarn, sourced in Johnson County, WI, spun in Harrisville, NH, and dyed in Philadelphia, PA. She has samples if you would like to see and fondle it.

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 Arts 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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