



April 2026 Newsletter

for
The Cherry Valley Country Spinners
and Fiber Artists

Happy Spring!

The days are getting longer, the plants are stirring from their winter slumber, and the sun rises to greet us earlier each morning. This is the season that invites us to celebrate hope and growth, and to rekindle our appreciation for the magic of beauty that surrounds us.

We are all woven into this beautiful tapestry, and WOW, what better example is there than our exhibit at the New Woodstock Library. We are fortunate to have so many incredibly talented artists among us, each contributing their own uniquely creative expressions that enriches the patchwork that is CVCS.

If you won't be able to make the next meeting, I highly encourage you to take a trip out to New Woodstock to see the exhibit before it is gone. You won't want to miss it.

Warmly, *Lee*

NEXT MEETING:

When: Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 10:00am

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

Topic: Working on Crochet Skills with Jeanne Oliver

Details:

- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- Bring your favorite springtime treat to share
- Jeanne will cover basic crochet stitches and the magic ring (circle) and will review terminology. Bring a skein of yarn, a hook, and your questions.
- Show and Tell will follow



March 12-April 17, 2026
CVCS New Woodstock
Library Exhibit

April 9, 2026
CVCS Guild Meeting

April 18, 2026
Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake
Nature Center,
Baldwinsville, NY

April 25, 2026
Connecticut Sheep, Wool,
and Fiber Festival, New
Haven, CT

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



## MINUTES FROM OUR LAST MEETING:

The meeting was brought to order by President Joyce Lock with 17 in attendance. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2193.92 in the bank account.

The Youth Sheep Show at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival will be awarding \$5, \$10 and \$15 dollar prizes. After discussion a motion was made by Marguerite, second by Chris for the Guild to donate a \$30 prize for their choice of category. Vote was unanimous. Since the NYS Fair Wool Center is looking for individual demonstrators instead of a group, Guild Demo Day at the 2026 Fair in August will most likely be at the Witter Agriculture Museum instead. More to come on this.

Lorenzo requests demonstrators for their Community Day, September 20, 1-4 pm.


Judy will contact Karen Pitts regarding a program on Norwegian Hardanger Embroidery for the May 14 meeting, a \$50 honorarium will be offered.


Joyce is working with the New Woodstock library on the Guild display which will be open until April 17th.


Susan surveyed the Guild members for a wish list of equipment that could be available for a fiber arts program in Jephson Hall.

Submitted by Judy Larter, Secretary


## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 Susan Light introduced us to The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA), a wonderful resource which sponsors a Masters Hand knitting Program. They also offer articles, classes, free patterns and support. You can find them at [tkga.org](http://tkga.org).

 Judy Larter has informed us that *The Sheep Detectives*, a mystery comedy with Hugh Jackman and Emma Thompson, is opening the beginning of May. If it is being shown at your local theater, let us know! (At this time Manlius is not planning on showing it--perhaps with enough requests they might reconsider?)

 Joan Peters shared upcoming workshops on Surface Design on Felted Vessels. They are offered by the NE Feltmaker's Guild. If you would like additional information or are interested in attending, please contact Joan.

- Lancaster, PA; July 14-15, 2026; hosted by Ellen Silberlicht
- West Danville, VT; July 18-19, 2026; hosted by Nan Travers
- Peterborough, NH; July 22-23, 2026; hosted by Miriam Young

 Poland Library is looking for a talented person to teach a craft. They have received a grant and can pay for supplies and for an instructor. We are already offering yoga, chair yoga, line dancing, basketry, card making, and needle felting. If interested, please call Paula at the library (315-826-3112) for more information.

## 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.*

At our March meeting, Marguerite Hickernell and Judy Larter presented a workshop on stranded meeting. They provided a free pattern for a simple hat (see below for the hyperlink) that we had the opportunity to work on with their direction. Below are pictures of their personal work they brought in to share as examples. Thank you to these two talented ladies for lending their knowledge in a new skill!



[Crossing Tracks Hat pattern](#)



Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is. ~Jessica Harrelson

## 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                         |
| September 20, 2026 | * <u>Rippleton School House Community Day</u> , Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, 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       | Norwegian Hardinger Embroidery with Karen Pitts     |
| 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                               |
| September 10, 2026 | Open Spin                                           |
| October 8, 2026    | Bruce Thomas                                        |
| November 12, 2026  | Open Spin                                           |
| December 10, 2026  | Guild Holiday Party, location TBD                   |

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### 2026 CVCS Leadership Team

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

Happy reading!  
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