



January 2026 Newsletter

for

The Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists

Welcome to the new year!

I'm delighted to connect with you through our newsletter and aim to maintain the high standards set by our previous editor. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Joyce Lock for her dedication in keeping us informed about our guild's events in the past and for her continued role as president. We are also grateful for Jeanne Oliver, Marguerite Hickernell, and Judy Larter for their willingness to serve our guild in their respective roles as vice president, treasurer, and secretary. We are truly fortunate to have such an engaged community of amazing individuals, and I look forward to the exciting opportunities this new year will bring.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

NEXT MEETING:

When: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 11:00am

Where: Raquel Huckans' home

2007 Syosset Drive, Cazenovia

Topic: Roc Day Potluck Celebration

Details:

- Bring a dish to pass.
- Due to parking limitations, please park on the street and arrange to carpool with fellow guild members.
- We will also be collecting \$20 membership dues for 2026, cash or check.
- For those of you who had planned on participating in the Secret Elf Grab Bag at our Holiday Luncheon, bring your gift and we will exchange presents then.
- Bring your charity knit/crochet hats, scarves, mittens, etc. to the meeting. They are still being collected and donated to Caz Cares and the New Woodstock Library.
- Feel free to bring any fiber related items you received over the holidays or treated yourself to for Show and Tell.

At a Glance

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| January 8, 2026 CVCS Roc Day Potluck Celebration at Raquel Huckans' home |
| January 8, 2026 Cazenovia Public Library Juried Knitting Show entry deadline |
| January 10, 2026 Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day, Lansing, NY |

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

## Directions to Raquel Huckans' home:

- Coming from the east: Route 20W, turn right onto Lincklaen Street. Turn left onto Syosset Drive. Raquel's home is on the left.
- Coming from the west: Route 20E, turn left onto Lincklaen Street. Turn left onto Syosset Drive. Raquel's home is on the left.

## What is Roc Day?

Roc Day, also known as St. Distaff's Day or Distaff's Day, is celebrated on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the day after Epiphany. It was the traditional day on which women would resume their household work after celebrating the twelve days of Christmas.

The distaff, or roc, was used in spinning and was the medieval symbol of women's work. Women of all classes would use their spinning wheels in the evening or carry a drop spindle during the day to turn raw wool, cotton or flax into thread, which would then be woven into cloth. ~[Wikipedia, Distaff Day](#)

## Membership Dues

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:

The December meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The second annual Cazenovia Public Library Juried Knitting Show has been scheduled for February. They are accepting crocheted work this year as well. If you are interested in submitting an item for consideration, the first step is to email a picture of the item you would like to enter to [rjoseph@midyork.org](mailto:rjoseph@midyork.org) on or before January 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to include your name, email address and telephone number with your picture. Contact Renee Joseph at 315-655-9322 for more information.

## 2026 Events for Your Calendar

(\* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

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| January 8, 2026  | Cazenovia Public Library Knitting Show entry deadline                 |
| January 10, 2026 | <u>Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day</u> , Lansing, NY           |
| 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    |
| TBD              | <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, Raquel Huckans' home           |
| February 12, 2026  | Open Spin                                           |
| March 12, 2026     | Intro to Stranded Knitting with Judy and Marguerite |
| 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                   |

New Woodstock Library, (315) 662-3134  
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!

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