

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

July 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday July 14th, 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 (remember to bring your purchases from the CNY Fiber Arts Festival) we'll relax with our crafts and conversation. If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your own coffee mug.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report – balance of \$1052.91.

Committee Reports

Program – We will resume meeting at the Cazenovia Library with the July meeting. Gwen Pierre reserved the Community Room for July through October, the room can only be reserved four months ahead.

Newsletter – Joyce Lock requested a member provide a bio for the next newsletter, new member Bobbie Burrs will be profiled in July. Treasurer Raquel Huckans will provide one for the August newsletter.

Library – Judy Larter and Paulie Drexler held “library day” where they organized the guild books and put them on the library shelves in Paulie’s Springside Farm in Fabius. If you want a book, call Paulie to arrange a pick up. Members were encouraged to browse the library and sign out books.

Historian – While we don’t have a historian yet, Marguerite, Gwen, Raquel and Kirsten volunteered to get together in September to organize the guild materials.

Old Business

Afghan Raffle: Many thanks to Jayshri Prasad for assembling the afghan squares along with thanks to Marguerite Hickernell for getting the raffle tickets and creating the raffle flyer. The afghan will be on display in our booth at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival

where we'll sell raffle tickets, \$2 each or three for \$5. Members were encouraged to buy raffle tickets so there would be seed money in the cash box.

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. We'll bring our guild banner along with membership forms and guild bookmarks.

For the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 11th/12th, Judy collected items for display. Paulie will bring the two guild wheels for the Wheel Corral. Kirsten and Judy will set the booth up Friday June 10th 12:00 to 2:00pm. Passes were distributed to the guild members who signed up to demonstrate, remember to bring a chair.

Contact Marguerite about demonstrating at the Erie Entertainment Day at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Saturday June 18th between 12:00 and 4:00. *The event was cancelled and Marguerite was not given a reschedule date.*

Irene Libby's daughter dropped off the last of her mother's spinning and weaving items. After members take what they want, Paulie will take the leftovers to the CNY Fiber Arts Festival to sell in her booth, the proceeds will go to the guild. The remaining magazines will be offered for free at the festival in our guild booth and by Candace Cain in her booth.

At the May meeting Brad Vivacqua from Spectrum News 1 filmed us spinning and weaving. Marguerite announced the spot will air Friday June 10th, she also shared the link <https://fb.watch/dyVEBr2Crx/> so those that don't have Spectrum can watch it. Thanks to Marguerite for getting us this bit of publicity.

New Business

Candace reported guild member Susann Carr is ill, members signed a card for her. Discussion was held on how to honor her, one suggestion was making chemo caps. Joyce will email a link to patterns and suggested yarns to the guild.

Announcements

Local Fiber Downtown Discovery Day at the Ithaca Commons, Sunday June 26th 11:00am – 6:00pm. <https://localfiber.org/discoveryday/>

MEMBER BIO: Bobbie Burrs

New Member of CVCS since April, 2022

First of all, I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome when I joined in April! You could not have been nicer and more welcoming! I was SO happy to see someone I recognized from a knitting group of many years back in DeWitt, **Jayshri!** Thank you, Jayshri, for the fabulous job you did joining the blocks together for the Raffle Quilt!

My first introduction to CVCS was prior to the pandemic when I was attending a small local knitting group in Sherburne at the Mill Artisan shop owned by Jane Hough. It was there that I met Kirsten, Catherine, and Roxanne! At the time, spinning was not on my radar, not even close, having grown up in Westchester, far from any spinning-related activities, Fiber Festivals, farms with sheep, alpaca, etc.

Fast forward to moving to Norwich in 2013 (after legal separation) to be near my younger sister and her husband and our parents who were in their 80's and lived to be 90 and 91! I was into quilting (started 40 years ago when my first son was born) but didn't start knitting as a hobby until about six years ago. Then I happened on the Mill Artisan group. After watching Kirsten **spin fiber into yarn**, I thought it was **beyond magical** and considered learning how to spin. It looked fascinating and almost mesmerizing. Then the pandemic hit, and, like so many other people, I was content to stay home and kept busy sewing, quilting, and knitting. I'm never bored! I even taught myself how to crochet on YouTube. Kirsten called me in January of this year to catch up and invited me to one of the meetings and suggested the April one, where there would be a woman, Joan Hastings, who was going to show the group angora rabbits! Mind you, I had no idea what a "halo" was prior to this. What a fabulous presentation!

My favorite item I enjoy knitting is socks! I displayed a couple of pairs at the Fiber Festival in Bouckville, where I LOVED all the exhibits, YARN, and even had a little drop spindle lesson, which was amazing.

Let's see....I learned how to knit, along with my twin sister, from our mom when we were eight! She taught us the basics, a scarf out of variegated-yarn, and years later, I took it up again and remembered everything she had taught us. Thanks to YouTube, I learned how to knit socks, of which I am most proud. I love trying different types of heels/toes using fabulous hand-spun yarn, either fingering weight or DK, which I have bought online and at last year's Rhinebeck Festival.

In addition to my hobbies, I enjoy traveling with my husband, Gerrard, of almost five years and live in an 1874 farmhouse on about 150 acres, where my husband actually grew up (it was a dairy farm) and never married until he found me at a Weight Watchers' group in Norwich. We met in 2014, started dating in 2015, and married in 2017. He says he was picky. LOL!

ONE DAY I'll be spinning **my own fiber into yarn**, thanks to the encouragement of this wonderful guild! It is truly magical, and I am SO looking forward to the world of SPINNING! Did someone say weaving too???

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	Design Using a Fibonacci Sequence
December 8, 2022	Holiday Party

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