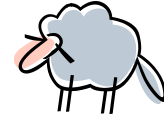


WOOL GATHERINGS...



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 October 22nd, 2022, 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church
Baldwinsville, NY

Skill Sampler

Hostess: Joyce Lock, Treats: Meg Welch, Nicole Massenzio

October's meeting will be an informal series of mini presentations in which members will visit small stations set up around the basement showcasing a tool or skill by our talented guild members. If you haven't yet signed up to present your favorite skill/method/tool and would like to, please come to the meeting prepared to demonstrate your talent. At one of the stations, Sue Jones will demonstrate her knitting machine. If you are so inclined, bring yarn and crank a hat to donate to Vera House.

Membership dues for the 2022-2023 guild year will be collected at the meeting: \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family consisting of an adult member and family members under 21. If you won't be at the meeting, mail a check made out to the 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 "Sending to a Friend" so that the transfer is free.** Otherwise, you will be responsible for paying the PayPal fee so that the guild gets 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.

October's Breed Experience is Cotswold from Robin Nistock of Nistock Farm. Four-ounce bags of fiber in four different colorways were distributed at the September meeting. Bring your finished yarn to the October meeting for a group discussion on your

spinning experience. If you didn't get a chance to pick up your fiber in September, you can get it at the October meeting.

Lorraine Savidge is collecting food wrappers to make tote bags. For an example see <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/119978777565800660/>. If you have some for her, please bring them to the October meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by President Jill Robinson.

Jill welcomed everyone back, with special welcomes for new members Sara Bush and Becca Palmer, and returning member Caroline Messina-Yauchzy.

Everyone was reminded of name tags on the front table. Arrangements were made for new name tags for the new members.

Also on the front table is the sign up for **Treats and Hostessing**.

We were reminded of the **sad news** that Barb O'Connell's husband Dan has passed away. A card to sign was available on the front table. Condolences may be sent to Barb at 2403 Pipers Court, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

The **Treasurer's Report**: we have a balance of \$6,116.18.

Annual Dues for 2022-2023 of \$20 are due at the latest by the November meeting. Sue Jones has a list of those members who have not yet paid. Please see Sue to pay your dues and update your contact information.

State Fair Winners!!!

Jean Tyo:	First for a shawl First and Best in Show for a shawl First for Handspun Yarn Golden Fleece Spinner's Society Award
Christina Rotondo:	Two Firsts for Handspun Yarn Second for Handspun Yarn Cherry Valley Spinners' Award for Handspun Yarn
Elaine Salvetti:	Two Firsts for Hats Knit with Handspun Yarn
Alison Altafi:	First for Woven Wall Hanging

And Guild Friends:

Sally Mowers (Jean Tyo's sister)	First and Best in Show for a Quilt
Cathy Loperfido (Fiber Frolic vendor):	First for Hooked Rug First and Best in Show for Hooked Rug First and Best in Show for Quilt made of Neckties

The **Central New York Fiber Producers** who run the festival at Bouckville have contacted GFSS with a request for sign up as vendor/demonstrator sponsor for 2023. In 2019 we voted to sponsor for \$100 for the event that was cancelled because of COVID. In 2021 we voted to sponsor for \$50. Jill invited a discussion which resulted in a motion to support the festival for \$75 which was seconded and carried by the meeting.

The **October meeting** will be dedicated to demonstrating or showing favorite fiber tools and skills. Nicole will be canvassing for people willing to give demonstrations of, for instance, support spindling, carding by hand or machine, making center pull balls, etc. Please step up!

The next **Heritage Breed study** will be **Cotswold**. Jill began the distribution of very colorful roving samples from Robin Nistock. They will be available in October too. We will be discussing them in October.

Jill may have a new vendor from Cato to supply **official GFSS clothing**, but the project **needs a coordinator** to organize orders, etc.

Bus Trips: Jill has had several inquiries about guild sponsored bus trips, especially to Rhinebeck. She would like to make clear that

- a. trips aren't automatic
- b. organizing a trip requires a guild vote
- c. someone has to volunteer to be the coordinator/organizer
- d. fees charged do not come close to covering the expenses for the entire trip.
A large chunk comes from the guild treasury.

In the past, the guild has paid out:

2019- \$2150
2017- \$2355
2016- \$2270
2014 - \$2110

This covers the charges for the bus, part of the driver's tip, and the event tickets that was not met by payments from the people who went. That has been \$20 for guild members and \$50 for nonmembers. Also, we must assume that expenses have increased dramatically, so several quotes will have to be gathered. The number of participants will probably be reduced by COVID concerns.

Christina Tartaro then presented some news from the local Knitting Guild regarding requests for **Charity Knitting**. Donations were stymied for a while because of COVID concerns. The Knitting guild has resumed donations to Vera House and added Clear Path for Veterans. GFSS is invited to join in making donations. Christina will be collecting donations in November. If you have any interest, please see her. And she reminds everyone that the recipients are not normally able to care for delicate fibers, so she requests that we focus on machine washable easy-care synthetic yarns.

The meeting then turned to that amazing display of skill, industry, and artistry that we call Show and Tell.

Announcements

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

October 15-16, 2022	New York Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY
November 4-6, 2022	Northeast Handspinners Association Gathering, Danvers, MA
November 5-6, 2022	Fiber Festival of New England, West Springfield, MA

2022-2023 Calendar and Program Plan (at the church unless otherwise noted)

September 17, 2022	Welcome to New Members, Luncheon, Market Day
October 22, 2022	Skill Sampler, Cotswold Breed Study
November 19, 2022	Charity Knit and Crochet
December 17, 2022	Holiday Party
January 21, 2023	Roc Day Celebration
February 18, 2023	TBD
March 18, 2023	Guild Auction
April TBD, 2023	TBD
April TBD, 2023	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
May 20, 2023	TBD
June 17, 2023	Guild Picnic
July 15, 2023	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 19, 2023	Open Spin, Onondaga Lake Park
August 26-27, 2023	Guild Weekend at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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