

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

August 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday August 11th, 2022, 10:00 AM**
Cazenovia Library, Cazenovia, NY

Open Spin

Note that we are once again meeting in the Community Room at the Cazenovia Library. We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. After the business meeting and Show and Tell we'll relax with our crafts and conversation. If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your own coffee mug.

For those of you who signed up to demonstrate at the NYS Fair Wool Center Thursday August 25th 10:00am to 2:00pm, Joyce Lock will distribute fair entrance and parking passes at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, you'll receive them via snail mail. There are still a couple of openings if you'd like to sign up. Contact Joyce at joycelock3@gmail.com or 315.380.7340.

In going through Irene Libby's notebooks Joyce found another [Guild History: 1983 – 1994](#). You can find it on the website along with the [Guild History: The First Ten Years](#).

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer Raquel Huckans called the meeting to order. Six members were present including new member Julie Knighton.

Treasurer's Report – balance of \$1052.91

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Members signed a get-well card for Kirsten Weyter wishing her a quick recovery after having foot surgery.

Raquel then helped Julie and Bobbie Burrs try spinning.

Announcements

MEMBER BIO: Raquel Huckans

I don't have much to say about myself and spinning except that I came into it by chance. It was fall and I stopped to buy some wool skeins at the Moyer's family store here in Cazenovia on Route 20 and Mrs. Moyer was spinning, I was fascinated, and she very kindly let me try it. She said I was a natural and I truly managed to spin without too much trouble. That was in the fall of 1989.

On Christmas 1989, mid-morning there was a knock on the door of our house here in Caz. All our kids were there so I was surprised when at the door stood Mr. Moyer holding a beautiful Ashford spinning wheel with a big red bow. That was a wonderful surprise gift from my husband John, I never had a clue. However, my daughter Margaret must have been in the plot because she also had him delivered her gifts, a lazy Susan and a knitty-knotty and hand carders.

At the time I was teaching and had not time for instructions or to join a guild, but I continue practicing on my own. In the spring, Bill a friend of John, who lived in Maine and happened to be a philosophy professor and raised sheep send me some wool from his flock. I had no idea what to do. I washed the wool, it was dark brown and rather dirty. However, I managed to spin it and complete a very bulky sweater for my husband. He loved it and still has it, although he does not wear too often, I think he was trying to encourage me.

I retired from teaching in 1996 and at that time I joined the Cherry Valley spinning group they met in a beautiful cottage at Lorenzo. There I met the most amazing, experienced spinners and knitters. I was very fortunate, they encouraged me and taught me fine points of the art of spinning. I believe that patience and not giving up even when the wool or the wheel don't cooperate has helped me to overcome mild frustrations. I own now four wheels and have them in different rooms where I have some wool ready for action. I am never far from a friendmy wheel.

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

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
December 8, 2022

Design Using a Fibonacci Sequence
Holiday Party

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