

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

November 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday November 9th, 2023, 10:00 AM**
Cazenovia Library, Cazenovia, NY

Learn to Crochet with Jeanne Oliver

We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. Guild member Jeanne Oliver will teach us how to crochet. Please bring crochet hooks and yarn you are comfortable working with. If you don't have hooks or yarn, don't worry, there will be extras at the meeting. If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your coffee mug.

Officer Elections will be held at the November meeting for the two-year term starting in January 2024. The slate of officers is:

President: Marguerite Hickernell
Vice-President: Jeanne Oliver
Secretary: Joyce Lock
Treasurer: Raquel Huckans

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

Vice-President Marguerite called the meeting to order. Thirteen people were in attendance. This included visitors Cathy and Mike with their antique wheel and returning member Robin Suarez.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1446.08.

Committee Reports

Membership: We added two members, Kim Meyers and Robin.

Program: Jeanne Oliver will lead the Intro to Crochet program in November. December is the Holiday Party at Judy Larter's home. For those interested we'll hold a Secret Elf Grab Bag exchange. In January we'll celebrate Roc Day at Raquel's.

Woodworker Dan Tracy will present the February 2024 program. Gwen will notify the library we don't need the Community Room for the December and January meetings.

Marguerite passed around the results of a previous survey for members to review and make suggestions for future programs.

Library: *The Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook* is available to borrow.

Newsletter: Suzy Spencer will provide a Bio for the October newsletter.

Old Business

Guild Bookmarks: Joyce made 200 guild bookmarks for members to distribute at fiber events. The cost was \$46.

New Business

Guild Elections: The nominating committee announced the slate of officers to be voted on at the November meeting:

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Education Committee: We now have an Education committee consisting of the Vice-President (Chair), Judy Larter, Joan Peters and Robin.

Announcements

Fall Fiber Arts Festival in Preble, NY October 14-15.
Springside Farms Holiday Market November 4-5th.

MEMBER BIO: Suzy Spenser

New member Suzy joined the guild this past summer.

Favorite type of fiber art: Knitting and sewing and now, spinning!

Favorite materials: A nice wool fiber that grabs the needles or spins smoothly. I am still a newbie spinner so I am experimenting with different wools to find which works best for my style.

Favorite piece of equipment: My wooden knitting needles. Not a fan of metal.

I am currently having a love/hate relationship with my Ashford Traditional wheel! I love it when I can spin without issue; not so much when I cannot!! I am considering buying a new double treadle wheel to see if that would help me spin with less stress.

The first fiber art I remember doing: Creating clothes for my dolls. I began cutting and sewing the fabric by hand when I was seven. I have always loved the construction of clothes, in terms of how the fabric drapes and forms on the body. Later, I discovered a love for yarn and wool. I could look at it and study about it for hours. It is so interesting to me how the coats of different breeds of sheep (or other animals) can create different fiber constructs that can perform various functions.

I learned to:

- Spin from Cherry Valley Spinners!!
- Knit from Beth from Sheep Thrills
- Crochet from my cousin Martha
- Weave from Beth from Sheep Thrills – a desktop Ashford loom from which I made some scarves.
- Sew – Myself at age seven and then when I was nine, I participated in some sewing classes at an old Singer store in the then Camillus Plaza. I always loved couture clothing, the fabrics used and the drape of the same. Especially designer Christian Lacroix; his particularly were pieces of art.

Last item I completed: A knitted hat for my husband this past weekend.

My inspiration comes from: The love of creating a final, usable product. I get a kick out of seeing a project completed.

I am most proud of: My patience to frog a project or restart the wheel when necessary. I have no patience generally, so this speaks volumes when I do these things.

In addition to fiber arts, some of my favorite things are: Reading, decorating the house, spending time with my husband Ted; and of course, time with my beautiful and wonderful Akbash dog, Chloe.

A helpful hint that I would like to offer is: Remember that this is supposed to be fun!

I would like to add: I really appreciate my warm welcome into the club and learning from such knowledgeable fiber artists!

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

November 4-5, 2023 [Fiber Festival of New England](#), West Springfield, MA

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	Unraveling Ravelry
October 12, 2023	Open Spin
November 9, 2023	Learn to Crochet with Jeanne Oliver
December 14, 2023	Holiday Party

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