

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

December 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Thursday December 14th, 2023, 11:00 AM
Home of Judy Larter
3456 W Lake Rd, Cazenovia, NY

Holiday Potluck Luncheon

Note the meeting location and time change: The meeting will be held at the home of Judy Larter, we'll start at 11:00am. Bring a dish to pass for the Holiday Potluck Luncheon along with your own place setting. Due to parking limitations, please arrange to carpool with fellow guild members. Park on the grass along the driveway or if snowy Judy will have a plowed area.

Directions to Judy's home from Manlius or Fayetteville:

From Rt 173 take a right onto S Eagle Village Rd for a mile, then a left on Peck Hill Rd for 1.5 miles. W Lake Rd will be on your right, go about a mile and Judy's long dirt driveway is on the left with a granite post and weathervane.

From Cazenovia:

Head north on Forman St / E Lake Rd for 3.7 miles. Turn left onto N Lake Rd, after .8 miles, turn right onto W Lake Rd. After .7 miles you will reach Judy's long dirt driveway with a granite post and weathervane.

For a bit of fun for those interested, we'll hold a **Secret Elf Grab Bag**. The gift should be a small token of friendship, less than ten dollars. It doesn't have to be fiber related, it can be something handmade or anything you'd like to give (a small tin of cookies, a jar of jam, an ornament, etc). Numbers will be drawn from a hat to select a gift and you can swap your gift with someone else if you like.

Bring your **charity knit/crochet** hats, scarves, mittens, etc, to the meeting. They will be collected and donated to a local charity like Caz Cares.

Officer Elections for the two-year term starting in January 2024 were postponed until the December meeting. The slate of officers is:

President: Marguerite Hickernell
Vice-President: Jeanne Oliver, Kirsten Weyter (select one)
Secretary: Joyce Lock
Treasurer: Julie Knighton

If you don't expect to be at the December meeting, email Joyce Lock (joycelock3@gmail.com) your absentee vote; a ballot can be found at the end of the newsletter. Your vote will be tallied at the December meeting with the in-person ballots.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten called the meeting to order. Fourteen people were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1417.40. Since the guild met seven times in 2023 at the library, Raquel will send a check to the library for \$70 (7 meetings at \$10 a meeting) as our annual donation for use of the Community Room. She'll bring a card for members to sign to the December meeting.

Committee Reports

Program: December is the Holiday Party at Judy Larter's home. For those interested we'll hold a Secret Elf Grab Bag exchange. Also, knitted/crocheted items will be collected at the meeting for donation to a local charity. 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 need the library for the February meeting.

Membership: \$20 membership dues will be collected at the January meeting.

Newsletter: Robin Suarez will provide a Bio for the December newsletter.

Old Business

Guild Elections: Since changes were made to the slate of officers announced at the October meeting, the vote is postponed until the December meeting. See the ballot at the end of the newsletter. Joyce will send an absentee ballot email to all guild members. If a member doesn't expect to be at the meeting, they can email their ballot to Joyce. The absentee ballots will be tallied with the in-person ballots at the December meeting.

New Business

Constitution and By-Laws: Discussion was held on changing the Constitution and By-Laws. For changes to be made, they must first be presented in writing to the membership, read at a guild meeting and any revisions discussed before being voted on by guild members.

Meeting Attendance: A suggestion was made to keep track of meeting attendance; a sign-in sheet will now be passed around at each meeting. The sheet will be attached to the Secretary's copy of the meeting minutes.

Charity Knit/Crochet: Items will be collected at the December meeting. Jayshri brought in ten skeins of handspun yarn for members to make items for a local charity,

most likely Caz Cares. Items will be collected at the December guild meeting. Paulie will make labels with the guild logo to attach to the items specifying they need to be handwashed and dried since they are made from wool.

Guild Bank Account: Discussion was held on transitioning Treasurer duties from the retiring Treasurer (many thanks Raquel for her 20 years in this role!) to the new Treasurer. It can be as simple as adding the new Treasurer's name to the existing account in Raquel's name or getting a no-fee, non-interest income bank account. Further discussion will follow in the new year.

Announcements

2024 will be the 50th anniversary of the guild.

Due to the length of the Business Meeting, there was no Show and Tell. Jeanne Oliver then instructed guild members on learning to crochet and demonstrated some new techniques in the crochet world.

MEMBER BIO: Robin Suarez

I have been a member of CVCS on and off from the late 70's. I was the youngest member for a while. I started coming when I was around 12 years old. I was the President of the group for a couple of years in the early 2000's.

I love and appreciate all types of fiber art! I can't pick just one! That is why I have way too many unfinished projects around my house!

Wool tends to be on top of my favorite material list, but you will find me experimenting with all types of material.

My favorite piece of equipment is my Ashford Traditional spinning wheel. When I was 12 years old I sold some of my toys and did extra chores to earn enough to purchase it. I remember driving to a spinning store in Dryden, NY with my dad to purchase it. We brought it home, and we stained and assembled it together. A short time later my parents became Ashford dealers.

The first fiber art I remember doing is a toss-up between knitting and crocheting. I was probably four or five when I started, I remember lots of crocheted chains and crooked edged scarves.

I was fortunate to have a lot of creative people around me. I loved watching and learning from others, I still do!! CVCS's first president (Jayne Ritz) is a family friend. She always encouraged creativity.

The last item I completed was a blanket for a great niece due in the spring. The pattern I used was the Seersucker Blanket by Modern Made Studio. It was a fun knit!!

My inspiration comes from the world and people around me. I love watching people who are passionate about what they love to make and do.

I am proud of the fact that my family had a small sheep farm that grew to include a knitting, spinning and needle work store Country Knoll that was in our home in Nelson NY. I have kept the name through the years for different creative endeavors most recently I've started designing appliqué patterns for Hobby House Wool Works in Pittsford, NY.

In addition to fiber arts, some of my favorite things are my husband and two boys. An obnoxious American Eskimo furry child is also dear to my heart. The past year I have enjoyed going to retreats and meeting amazing new stitching friends! I also love reading, cooking, exploring, and going for walks.

I leave you with these words of advice: believe in yourself, try new things, and don't let others' opinions dampen your passions!

I am thrilled to be able to attend meetings again!

Keep being amazing fiber enthusiasts!

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

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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Officer Ballot for 2024/2025

President

Marguerite Hickernell _____

Vice President (*select one*)

Jeanne Oliver _____

Kirsten Weyter _____

Treasurer

Julie Knighton _____

Secretary

Joyce Lock _____