



May 2026 Newsletter

for
The Cherry Valley Country Spinners
and Fiber Artists

As I write this, the sun is shining and the sliding door is open. Yet just a few days ago, we were blanketed in a couple inches of snow! In spite of the erratic weather, the plants and flowers cannot contain their excitement for new growth as they burst forth in beauty. Every morning is a delightful seek-and-find adventure of what new flower, bud or bug has emerged.

It's a busy season for fiber artists as well, and it's hard to contain the excitement of all there is to offer this month. In this newsletter you will find a long list of fairs, festivals and meetings to spur creativity, some local and others that require a short road trip. Be sure to check out the options; I sincerely hope you can find something that brings joy and delight to you.

Warmly, *Lee*

NEXT MEETING:

When: Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10:00am

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

Topic: Norwegian Hardanger Embroidery with Karen Pitts

Details:

- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- Karen will provide linen fabric squares, white perle cotton thread and sewing needles.
- Bring small, sharp pointed scissors.
- If you want to use a thread color other than white, bring size 3, 5 or 8 perle cotton thread or embroidery floss.
- If you want to bring your own needle, blunt-tipped tapestry needles sizes #22 or #24 work well.



May 2, 2026

Syracuse Maker Faire, NYS
Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY

May 2-3, 2026

Maryland Sheep & Wool
Festival, West Friendship, MD

May 9, 2026

Shepherd's Wool Market,
Rush, NY

May 9-10, 2026

New Hampshire Sheep & Wool
Festival, Deerfield, NH

May 14, 2026

Guild Meeting

May 16-17, 2026

Central Pennsylvania Fiber
Festival, Hughesville, PA

May 23-24, 2026

Massachusetts Sheep &
Woolcraft Fair, Cummington,
MA

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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 10 in attendance.

Joyce reported for the treasurer Marguerite a balance of \$2,253.92 in the bank account.

The May 14<sup>th</sup> program will be Hardanger Embroidery led by Karen Pitts. Karen showed us samples and books. She will provide linen fabric squares, white perle cotton thread and sewing needles. Bring small sharp pointed scissors. If you want to use a different thread color than white, bring size 3, 5 or 8 perle cotton thread or embroidery floss. If you want to bring your own needle, blunt tipped tapestry needles sizes #22 or #24 work well.

The October Spinning Wheel program by Bruce Thomas-Bergen will be held at Springside Farm to accommodate Bruce's twelve spinning wheels!

Joyce passed around a signup sheet to demonstrate at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds.

The Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum Float n' Folk Festival is on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Candace Cain will contact them to see if they'd like spinning demonstrators.


The CNY Fiber Frolic is Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville.

Submitted by Joyce Lock for Judy Larter, Secretary




## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 Demonstrators are needed at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Contact Joyce at [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com) if you are interested.

 The Colgate University Tapestry: The Art of Climate Data Exhibit is on display through May 17<sup>th</sup>. Candace Cain has a piece in the show! For details and to learn more about this exhibit, visit [Colgate University's Current Exhibitions](#).

 Schweinfurth Art Center in Auburn is offering a "Felting a Floral Arrangement" workshop on May 2-3, 2026. For details, visit their [events page](#).

 Demonstrators are needed for the Boat Float n' Folk Festival at the Chittenango Landing Canal Museum on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00–3:00. Contact Joyce by May 1<sup>st</sup> at [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com) if you are interested.

 The annual Viv Fulton Memorial Weaving Competition held at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> is looking for entries. Go to [cnyfiberarts.org](http://cnyfiberarts.org) for details or contact Joyce at [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com) if you have questions.



## 2026 Events for Your Calendar

(\* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

|                    |                                                                                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| August 22-23, 2026 | * <u>Fiber Arts Weekend at Fennimore Farm &amp; Country Village</u> , Cooperstown, NY      |
| October 10, 2026   | <u>Little York Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Preble, 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)

|                    |                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 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 with Jeanne Oliver        |
| May 14, 2026       | Norwegian Hardanger 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    | Spinning Wheel Program at Springside Farm, Fabius   |
| November 12, 2026  | Charity Knit and Crochet                            |
| 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!  
Elise Rivera, *Newsletter Editor*  
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