



October 2026 Newsletter

for

The Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists

Autumn is a favorite season of many, its cooler temperatures inviting us to embrace all things warm and cozy as we watch the leaves begin their redress into colorful attire. Every year as I immerse myself in the beauty of seasonal change, I am reminded of one of my favorite songs, The Byrds' "Turn! Turn! Turn!"

*To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose under heaven...
...a time to plant, a time to reap...
...a time to rend, a time to sew...*

Interestingly, while the song went on to be a chart-topping hit, the majority of its words were actually written thousands of years prior to its release!

Some things are timeless that way, like the spinning wheel. Countless iterations and improvements have emerged over time, yet they all follow the fundamental principle of spinning fiber to make yarn. Whether you own a spinning wheel, are interested in getting one or are just curious about how they work, our October meeting will be an excellent opportunity to learn all about them. Bruce Berggren-Thomas will be there with twelve of his 40+ spinning wheels on display and ready to answer to all of your questions.

Warmly, *Lee*

NEXT MEETING:

When: Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 10:00 am

Where: Springside Farm

1850 NY-91, Fabius, NY

Topic: Spinning Wheel Program with Bruce Berggren-Thomas

Details:

- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- Bring a fall treat to share and your spinning wheel questions
- Bruce will introduce us to twelve different spinning wheels and show us how to maintain them.



October 8, 2026
Guild Meeting, Spinning
Wheel Program at Springside
Farm, Fabius

October 10-11, 2026
Little York Fiber Arts
Festival, Preble, NY

October 15-18, 2026
NYS Sheep & Wool Festival,
Rhinebeck, NY

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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 at New Woodstock Library by President Joyce Lock with 11 members attending.

Marguerite reported a balance of \$2,239.92 in the the treasurer's account.

Raquel questioned our non-profit status which, we being such a small organization, have not chosen to become.

Program locations for Christmas and ROC day were brought up; Judy will host either one of the dates, the other is open.

Marguerite reported no new members.

Old business: Banner design continues to be reviewed with changes proposed for the spinning wheel illustration and text. Paulie will update Allie.

Susan updated Jephson Hall/CazArts offerings and Stone Quarry Art Park (SQAP) involvement with programs, the Guild will be interested in meeting at Jephson when more settled.

Our meeting was followed by photos of Joyce and Marguerite's summer fiber travels to the Shetland and Faroe Islands. Thank you for sharing!

Submitted by Judy Larter, Secretary



**It is not so much that we, using our brains, spin our yarns,
as that our brains, using yarns, spin us. ~Daniel Dennett**

SUMMER TRAVELS

This summer, Marguerite traveled to the Shetland Islands and Joyce participated in a Wild Fibers Tour of the Scottish Isles. They both graciously shared their fascinating photos from their travels at our last guild meeting. Here are a few highlights:



Left: Marguerite enjoying a lovely day in Lerwick in front of the fictional house of Jimmy Perez from the series *Shetland*.

Right: Traditional 'jumper,' aka sweater on display in the Shetland Museum.





Upper left: Allegedly haunted Busta House Hotel



Lower left: Lerwick from the sea side



Right: Uradale Farm, Scalloway

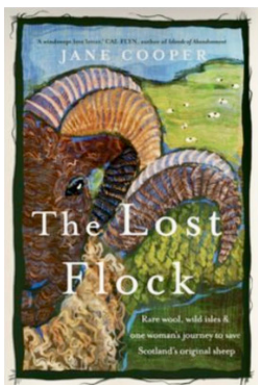


Left: Joyce and Vicki taking a rest from collecting naturally shed Shetland sheep locks on the human-uninhabited Isle of Mousa.

Right: A map of the many stops on their trip.



* The Faroe Islands are part of Denmark



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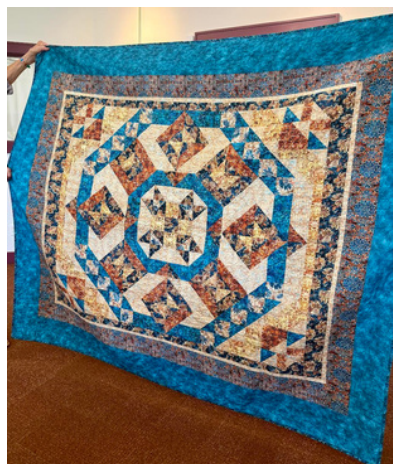
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Above left: One of the independent weavers that purchases yarn from the mill, creates their own designs, returns the fabric to the mill for finishing and stamping before it is returned to them to sell. **Center:** One of the many sheep seen on the islands. **Above right:** Ronaldsay sheep on Orkney Islands eat seaweed and run from visitors.

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.



Bobbie's WIP two-at-time socks, warm colorblock shawl and queen-size quilt



Chris' WIP super soft and thick socks



Jeanne's wonderfully warm reworked throw, girls sweater, and one of two fingerless mittens



Joan's crinkly-filled animal toy with a curly tail



One of Susan's Master Hand Knitting Program (tkga.org) projects

Judy's inkle loom strap and WIP Fair Isle sweater that uses many colors but only two at a time



Marguerite's beautiful Fair Isle knitted hats, including the one she wore on her trip



Events for Your Calendar

(* indicates events we provide demonstrations)

October 10-11, 2026	<u>Little York Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Preble, NY
October 15-18, 2026	<u>NYS Sheep & Wool Festival</u> , Rhinebeck, NY
January 9, 2027	<u>Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day</u> , Lansing, NY
February 13, 2027	<u>Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival</u> , Henrietta, 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	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

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2026 CVCS Leadership Team

Joyce Lock, *President*
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Marguerite Hickernell, *Treasurer*
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