

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

August 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: No August Meeting

There will be no regular meeting in August since we are demonstrating Thursday August 24th at the NYS Fair Wool Center. If you signed up to demonstrate, Joyce Lock will snail mail your entrance ticket and parking pass once she receives them from Linda Miller. Contact Joyce if you have questions.

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, 12 members were in attendance including new member Susan "Suzy" Spencer.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1211.08.

Committee Reports

Program: There will be no regular meeting in August as we are demonstrating August 24th at the NYS Fair Wool Building. Since Marguerite hasn't heard back from dyers or Dan Tracy, she will look into doing a program on using Ravelry in September. Jeanne Oliver will do an introduction to crochet for October or November. Other topics mentioned were sorting a fleece.

Old Business

CNY Fiber Arts Festival: Kirsten and members gave a brief review of the 2023 CNY Fiber Arts Festival. Although at least one member felt our booth space was too small now that the Wheel Corral has been removed, there was agreement that rearranging the layout would be sufficient. The suggestion was made to have no more than two to three members assigned to each demonstration time slot with a couple of their chairs and wheels and two festival-provided folding chairs for those visitors who want to sit and experience spinning, etc. The festival will give each guild six passes for demonstrators. The guild could purchase or acquire an inexpensive display rack or screen to place in the back of our booth for hanging items. Suggestions for possibilities were discussed, but one issue is where to store it. Thanks were offered to everyone who helped make this festival a success.

Fiber Competitions: The NYS Fair competition rules and entry forms (online only) can be found at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>. The last day to enter is August 2nd. Cherry Valley sponsors a \$25 prize to be sent by us to the winner once the fair is over.

New Business

Announcements

Sarah told us about the Empire Alpaca's Picnic & Fiber Sort on August 5th in Prattsburgh, NY.

Show and Tell led off with a tour de force: Roxanne Robert's amazing queen-size sheep quilt gifted by her to Paulie and Ed Drexler. Just a masterpiece! Jeanne Oliver shared her crocheted dragons, cats and gnomes. Joan brought an interesting new book from Irish shepherds. Paulie had machine-felted an alpaca area rug which she plans to felt some more to firm up the surface.

Gwen brought her new rigid heddle loom which she is assembling, Marguerite showed her 3D-printed nametag from JanineBrosious.etsy.com and Suzy showed her Ashford Traditional wheel. Candace shared all the fiber festivals and events coming up at which she will be vending.

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

August 26-27, 2023	Fiber Arts Weekend at Farmers Museum, Cooperstown, NY
October 1, 2023	Community Day at Lorenzo State Historic Site*
October 14-15, 2023	Fall Fiber Arts Festival , Preble, NY

2022-2023 Guild Calendar and Programs

January 12, 2023	Roc Day Celebration
February 9, 2023	Open Spin
March 9, 2023	<i>Three Bags Full</i> DVD
April 13, 2023	Silk with Nancy Morey
May 11, 2023	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 8, 2023	Open Spin
July 13, 2023	Guild Picnic
August 24, 2023	Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center*
September 14, 2023	How to Use Ravelry
October 12, 2023	TBD
November 9, 2023	TBD
December 14, 2023	Holiday Party

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