

# **Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists**

## **October 2021 Newsletter**

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**Next Meeting: Thursday October 14th, 2021, 10:00 AM**  
**Springside Farm, Fabius, NY**

### **Open Spin**

Until further notice guild meetings will be held at Paulie Drexler's [Springside Farm](#). While the weather stays warm meetings will be held in the large event center up on the hill. Once it starts getting colder, we will meet in the large room behind the gift shop. We'll start gathering at 10:00am with the business meeting starting at 10:30am.

The last time the guild Constitution and By-Laws were updated was 1992. Marguerite Hickernell and Joyce Lock reviewed them and are proposing updates for the guild to vote on at the October meeting. Some are corrections to reflect the way the guild currently operates while others better define the responsibilities of guild roles. Please review these changes and be prepared to discuss them at the meeting. Deleted text is ~~struck through in red~~, new text is in **red**. Contact Joyce or Marguerite if you have questions. You will find the proposed document attached to the same email that you are receiving this newsletter.

### **SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING**

President Stephanie Fesenger called the meeting to order.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance of \$884.35.

#### **Old Business:**

- The Little York Fiber Festival is currently still on for October 9-10, 2021.
- The Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse is looking for demonstrators for its [AbStranded: Fiber and Abstraction](#) in Contemporary Art exhibition on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Kirsten Weyter is leading the charge on this, but so far she hasn't heard from anyone in the guild who wishes to join her and she is hoping to have company. Stephanie will send out an email specific to this subject after the meeting.
- Guild members have been asked to demonstrate spinning at the [Empire Alpaca Showtacular](#) at the NYS Fair Grounds on Friday and Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Members suggested demonstrating as a group between the hours of 10am – 2pm. Please let Sarah Lamanna ([claddaghfarms@gmail.com](mailto:claddaghfarms@gmail.com), 315-243-3782) know the day and approximate time you plan to demo so she can have four ounce bags of roving ready. Paulie and Jeanne plan to demonstrate on Friday, Paulie will bring the guild banner. No parking pass is needed, but you must bring your own chair.

### **New Business:**

- Stephanie announced that she and Gordon are officially leaving the guild as of this meeting. Joyce as the current Vice President will preside over the October meeting and take meeting minutes. Gordon was unable to attend the meeting and the attending members said to say thank you.
- For the 2022 guild election, there was no need to appoint a nominating committee since there were enough volunteers to fill the slate of officers for 2022:
  - President: Kirsten Weyter
  - Vice President: Marguerite Hickernell
  - Secretary: Joyce Lock
  - Treasurer: Raquel Huckans

The duties of the Secretary include publishing the guild newsletter and maintaining the guild membership list. The slate will be read at the October meeting with elections held at the November meeting. New officers will assume their roles immediately.

- Candace Cain volunteered to do membership outreach, promoting the guild and bringing in new members.
- Joyce and Marguerite will update the Guild Constitution and By-Laws to be read and voted on by the guild at the October meeting.
- We welcomed visitor Leslie Oliver, a new weaver and spinner.
- The guild Kiwi spinning wheel has been out on loan for awhile, Paulie will get this wheel back. Since the guild wheels and carder are stored at her farm, she will maintain the notebook on who has borrowed this equipment. One of the other wheels needs some attention, Paulie is looking for someone to repair it.
- It was agreed that the guild's private group Facebook page should be deleted as it is rarely viewed or updated, Gordon has already done that. Paulie will maintain the guild's public Facebook page once Gordon provides the passwords and adds her to the administrator list. Gordon said he should get that done by the end of this weekend.
- Following the business meeting, Breed Bingo was enjoyed by all, with \$20 collected for the guild treasury.

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

October 9-10, 2021	Little York Fall Fiber Arts Festival, Cortland Repertory Theatre, Preble, NY
October 16-17, 2021	NYS Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY
October 29-31, 2021	Empire Alpaca Showtacular, NYS Fair Grounds*
November 6-7, 2021	Fiber Festival of New England, Big E Expo Center, West Springfield, MA

**2021-2022 Guild Calendar and Programs**

September 9, 2021	Open Spin
October 14, 2021	Open Spin
November 11, 2021	Carding Wool
December 9, 2021	Holiday Party
January 13, 2022	Roc Day Celebration
February 10, 2022	TBD
March 10, 2022	TBD
April 14, 2022	TBD
May 12, 2022	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 9, 2022	TBD
July 14, 2022	Guild Picnic
August 11, 2022	TBD
August TBD, 2022	Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center

