

# **Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists**

## **January 2024 Newsletter**

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**Next Meeting: Thursday January 11th, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
**Home of Raquel Huckans**  
**2007 Syosset Dr, Cazenovia, NY**

### **Roc Day Potluck Luncheon**

**Note the January meeting will be at the home of Raquel Huckans.** We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. Bring a dish to pass for the Roc Day Potluck Luncheon; please park on the street and carpool. For Show and Tell please bring any fiber related items you received over the holidays or treated yourself to.

For those unfamiliar with Roc Day, according to Wikipedia  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff_Day):

**Distaff Day**, also called **Roc Day** or **Rock Day**, is 7 January, the day after the feast of the [Epiphany](#). It is also known as **Saint Distaff's Day**, one of the many unofficial holidays in Catholic nations.

The [distaff](#), or roc, used in spinning was the medieval symbol of women's work. In many European cultural traditions, women resumed their household work after the [twelve days of Christmas](#). Women of all classes would spend their evenings spinning on the wheel. During the day, they would carry a [drop spindle](#) with them. Spinning was the only means of turning raw wool, cotton or flax into thread, which could then be woven into cloth.

### **Membership Dues**

Dues for 2024 are \$20 and are being collected now. To maintain your active member status, bring your payment to the guild meeting or mail a check made out to Raquel Huckans to the Membership Coordinator:

Joyce Lock  
212 Hurlburt Rd  
Syracuse, NY 13224

## **DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING**

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, twelve people were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$1417.40. Raquel will give a check to the library for \$70 (7 meetings in 2023 at \$10 per meeting).

## **Committee Reports**

**Program:** The January program is our annual Roc Day Potluck at Raquel's home. Bring a dish to pass. Woodworker Dan Tracy will present the February 2024 program at the Cazenovia Library. Members suggested programs on making Dorset buttons and making ornaments felted in a cookie cutter. Gwen Pierre donates these felted ornaments to a nursing home.

**Newsletter:** Joyce will contact Candace Cain about providing a Bio for the January newsletter.

## **Old Business**

**Officer Election:** After guild members voted using secret ballots Joyce tallied the ballots with the absentee ballots she received prior to the meeting. The officers for 2024/2025 are:

President: Marguerite Hickernell  
Vice-President: Jeanne Oliver  
Secretary: Joyce Lock  
Treasurer: Julie Knighton

## **New Business**

Members signed holiday cards for five guild members who don't attend meetings.

The meeting was followed by Show and Tell, the collection of handmade hats and cowls for [Caz Cares](#), lunch and the Elf Gift Exchange.

## **Announcements**

Kirsten reported that Angela Baldo from Spiral Spinners is hosting a free fiber art retreat the first weekend of August 2024 at her rustic summer place north of Boonville in the Adirondacks. Kirsten will provide details.

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

January 13, 2024	<a href="#">Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day</a> , Lansing, NY
February 18, 2024	<a href="#">Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival</a> , Henrietta, NY
April 20, 2024	<a href="#">Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center</a> , Baldwinsville NY
April 27, 2024	<a href="#">Connecticut Sheep &amp; Wool Fiber Festival</a> , North Haven, CT
May 4, 2024	<a href="#">Syracuse Maker Faire</a> , NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
May 4-5, 2014	<a href="#">Maryland Sheep &amp; Wool Festival</a> , West Friendship, MD
May 11, 2024	<a href="#">Shepherd's Wool Market</a> , Rush, NY
May 11-12, 2024	<a href="#">New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival</a> , Deerfield, NH
May 18-19, 2024	<a href="#">Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival</a> , Hughesville, PA
May 25-26, 2024	<a href="#">Massachusetts Sheep &amp; Wool Show</a> , Cummington, Ma
June 8-9, 2024	<a href="#">CNY Fiber Arts Festival*</a> , Bouckville, NY

**2024 Guild Calendar and Programs**

January 11, 2024	Roc Day Celebration
February 8, 2024	Spindles with Dan Tracy
March 14, 2024	Open Spin
April 11, 2024	Open Spin
May 9, 2024	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 13, 2024	Guild Picnic
July 11, 2024	Open Spin
August 8, 2024	Open Spin
August 22, 2024	Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center
September 12, 2024	Open Spin
October 10, 2024	Open Spin
November 14, 2024	Open Spin
December 12, 2024	Holiday Party

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