

# ***Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists*** ***February 2022 Newsletter***

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**Next Meeting:           Thursday February 10th, 2022, 10:00 AM**  
**Springside Farm, Fabius, NY**

## **Wool Carding**

Guild meetings will be held at Paulie Drexler's [Springside Farm](#) in the large room behind the gift shop until further notice. We will gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. Please be respectful about wearing masks and social distancing, we appreciate everyone's cooperation. Paulie generously supplies us with coffee, remember to **bring your own mug** and treats if you are so inclined. If you have a name tag please wear it at the meeting so new members and visitors know who we are, thanks!

For the February program, we will card different types of fiber with drum carders and hand carders. Bring hand carders, drum carders and blending boards if you have them. Also bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle so you can experiment with your carded batts and rolags. Wool to card will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

For the Guild Afghan raffle, bring your 9" squares knit/crocheted/woven from natural colored handspun yarn. We have 15 squares so far and need 30. Squares are due by the March meeting for Jayshri Prasad to assemble the afghan.

Want to get more actively involved with the guild? We still need a Guild Historian. The initial task will be to sort through the guild materials and organize them with the help of other guild members. Going forward the position involves compiling guild newsletters, news articles and other pertinent material to be stored in the guild library.

### **Membership Dues**

Dues for 2022 are \$20 and are being collected now. To maintain your active member status bring your payment to the guild meeting or mail a check made out to Raquel Huckans to the Membership Coordinator:

Joyce Lock  
212 Hurlburt Rd  
Syracuse, NY 13224

## **JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING**

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, nine people were in attendance, eight members and one visitor.

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$1022.75.

### **Committee Reports**

**Program:** The February program will be carding wool. Unfortunately, Marguerite Hickernell cannot be there, but will supply sample bags of Romney, Dorset, Cotswold, alpaca and mohair for members to card on the guild drum carder and member supplied handcards. Bring a blending board if you have one. Marguerite brought in Judith MacKenzie's *Three Bags Full* DVD. We will attempt to set it up so we can view the section on carding wool.

Meetings will continue to be held at Springside Farm. Gwen Pierre contacted the Cazenovia Public Library to see when we would be able to start meeting in the community room again and they could not give her a date.

**Membership:** Annual dues of \$20 are collected in January and due by the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to remain an active member. Currently we have fourteen paid memberships, one honorary membership and one gift membership; many thanks for renewing your membership so promptly.

**Public Outreach:** Judy Larter brought in copies of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Cazenovia Eagle News that contains a great article about our guild. Kirsten and Marguerite provided input for the piece along with pictures of guild events. Hopefully we attract some new members through this local publicity.

Check out the new guild Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cherryvalleycounterspinner](http://www.facebook.com/cherryvalleycounterspinner). If you are a Facebook user you are encouraged to visit our Facebook page, like it and share it with your fiber friends. Joyce and Paulie Drexler are working on deleting the old Facebook page.

Email pictures and ideas or suggestions for the Facebook page and the guild website <https://cherryvalleycounterspinner.org> to Joyce at [joycelock3@gmail.com](mailto:joycelock3@gmail.com).

### **Old Business**

**Guild Afghan:** Similar to a guild project in 2013, the guild is making 9" squares from natural colored handspun yarn. The afghan will be raffled off and the proceeds donated to Caz Cares. When/where to hold the raffle is yet to be determined, it will be a Cazenovia event to raise the most funds. A suggestion was made about selling raffle tickets at our demonstration booth at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival in June. Kirsten will check with the festival committee to see if that is allowed since we are not a vendor.

Members were busy this past month, we have 15 squares of the 30, lots of different patterns and yarn colors. Members also donated natural colored handspun yarn for those that do not currently have any in their stash along with bringing in patterns and providing suggestions on where to find additional ones (e.g. dish cloth patterns).

Marguerite showed us how to knit a square on the diagonal that is simple, attractive and makes squares the exact size you are aiming for. She suggested blocking the squares and showed us how to do that on a foam mat. Squares are due by the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting so Jayshri can sew them together. Details can be found on the guild website [Special Projects](#) page.

## **New Business**

**Budget:** Guild members approved the following expenses for 2022, focusing on balancing donations against paid presentations for current members and for attracting new members.

- one \$25 prize to the NYS Fair Spinning Competition
- CNY Fiber Artists and Producers supporting membership of \$50 (this helps finance the CNY Fiber Arts Festival)
- Guild website \$70
- Miscellaneous expenses \$30

While the guild voted not to donate to Heifer International this year, it will be revisited next year. This budget for 2022 will allow us to have a couple of paid programs and workshops.

**Demonstrations:** Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center will be Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Joyce will sign the guild up for this day when the Wool Center Superintendent Linda Miller creates the signup sheet.

**Livestock Conservancy:** Joan Peters and Marguerite spoke about the Livestock Conservancy's mission to save rare breeds of all types of animals. On their website <https://livestockconservancy.org/heritage-breeds/conservation-priority-list/>, on the menu bar select Heritage Breeds followed by learn what a heritage breed is; on the side menu you can find a link to a directory of breeders and their products.

**Fiber Resources and DVDs:** Various members mentioned these fiber resources:

- *The Knitter's Handy Guide to Yarn Requirements* by Ann Budd
- *Hooked: How Crafting Saved my Life* by Sutton Foster
- The DVD *Alfred and Jakobine*, starring past guild member Jakobine Cordes

## **Announcements**

**Events for your Calendar** (\* indicates events we provide spinning demonstrations)

April 30, 2022                      Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center  
May June 11-12, 2022              CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY\*

**2021-2022 Guild Calendar and Programs**

December 9, 2021                  Holiday Party  
January 13, 2022                  Roc Day Celebration  
February 10, 2022                Wool Carding  
March 10, 2022                    Throwback Thursday  
April 14, 2022                    Angora Rabbits with Joan Hastings  
May 12, 2022                      Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival  
June 9, 2022                      Guild Picnic  
July 14, 2022                      Open Spin  
August 11, 2022                  Open Spin  
August 25, 2022                  Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center  
September 8, 2022                TBD  
October 13, 2022                 TBD  
November 10, 2022                Design Using a Fibonacci Sequence

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