November 2026 Newsletter
for
The Cherry Valley Country Spinners and Fiber Artists

November marks the beginning of the holiday season, a time when many of us return to our cherished traditions that make this time of year special. Whether you serve roast turkey on your mother's treasured platter, decorate your home with ornaments that hold stories of holidays past or simply take a moment each day to rest in gratitude, these small gestures connect us to our past and to others. They are the stepping stones that foster unity through shared experiences.

Our guild has several of its own traditions and one of my favorites is this month's charity knit and crochet. It is an opportunity for us to spend time together in camaraderie while creating warm hats, scarves or mittens to donate to those in need. It is a beautiful way to connect with our community as we share our time-honored traditions of fiber arts with them.

Warmly,

Lee

At a Glance

November 12, 2026
Guild Meeting, Charity Knit and Crochet

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See elsewhere in the newsletter for details on these events

NEXT MEETING:



When: Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 10:00 am
Where: New Woodstock Library
2106 Main Street, New Woodstock, NY
Topic: Charity Knit and Crochet

Details:
- We will gather at 10:00 and start our business meeting at 10:30.
- Show and Tell will follow
- Bring a fall treat to share and your charity knit or crochet project



Food for Thought

"When we engage in fiber arts, we are creating something, but we're also participating in historic traditions tens of thousands of years old. You are not only making art for your soul and for future generations, but you are also embodying the work of our ancestors." ~Meadow Colden, *The Woven Road*
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MINUTES FROM OUR LAST MEETING:

The meeting was brought to order at Springside Farms by President Joyce Lock, 19 members attended.

Marguerite reported a balance of $2,239.92 in the treasurer's account. Dues for 2027 will be collected in January.

Jeanne has no change in programs for the remainder of the year. A reminder that we collect hats, scarves, and mittens for local charities in December.

Lee would like to possibly have member spotlights in the newsletter.

Old business: Joyce with AI has passed on to Allie a replacement example of the wheel and loom illustrations for the banner.

New business: Raquel will research the possibility of the Guild meeting regularly at the Jephson Community Art Center.

After a quick show and tell, Bruce Berggren-Thomas presented a very informative program on European Spinning Wheels. He is hoping to have an Open House at his new building on June 17th.

Submitted by Judy Larter, Secretary

A PRIMER ON SPINNING WHEELS:

Bruce Berggren-Thomas brought several of his sixty-plus spinning wheels he has collected over the past six years to our last meeting and shared a bit of history on each of them. He is planning on hosting an open house for his spinning wheel museum featuring all of his wheels on June 17, 2027 (his 70th birthday!). Following is a small selection of the many wheels he discussed.



Irish Castle Wheel, 1910s



Norwegian Super Slanty, reproduction 1989



Swedish Arched Double Post, 1800s. The Swiss usually painted their wheels.



Swedish Hjulback, late 1800s



Estonia, 1899



German. “Courtship” wheels had bells that jingled while the wheel was in motion so parents knew hands were busy spinning when a fellow came courting



Possibly Austrian. All wood spinning wheel



German, sloped table with cutout for wheel and wooden flyer bearings



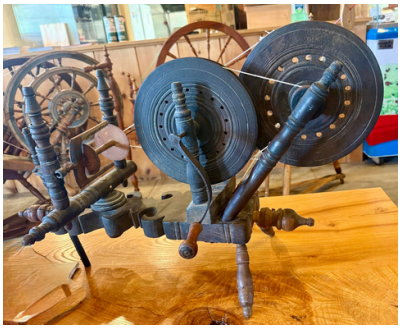
Poland. Double Rim Mazurka, 1960s



France. Brittany, with a hand crank on the wheel



Netherlands. Includes an original Lazy Kate



Turkey, Ottoman Empire 1800s, with captured rings. Made to be dismantled for easy transport.

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.



Mary Anne's completed shawl



Candace's cardigan, quirky hat and hand-spun pastel art yarn



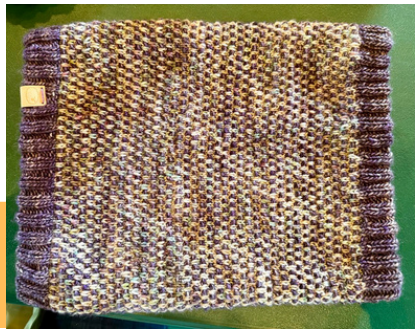
Bobbie's two-at-time socks and hats



Progress on Judy's Fair Isle sweater



Joyce's colorful and supersoft beanies



Melanie's double-thick and reversible cowl



Jeanne's cute-as-a-button crocheted elephant



Joan's Coraline purse, crocheted for her granddaughter's Halloween costume

Events for Your Calendar

(* indicates events we provide demonstrations)

January 9, 2027	Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Roc Day, Lansing, NY
January 30-31, 2027	Maryland Sheep & Wool Winterfest, Virtual Classes
February 13, 2027	Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival, Henrietta, NY
April 24, 2027	Connecticut Sheep, Wool & Fiber Festival, North Haven, CT
May 1-2, 2027	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD
May 8, 2027	Shepherd's Wool Market, Rush, 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

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