



March 2026 Newsletter

for
The Cherry Valley Country Spinners
and Fiber Artists

Whether you celebrate St. Patrick's Day or are eagerly anticipating the first signs of growth breaking through the snow, green is the defining color of March. Understandably, we associate green with nature, growth, and renewal. But our verdant color of the month also has a darker side, symbolizing jealousy, illness, or inexperience.

It's complicated, not unlike we as humans, with our blend of merits and flaws--and by extension our artistic endeavors. Often, when I finish a project my errors seem glaringly apparent, and perhaps they are. But if I have the courage to share my work with others, I'm often surprised when they find virtue in it.

Perhaps that's the message of green, a color that is born from the fusion of two others: imperfections and beauty can indeed coexist.

Warmly, *Lee*

NEXT MEETING:

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

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

Topic: Introduction to Stranded Knitting with Marguerite and Judy

Details:

- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- *Be on the lookout for a separate email about the Stranded Knitting workshop*



March 12, 2026
CVCS Guild Meeting

March 12, 2026
Deadline for New Woodstock
Library exhibit items

March 28-29, 2026
Rochester Knitting Guild
Dye with Plants! Workshop

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



You gotta try your luck at least once a day, because you could be going around lucky all day and not even know it. ~Jimmy Dean

**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:**

February 12, 2026

The meeting was brought to order by President Joyce Lock at the New Woodstock Library with 9 attending and guest Susan Light.

Treasurer Marguerite reported a balance of \$2188.20 in our account.

Joyce reported currently no new information on State Fair Farm Show prize.

Susan Light, as a representative of CazArts, informed us they are in conversation with the town to use the main floor of Jephson Hall as a Community Arts Center. From the college program there remains fibre arts equipment, sewing machines, metal smithing tools, and a kiln. She is looking for input as to how the Center possibly could be structured.

There will be a Stranded Knitting workshop presented by Judy and Marguerite at next month's meeting. They will provide further information about preparation for the workshop via email.

Jeanne was absent but texted Lee that Bruce Thomas will be at our October meeting. He will bring his twelve spinning wheels and also cover maintenance. Also, Jeanne will have a casual meeting about crochet in April. She will address this in greater detail at our next meeting.

The New Woodstock Library has invited the Guild to have a Fiber Art display and we agreed. Items can be brought to library at the March 12 meeting, the show will be there thru April 17. The library staff will arrange the display. Joyce will send a separate email with full information.

Thank you to Lee for our colorful, inspiring Newsletter! And for sending each of us home with '100 Kindness Hearts'.

Submitted by Judy Larter, Secretary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

🧶 The guild has agreed to participate in an exhibit at New Woodstock Library for the month of March. If you entered an item, please bring it to the March 12<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. As a reminder, be sure to attach a label with your name and a short description of your work (e.g. Joyce Lock “Handwoven Scarf”) so the library can match the exhibit label they create to your work. **If you haven’t yet notified Joyce what you plan on displaying, please email your name and a description of the item(s) to her.** If you cannot make the next meeting or have any questions, contact [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com).

🧶 Rochester Knitting Guild has extended an invitation to anyone interested in attending their spring workshop, “Dye with Plants!”, offered on March 28 or 29. Contact Rachel Valdivia at [rachel.roc.knits@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.roc.knits@gmail.com) or visit [Rochester Knitting Guild](#) for more information.

🧶 Susan Light, Executive Director of CazArts, would like to add to their lineup of classes and are looking for ideas for the use of the newly acquired Jephson Campus, which came with professional-grade sewing machines. If you have any thoughts you would like to share or would like to volunteer, or if you would like to view their current class schedule, you may reach CazArts at [cazarts.com](http://cazarts.com).

## 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.*

Some of our members shared their favorite tools at our last meeting:

Judy’s daughter found this lovely yarn threader that is made of sturdy metal and folds up like a jackknife when not in use



Joan has used this orifice threader for ten years now and finds it to be the easiest one she’s ever used. It is made from jeweler’s wire and is easy to shape as needed.

Marguerite shared this soft-sided kit from ChiaoGoo that holds a plethora of needles and attachments for several lengths. It incorporates T-bars that ensure the needles do not unscrew while using.



## 2026 Events for Your Calendar

(\* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

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| 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      | Working on crochet skills                           |
| May 14, 2026       | Open Spin                                           |
| 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    | Bruce Thomas                                        |
| 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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