

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

November 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday January 13th, 2021, 10:00 AM**
Springside Farm, Fabius, NY

Roc Day Potluck Luncheon

Guild meetings will be held at Paulie Drexler's [Springside Farm](#) in the large room behind the gift shop until further notice. We'll gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. Please be respectful about wearing masks and social distancing, we appreciate everyone's cooperation. Paulie generously supplies us with coffee, remember to **bring your own mug**.

For the Roc Day Potluck Luncheon bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Decorate your spinning wheel if you are so inclined. For those unfamiliar with Roc Day, according to Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff_Day:

Distaff Day, also called **Roc Day** or **Rock Day**, is 7 January, the day after the feast of the [Epiphany](#). It is also known as **Saint Distaff's Day**, one of the many unofficial holidays in Catholic nations.

The [distaff](#), or roc, used in spinning was the medieval symbol of women's work. In many European cultural traditions, women resumed their household work after the [twelve days of Christmas](#). Women of all classes would spend their evenings spinning on the wheel. During the day, they would carry a [drop spindle](#) with them. Spinning was the only means of turning raw wool, cotton or flax into thread, which could then be woven into cloth.

Guild Facebook

Since social media is a good form of outreach to get new members, we've created a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/CherryValleyCountrySpinners and will be actively posting guild meetings and events to it. If you are a Facebook user you are encouraged to visit our Facebook page, like it and share it with your fiber friends.

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, thirteen people were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$932.75. Raquel will send a \$50 donation for 2021 to Heifer International, this was approved by guild members at the November meeting.

Committee Reports

Program: Guild members brought hats, scarves, mittens and other cold weather items along with non-perishable food to donate to Caz Cares. Judy Larter volunteered to get them to Caz Cares.

Marguerite Hickernell circulated a list of program ideas for guild members to check off those they are interested in. This will assist in program planning for future guild meetings.

The January meeting will be our Roc Day Potluck luncheon to be held at Springside Farm. Decorating your spinning wheel is optional.

Gwen volunteered to contact the Cazenovia Public Library to see if we will be able to hold meetings again there someday.

Membership: Joyce will send an email in December to remind members the annual dues of \$20 are to be paid in January, Raquel has already starting collecting dues for 2022.

Guild Historian: The guild is still looking for a Historian. The initial task will be to sort through the guild materials and organize them with the help of other guild members. Going forward the position involves compiling guild newsletters, news articles and other pertinent material to be stored in the guild library.

Public Outreach: Since Joyce and Paulie couldn't get the old Facebook guild page to add others as administrators, Joyce created a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/cherryvalleycountryspinners. She, Kirsten and Paulie will be administrators, others can be added as needed.

Email pictures and ideas or suggestions for the Facebook page and the guild website <https://cherryvalleycountryspinners.org> to Joyce at joycelock3@gmail.com.

Old Business

New Business

Guild Afghan: Similar to a guild project in 2013, members decided to make an afghan to be raffled off and the proceeds donated to Caz Cares (Gwen will contact Caz Cares). When/where to hold the raffle is yet to be determined, it will be a Cazenovia event in order to raise the most funds.

Members will knit or crochet 9" squares from *only* natural colored handspun, any weight of yarn is fine. We need 30 squares for a 45" x 54" afghan. Jayshri generously offered to sew the squares together. Members are encouraged to bring handspun yarn to the

January meeting for those that don't have any along with any squares they have completed.

Joyce added a [Special Projects](#) page to the guild website that gives the details.

CNY Fiber Festival: Roxanne will be in charge of the Wheel Corral located next to the guild's booth for the festival in June. Contact Roxanne Roxiekat1970@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out in the Corral.

Announcements

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

April 30, 2022	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
June 11-12, 2022	CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*

2021-2022 Guild Calendar and Programs

December 9, 2021	Holiday Party
January 13, 2022	Roc Day Celebration
February 10, 2022	Wool Carding
March 10, 2022	Open Spin
April 14, 2022	Angora Rabbits with Joan Hastings
May 12, 2022	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 9, 2022	Guild Picnic
July 14, 2022	Open Spin
August 11, 2022	Open Spin
August 25, 2022	Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center
September 8, 2022	TBD
October 13, 2022	TBD
November 10, 2022	TBD

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