

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

July 2024 Newsletter



**Next Meeting: Thursday July 11th, 2024, 10:00 AM
Springside Farm, Fabius, NY**

Guild Picnic

Note the summer meeting location is Springside Farm in Fabius.

We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. For the picnic, bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. If you have a name tag, please wear it at the meeting so new members and visitors know who we are.

Spinning wheel questions or issues? Bring your wheel to the meeting for help from guild members. Also, remember to bring your sprinkle dyed skeins of yarn from last month for Show and Tell.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

Fourteen guild members were present along with one visitor.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: balance of \$1,660.17. Marguerite Hickernell was added as a signatory to the bank account.

Membership: There are twenty-six members.

Newsletter: Lee Rivera will provide a Bio for the July newsletter.

Programs: The July guild picnic will be at Paulie Drexler's Springside Farm in Fabius. The guild voted to not hold an August meeting since we already demonstrate at the NYS Fair Wool Center in August.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be held at Springside Farm. For the October and November meetings we'll return to the Cazenovia Library. The November program may be a workshop on making Kumihimo cords.

The guild voted to give Stephanie Fesenger \$50 for her October program on needle felting. Jeanne Oliver will contact Stephanie about the fee and ask her for a date for the early November day long needle felting workshop at her home.

Old Business

New York State Fair Competitions: The guild approved a \$25 award for the spinning class of Finished Items – Accessories. Members were reminded you can enter through July 29th by going to <https://hysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>.

Fiber Demonstrations: Maguerite thanked guild members who demonstrated in the Cherry Valley Country Spinners booth at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 8th and 9th. For a video by CopyCatStitch of the festival see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=305LPPscEFU&t=19s>. The festival is moving to the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in 2025 since they've outgrown the Bouckville campgrounds.

Upcoming demonstration opportunities are:

- A signup sheet was passed around for demonstrating at the NYS Fair Wool Center August 22nd.
- Chittenango Canal Days are June 15th, members are welcome to demonstrate. Candance Cain is holding a wet felting workshop for kids, Kirsten will be demonstrating carding and spinning.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension is hosting Fiber Day August 1st at the Chemung County Fair. Members are welcome to demonstrate.
- [Rippletown Schoolhouse "Community Day"](#) at Lorenzo State Historic Site is September 22nd. Several members will be needed to demonstrate.

New Business

Announcements

MEMBER BIO: Lee Rivera

Hello everyone! First, I would like to thank you for allowing me to join the guild. In the half year I've been here, I have already made friends and learned so much. I come from a family of crafters and grew up surrounded by their work. I taught myself to knit somewhere around fifth or sixth grade, although I stopped knitting for many years when my two daughters were growing up, and I am just recently getting back to it.

My newest endeavor is spinning. I was gifted a beautiful spinning wheel and multiple other pieces of equipment, and I have been having fun practicing and learning about it as much as I can. After many false starts, I have several of you to thank (you know who you are!) for getting me going on the right track.

I've also been dabbling in needle felting, something that can be picked up and put down quickly, since we just adopted a new puppy, and she is keeping me on my toes. So far, I have been fulfilling my five grandchildrens' requests for small animals.

Outside of fiber, you can find me either running trails, hiking, or working on our wee hobby farm taking care of our menagerie of animals and our gardens.

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

August 24-25, 2024	Fiber Arts Weekend* at The Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown, NY
September 22, 2024	Rippletton School House Community Day* , Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, NY
October 12, 2024	Little York Fiber Festival , Preble, NY

2024 Guild Calendar and Programs

January 11, 2024	Roc Day Celebration
February 8, 2024	Spindles with Dan Tracy
March 14, 2024	Wheel Maintenance
April 11, 2024	Knit and Crochet Magic
May 9, 2024	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 13, 2024	Sprinkle Dyeing
July 11, 2024	Guild Picnic
August 8, 2024	Open Spin
August 22, 2024	Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center
September 12, 2024	50 th Anniversary Celebration
October 10, 2024	Needle Felting with Stephanie Fessenger
November 14, 2024	Open Spin
December 12, 2024	Holiday Party

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