



Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists June 2025 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: Thursday June 12th, 2025, 10:00am
Springside Farm, Fabius, NY**

Yarn Skein Dyeing Workshop

Note the change of location to Springside Farm in Fabius.

We'll try our hands at dyeing with berries and with Kool Aid. There are a few things you should bring, but many others will be provided or shared. Remember to wear old clothes or an apron - Kool-Aid is pretty permanent.

Please bring:

- Yarn - 100% animal fiber. No acrylic! Tie a skein **loosely** with multiple strings in a color you can identify as your skein. Remember that the liquid and dye should be able to reach all the yarn.
- Wooden or other non-metal stirrers/spoons or tongs
- Waterproof gloves
- Zip Loc bags to take home wet yarn

Things you may bring - but most will be provided:

- Crockpot
- Pans like turkey roasters or other enamel - if you have your own it will be possible to keep the fiber in there until it absorbs all the dye and cools.
- Kool-Aid (generic is fine) in colors you prefer - we have lots!
- McCormick food coloring or Wilton food paste color
- Commercial dyes

We'll start pre-soaking the yarn at 10:00am as soon as people arrive. Those choosing to dye with berries may use the alum mordant bath which we will provide. The business meeting will start at 10:30am and once completed we'll start dyeing. Show and Tell can be held while we are awaiting the results of our dyeing efforts. If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your coffee mug.

If you made mini skeins of 10 to 20 yards of handspun yarn as table favors for the Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Arts Conference (EGLFC), bring them to the meeting.

Guild day at the NYS Fair Wool Center is Thursday August 21st. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Admission and a parking pass are provided for demonstrators. We need spinners, knitters, crocheters, weavers, carders, felters, anything that uses wool.

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting brought to order by President Marguerite Hickernell. Twelve members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1,870.75. Since Julie can't continue as Treasurer, Marguerite will take over that role, Joyce was added to the checking account as a backup. Marguerite thanked Julie for her service as Treasurer over the past year and a half.

Committee Reports

Membership: Twenty-two members.

Program: The June meeting will be dyeing yarn with berries, Kool Aid and commercial dyes. Jeanne Oliver will prepare the berries and bring crockpots along with other dyeing equipment. We can also use Paulie's dyeing equipment since the meeting will be at Springside Farm in Fabius. Members should bring skeins of yarn and any dye equipment they may want to use. Joyce will bring vinegar and Marguerite alum to mordant the fiber before we start the dyeing.

The July program will be the picnic at Paulie's. In September we'll resume meetings at the Cazenovia Library.

Old Business

Lynda DeLallo reported EGLFC will be held Columbus Day weekend, October 2025. There are still many openings in the Spinning and Beginning Weaving workshops. Lynda will continue to collect mini skeins (10-20 yards) of handspun yarn as banquet favors through guild day at the NYS Fair Wool Center.

New Business

Announcements

Canasota Days are July 24th 5:00-8:00pm. They are looking for spinning demonstrators.

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

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*
September 21, 2025	Rippleton School House Community Day *, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, NY
October 11-12, 2025	Little York Fiber Festival , Preble, 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	Dye Day at Springside Farm, Fabius
July 10, 2025	Guild Picnic 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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