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# CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS CHERRY VALLEY COUNTRY SPINNERS and FIBER ARTISTS

Revised ~~May 1992~~ October 2021

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Cherry Valley Country Spinners ~~and Fiber Artists~~.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To preserve and perpetuate the art of handspinning ~~and fiber arts~~.
- B. To promote interest in spinning and fiber arts by educating the public through demonstrations, lectures, displays and news media.
- C. To provide instruction and social life in spinning ~~and fiber arts~~ for its members.
- ~~D. To be a non profit organization.~~

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- ~~A. Active Member~~ Anyone can be an active member who pays the annual dues. ~~for an active member~~
- ~~B. Bulletin Member~~ ~~anyone can be a bulletin member who pays the annual dues of a bulletin member. A bulletin member is entitled only to the newsletter and is excluded from all other society benefits.~~
- ~~C. Miscellaneous~~ ~~Other Guilds, Publications~~

The membership year will run January to January, with monthly business meetings on such day and place as shall be decided upon by the membership.

## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

## ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the organization and the past president.

## ARTICLE VI: BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the ~~society~~ ~~guild~~ shall be understood to be the laws subject to the Constitution.

## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the meeting (or proxy vote); such amendments having been presented in writing and read at the meeting prior to voting.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: MEETINGS**

Regular meetings shall be held the ~~first~~ second Thursday of the month whenever possible.

### **ARTICLE II: DUES**

- A. The Active Member's annual dues shall be ~~\$12~~ \$20, due at the January meeting ~~or 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the new year~~. If dues are not paid by the March meeting (~~1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of March~~), one will no longer be a member and will not receive newsletters or ~~any special discounts~~ membership benefits.
- B. ~~Bulletin Members shall pay \$8.00 annually~~. New members shall be active after payment of dues. New members who join after June shall pay \$10.

### **ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS**

The duties of the officers shall be:

- A. The **President** shall preside over all meetings of the guild and executive board; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee; shall appoint the chairperson of each committee; and shall offer suggestions for members of each committee.
- B. The **Vice President** shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President; ~~shall be the chairperson of the Program Committee~~; and will greet all new members and inform them of guild policy.
- C. The **Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of each meeting and handle correspondence of the guild.
- D. The **Treasurer** shall collect all authorized dues and fees; make any disbursements as authorized by the President or Vice President; shall present a report to the membership at each meeting which will be included in the monthly minutes; ~~and shall present the annual report to the membership at the January meeting~~.

The duties of the appointed committees and positions shall be:

- A. The **Program Committee** shall consist of the Vice President and one or more guild members; and shall plan the monthly programs for the upcoming year.
- B. The **Membership Coordinator** shall collect dues and forward them to the Treasurer; shall maintain the membership list; and shall provide the list to guild members.
- C. The **Newsletter Editor** shall gather information to create the monthly newsletter; and shall publish and distribute the newsletter. The newsletter will contain the time, date and location of the next meeting, the Secretary's meeting minutes from the previous month, and all guild news and any other appropriate material.

- D. **The Librarian** shall catalog and maintain the guild's collection of reference materials; and shall coordinate loaning of materials to guild members.
- E. **The Guild Equipment Coordinator** shall maintain a list of the guild equipment; and shall coordinate loaning of this equipment to guild members.
- F. **The Historian** shall keep the historical record of the guild on an annual basis. In notebook format the Historian shall compile the newsletter, news articles, photographs and other pertinent materials.
- G. **The Public Outreach Committee** shall publicize activities of the guild and encourage new membership through social, print and electronic media; and through fiber demonstrations at community events.

#### **ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The President shall name a nominating committee of three which shall present a slate of officers at the October meeting. The slate shall be voted on in November and take office in January. The term is two years for all officers, **with a limit of two terms**.

#### **ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall determine policies of the organization and shall transact the business of the guild which shall then be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI: NEWSLETTER**

~~The newsletter shall be done monthly. It will contain the time, date and location of the next meeting; and all guild news and any other appropriate material. This is a voluntary position.~~

#### **ARTICLE VII: QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the members attending a meeting, including the presiding officer of the meeting (NOT 2/3 of the total guild membership).