



Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

March 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Thursday March 13th, 2025, 10:00 AM
Cazenovia Public Library
100 Albany St, Cazenovia, NY

Yorkshire Buttons

We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. After the business meeting and Show and Tell we'll make Yorkshire Buttons, led by Sue Szcotka. See the last page of this newsletter for what you need to bring and what to do in preparation for the class.

If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your coffee mug.

Membership Dues

Dues for 2025 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 Cherry Valley Country Spinners to the Membership Coordinator:

Joyce Lock
212 Hurlburt Rd
Syracuse, NY 13224

FEBUARY BUSINESS MEETING

President Marguerite Hickernell called the meeting to order with nine people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1755.35. Treasurer Julie Knighton submitted the 2024 annual treasurer's report via email to Marguerite.

Committee Reports

Membership: Membership Chair Joyce Lock collected 2025 guild dues. Thirteen members have paid so far. We welcomed new member Elaine Cook who will provide a Bio for an upcoming newsletter.

Program: In March Sue Szczotka will show us how to make Yorkshire Buttons. A materials list and instructions will be included in the newsletter. The April meeting is Spin/Knit/Crochet Troubleshooting so bring projects to brainstorm solutions with other guild members – there will be no shortage of suggestions! May is envelope stuffing for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival. All meetings will be held in the Cazenovia Library.

Old Business

Judy Larter is continuing to collect hats and mittens for Caz Cares. She reported they really like the items we've previously donated.

New Business

Marguerite was contacted by the NYS Fair Arts and Home building supervisor Yvonne Bakowski about the guild's annual \$25 spinning award for 2025. Marguerite will tell Yvonne to direct the spinning judge to give the award in the spinning class they best see fit.

Announcements

After the meeting concluded, members viewed the "Community Knits" display upstairs in the library. Congratulations to Judy Larter on her stranded knit sweater – Best in Show!

An extensive Show and Tell followed.

Announcements

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

April 26, 2025	Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center , Baldwinsville NY
April 26, 2025	Connecticut Sheep & Wool Fiber Festival , North Haven, CT
May 3, 2025	Syracuse Maker Faire , NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
May 3-4, 2025	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival , West Friendship, MD
May 10, 2025	Shepherd's Wool Market , Rush, NY
May 10-11, 2025	New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival , Deerfield, NH
May 17-18, 2025	Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival , Hughesville, PA
May 24-25, 2025	Massachusetts Sheep & Wool Show , Cummington, Ma
June 7-8, 2025	CNY Fiber Arts Festival *, Herkimer County Fairgrounds, NY
August 17-18, 2025	Fiber Arts Weekend at Fennimore Farm & Country Village (formerly Farmer's Museum), Cooperstown, NY*

2025 Guild Calendar (meeting location is Cazenovia Library unless otherwise noted)

January 9, 2025	Roc Day Celebration
February 13, 2025	Open Spin
March 13, 2025	Yorkshire Buttons
April 10, 2025	Spin, Knit and Crochet Trouble Shooting
May 8, 2025	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 12, 2025	Guild Picnic (<i>tentative</i>) at Springside Farm, Fabius
July 10, 2025	Dye Day (<i>tentative</i>) at Springside Farm, Fabius
August 21, 2025	Guild Day at NYS Fair Wool Center
September 11, 2025	Duplicate Stitch (<i>tentative</i>)
October 9, 2025	Fix It, Frog It or Forget It (<i>tentative</i>)
November 13, 2025	Charity Knitting and Crochet
December 11, 2025	Holiday Party

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Yorkshire Button Class

I learned to make these buttons from Peg Cherre from the Weavers Guild of Rochester and so, not to infringe on any of her intellectual rights, I refer you to her website for instructions for making these buttons and the templates. She calls them Isa's Yarn Buttons and provides excellent photos and instructions there. The site is:
<http://secondwindjewelry.com/jewelry-weaving-blog/2011/02/how-to-make-a-yarn-button/>.



You will need to make your template BEFORE the class so that you can just spend time weaving your buttons. I suggest using a flat, soft, plastic lid for the template (like from a take-out soup container). Use a diameter of 2 to 2½ inches, but in the future you can make your buttons in any size. Be sure your notches are about $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep and number your sections as she suggests for ease of directions. ***Only go through Step 5 of the website instructions, Sue will show us how to make the actual button.***

The supplies you will need to bring are: your template, scissors, a tapestry needle with an eye big enough to accommodate your yarn, yarn, and something to insert into the button. For yarn, I suggest something like a sock weight (the finer your yarn, the longer it will take to make the button but anything too bulky or textured will not work well). Variegated yarn looks especially sharp. You will need at least 6 yards for one button. For your insert you can use a flat button, a nickel or any washable round disc about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the diameter of your template. If you want a rounded button, you can use a cotton ball or other stuffing material.

If you have any questions before the class, feel free to contact me.

See you soon!

-Sue Szcotka