



August 2026 Newsletter

for

The Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists

At the beginning of every summer, I have a motivated mindset and a lengthy task list filled with goals I intend to accomplish during the warmer months. I start out confidently checking off some of those items, but somewhere in the middle of July I get a little sidetracked, misjudge the time required, or realize some items were overly ambitious. I want to make the most of the longer days by holding tightly to my plans, but summer has a way of slipping through my fingers nonetheless.

Without fail, August arrives with its yearly reminder about the importance of finding balance by working on the task list while allowing for spontaneous moments. After all, the rush to make the most of summer is really about being present in each moment, because the memories we create now will warm us long after the leaves fall.

Warmly,
Lee

NEXT MEETING:

There will be no meeting this month since we will be demonstrating at the NYS Fair on Thursday, August 27th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

🧶 If you plan on demonstrating at the Fenimore Farm Fiber Arts Weekend to be held on August 22-23, please [let Joyce know ASAP](#) what you plan on demonstrating and on which day.

🧶 Paulie's daughter-in-law, Allie, has designed a retractable banner for us. We will vote on the design at the September 10th meeting and if approved, go forward with placing the order. If you would like to view the banner design in closer detail, click on the picture to the right.



August 22-23, 2026
Fiber Arts Weekend at
Fenimore Farm & Country
Village, Cooperstown, NY

August 27, 2026
Guild Day at the NYS Fair

No meeting in August

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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 Vice President Jeanne Oliver with 12 in attendance at Springside Farm.

Marguerite reported via email a balance of \$2,239.92 in the checking account with all checks and deposits accounted for.

We will be demonstrating at Fenimore Farm on August 22-23 and also at the New York State Fair in the Agriculture Museum on August 27. If you signed up to demonstrate at either of these events or would like to, please contact Joyce for your tickets.

Paulie's daughter-in-law, Allie, is working on designing a retractable banner for the guild and will have a digital mockup ready for review within the next two weeks. Paulie will email it to our group for member input once she receives it. A suggestion was made to reimburse Allie for her time and expertise, to be determined at a later date.

A discussion was held about the success of youth involvement in the sheep show at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival and possibly offering additional awards next year, to be discussed at a later date.

A reminder that there will be no meeting in August since we will be demonstrating at the NYS Fair.

Submitted by Elise Rivera

ANNUAL PICNIC PICS:



Our annual picnic was held on a beautiful day at Springside Farm last month. We had a delightful time sharing delicious food and engaging conversation. We even had a few extra individuals that held their own version of a meeting! Thank you, Paulie, for allowing us the use of your space.



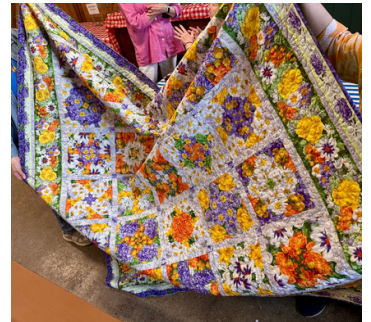
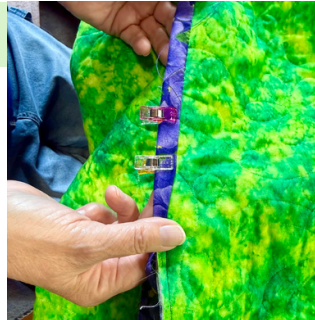
FROM OUR STASH:

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.

Our members have been busy! Here are some of the projects that were shared at our last meeting.



Roxanne's WIP quilt



Bobbi's adorable Sophie scarf

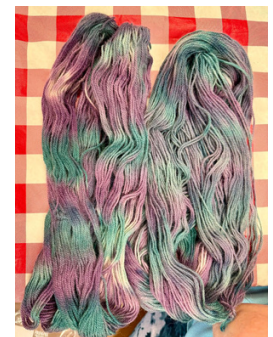


Mary Anne's hand-dyed skeins and silks



Melanie's two-layer "The Snuggle is Real" cowl and lovely yarn bowl

Jeanne's sweet dragon loveys and hand-dyed yarn



Paulie's hand-dyed rainbow sherbet skein

Kirsten's hand spun work: WIP Corriedale from Ancient Threads Farm (pink/purple) and camel hair with tussah silk (ecru)



Events for Your Calendar

(* indicates events we provide demonstrations)

August 22-23, 2026	*Fiber Arts Weekend at <u>Fenimore Farm & Country Village</u> , Cooperstown, NY
September 12, 2026	<u>Spinners Hill</u> Fall Yarn & Fiber Day, Bainbridge, NY
September 20, 2026	* <u>Rippleton School House Community Day</u> , Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, NY
October 10, 2026	<u>Little York Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Preble, NY
October 15-18, 2026	<u>NYS Sheep & Wool Festival</u> , Rhinebeck, NY

2026 Guild Calendar

(meetings are held at 10:00am on the 2nd 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	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
September 10, 2026	Norwegian Hardanger Embroidery with Karen Pitts
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

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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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