



February 2026 Newsletter

for

The Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists

There is a Danish concept known as 'hygge' that encompasses cozy contentment, a feeling of well-being and peace. If you've ever lit a candle, snuggled in a blanket, or enjoyed the company of loved ones over a cup of hot cocoa, you've practiced hygge. It is a great way to reduce stress and improve mood by boosting all those feel-good hormones. Winter is a common time to incorporate this way of life into our own experiences, when the spirit calls for the body to hunker down and cozy up.

Working with fiber can also be part of hygge practice year-round. It compels us to slow down and focus on the rhythm of creation; the tactile sensation of our working fibers promotes feelings of physical and emotional warmth; and our projects, intertwined with love through invested time and talent, are natural expressions of affection for ourselves and others. All of these help foster the coziness and positive social connections that are the very basis of hygge.

Stay warm, well, and at hygge!

NEXT MEETING:

When: Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 10:00am

Where: New Woodstock Free Library
2106 Main Street, New Woodstock

Topic: Open spin, kumihimo refresher

Details:

- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- Open spin
- Bring your favorite hat, mitten, or slipper pattern to share
- Bring your favorite tools to share
- A kumihimo (Japanese braiding technique) refresher will be offered by Judy



February 7, 2026

Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts
Festival

February 12, 2026

CVCS Guild Meeting

February 1-28, 2026

Cazenovia Public Library
Knitting and Crocheting
Show

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*See elsewhere in the  
newsletter for details  
on these events*

**Membership Dues** for 2026 are \$20 and are being collected now. To maintain your active member status, bring your payment in the form of cash or check to the next guild meeting or mail a check made out to **Cherry Valley Country Spinners** to:

Marguerite Hickernell  
12 Fir Tree Lane  
Jamesville, NY 13078

## **MINUTES FROM OUR LAST MEETING:**

January 8, 2026

The meeting was brought to order by President Joyce Lock at 11:45 at the home of Lee Rivera with 10 in attendance. Our thanks to Lee for her hospitality and warm fire in the stove.

Marguerite was absent but the treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2008.20.

A discussion of programs followed:

February: Open spin. Bring a favorite hat, mitten, slipper pattern. Kumihimo refresher. Show your favorite tools.

March: Colorwork, stranded knitting with Marguerite, Judy

April: open

May: Fiber festival mailing

June: Dyeing, acid and Kool-aid with Joyce

Joyce suggested Temari Ball workshop in the fall.

Jeanne and Candace will speak with Bruce Thomas regarding a possible future program of his choice.

Candace brought up her concern, joined by others, with the complications of the fiber arts section of the State Fair. Should we consider giving a scholarship prize to the Youth Sheep Show at the CNY Fiber festival in place of the State Fair?

January is membership month, \$20 due, which can be mailed to:

Marguerite Hickernell  
12 Fir Tree Lane  
Jamesville, NY 13078

Appreciation to Lee for publishing the Newsletter! Some discussion as to whether it should be on the website and whether all members are receiving.

Meeting adjourned and we then enjoyed a very balanced, hearty Pot Luck, Show and Tell and Christmas gift exchange!

Submitted by Judy Larter, Secretary



*Despite the last minute change of location, we had a lovely celebration. We even had the sun join us for a while--a welcome site in the midst of winter!*



*Our spirits were buoyed by laughter, lively discussion, great food and wonderful company.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

🧶 The second annual Cazenovia Public Library Knitting and Crocheting Show has been scheduled for the month of February. Submission deadline was January 19, and several of our members will be showing their beautiful handmade items. Be sure to visit the library sometime in February to show your support.

🧶 Demonstrators are needed in the Walt and Clara Rose Thomas Memorial Room (textile wing) of the Witter Agricultural Museum at the NYS Fairgrounds during the 2026 NY Farm Show, February 26-28. The museum will be open from 8:30-4:00 each day. You do not need to be there every day or all day, just a few hours if that works best for you. Demonstrations of weaving, spinning, knitting, quilting, crocheting or any other textile craft are welcome. Contact Roger Thomas at [nysmilks@aol.com](mailto:nysmilks@aol.com) if you are interested.



*“To work with love is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart.”*

*~Khalil Gibran*



## FROM OUR STASH:

This is where you will find patterns, information, and sources that our guild members are passing along. If I've left out something you wanted to share, please accept my apologies and let me know so I can include it in the next newsletter. Hyperlinks are attached for the items with web pages.

Joan's light-as-a-feather yak silk roving, purchased from [Greenwood Fiberworks](#), Genola, UT



Bobbi B. shared the tutorial from [Happee Knits](#) for knitting toe-up two-at-a-time socks, which also covers the Fleegle heel. She found it to be pretty easy to follow.



Linda's Fisherman Hat from [Yarn Hygge](#), Harrisville, NY

Lee's cocoon, aka [mink cardigan by Jo Storie](#), found on Ravelry. The instructions are simple and easy to follow until you get to the assembly part, which sounds much more complicated than it actually is.



## 2026 Events for Your Calendar

(\* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

|                  |                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 7, 2026 | <u>Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Henrietta, NY          |
| April 18, 2026   | <u>Fiber Frolic</u> , Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, NY    |
| April 25, 2026   | <u>Connecticut Sheep, Wool &amp; Fiber Festival</u> , North Haven, CT |
| May 2, 2026      | <u>Syracuse Maker Faire</u> , NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY           |
| May 2-3, 2026    | <u>Maryland Sheep &amp; Wool Festival</u> , West Friendship, MD       |
| May 9, 2026      | <u>Shepherd's Wool Market</u> , Rush, NY                              |
| May 9-10, 2026   | <u>New Hampshire Sheep &amp; Wool Festival</u> , Deerfield, NH        |
| May 16-17, 2026  | <u>Central Pennsylvania Fiber Festival</u> , Hughesville, PA          |
| May 23-24, 2026  | <u>Massachusetts Sheep &amp; Woolcraft Fair</u> , Cummington, MA      |
| June 6-7, 2026   | * <u>CNY Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Herkimer County Fairgrounds, NY    |

## 2026 Guild Calendar

(meetings are held at 10:00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the New Woodstock Library unless otherwise noted)

|                    |                                                     |
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| January 8, 2026    | Roc Day Celebration                                 |
| February 12, 2026  | Open Spin                                           |
| March 12, 2026     | Intro to Stranded Knitting with Marguerite and Judy |
| April 9, 2026      | Open Spin                                           |
| May 14, 2026       | Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival            |
| June 11, 2026      | Dye Day at Springside Farm, Fabius                  |
| July 9, 2026       | Guild Picnic at Springside Farm, Fabius             |
| August 27, 2026    | Guild Day at NYS Fair Wool Center                   |
| September 10, 2026 | Open Spin                                           |
| October 8, 2026    | Open Spin                                           |
| November 12, 2026  | Open Spin                                           |
| December 10, 2026  | Guild Holiday Party, location TBD                   |

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2106 Main Street, New Woodstock, NY 13122

### 2026 CVCS Leadership Team

Joyce Lock, *President*  
Jeanne Oliver, *Vice President*  
Marguerite Hickernell, *Treasurer*  
Judy Larter, *Secretary*

Happy reading!  
Elise Rivera, *Newsletter Editor*  
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