

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

June 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday June 9th, 2022, 10:00 AM**
Springside Farm, Fabius, NY

Summer Potluck Luncheon

The June Guild meeting will be at Paulie Drexler's [Springside Farm](#). We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. For the Potluck Luncheon bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. If you have a name tag, please wear it at the meeting so new members and visitors know who we are.

There are still open slots for demonstrators at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th at Bouckville: one open slot each on Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon. Contact Kirsten Weyter to sign up. Come with your spindle or wheel, handcards, blending board, etc. Festival visitors are interested in all parts of the process of making yarn.

For our guild booth at the festival, we need handcrafted display items: scarves, socks, sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, handspun yarn, and more in all the mediums we work in: spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet, felting, beading, dyeing, etc. Contact Kirsten Weyter to tell her what handiwork you will be bringing to the June meeting where it will be labeled for display at the festival that weekend. If you are unable to attend the June meeting, contact Kirsten to make arrangements to pick up your items for display.

Springside Farm in Fabius, NY is holding their Spring Into Summer Festival Saturday and Sunday, May 28th and 29th, 10:00am to 5:00pm. We are invited to demonstrate so bring your spinning, knitting, etc.

Another opportunity to demonstrate spinning is Erie Entertainment Day at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Saturday June 18th between 12:00 and 4:00. The museum is a fascinating part of the history of New York State and the site has lots to enjoy including music, a blacksmithing display, a model canal boat, stables, general store, and areas where they hauled the boats out of the canal to repair them. Contact Marguerite Hickernell for more information.

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report – balance of \$1052.91.

Old Business

Afghan Raffle: Jayshri has started assembling the afghan squares. Once the afghan is complete, a flyer will be created with a picture and information about Caz Cares, the recipient of the raffle proceeds. The drawing will be held in November. Raffle ticket prices are one for \$2, three for \$5. Further discussion was held on where to sell raffle tickets.

Public Outreach / Demonstrations: Signups are available for demonstrating at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 11th and 12th and the NYS Fair Wool Center on Thursday August 25th. At the Wool Center you can spin, card, knit, crochet or weave. Discussion was held on how to set up our booth at the festival, Kirsten and Judy Larter will set up Friday afternoon June 10th. Display items will be collected at the June meeting.

Irene Libby's daughter dropped off the last of her mother's spinning and weaving items. The spinning books will be added to the guild library, members took the remaining books along with other items. There is still more to go through at Paulie's.

New Business

No new business.

MEMBER BIO: Secretary Joyce Lock

Having been raised in a fiber crafting family (my grandmother a seamstress, my mother a rug hooker and quilter), I've been sewing, knitting, embroidering, crocheting and more from early on. In 1998 I took a weaving class at BOCES, figuring if I didn't like it, it was only six weeks. I came home from the first class to tell my husband the teacher said we'd be dreaming about weaving, I thought it was a crazy thing to say. Well, my apologies to her, she was right, I've been a weaver ever since.

When asked what my favorite thing to weave is, my answer is always the next project! I love the challenge of design, warping the loom and weaving samples until I have something I like, occasionally not what I started out to do. As I weave off what's on the loom, I'm thinking about what's next.

I weave a variety of things: towels, runners, napkins, and placemats; blankets, rugs, wall hangings and pillows; and shawls and scarves. After gifting weavings to family and friends that were "handcraft worthy" I still had a lot left over so I started an Etsy shop, connected with an artisan shop in Syracuse, and participate in a couple of craft shows a year.

Even after I said I'd never spin because it was too far back in the "cloth making process", in 2011 I took a spinning lesson from my friend Sarah Saulson and really enjoyed creating yarn. I borrowed and then purchased guild member Elyse Meltz's

Ashford Traditional Wheel on which she'd also learned to spin from Sarah. Doesn't almost everyone spin on an Ashford Traditional in the beginning?

I'm currently a member of several weaving and spinning guilds and I'm also involved with the CNY Fiber Arts Festival and Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference (EGLFC). I've made so many good friends over the years through these groups. I always learn something at every meeting, coming home motivated to try something new or "monkey see, monkey do" as I say.

With fiber events being held once again after the past two years of the pandemic, I'm looking forward to demonstrating spinning and weaving, interacting with the public and adding more fiber to my stash!

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

May 28-29, 2022	Spring Into Summer Festival at Springside Farm, Fabius, NY
June 11-12, 2022	CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*
June 18, 2022	Erie Entertainment Day, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango NY*

2022 Guild Calendar and Programs

January 13, 2022	Roc Day Celebration
February 10, 2022	Wool Carding
March 10, 2022	Throwback Thursday
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	Open Spin
October 13, 2022	Spinning Wheel Day
November 10, 2022	Design Using a Fibonacci Sequence
December 8, 2022	Holiday Party

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