

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists ***May 2022 Newsletter***

Next Meeting: **Thursday May 12th, 2022, 10:00 AM**
 Springside Farm, Fabius, NY

Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Arts Festival

We will be stuffing envelopes for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival. Please bring your wheels and spindles since Brad Vivacqua from Spectrum News 1 will be filming us.

Guild meetings will be held at Paulie Drexler's [Springside Farm](#) in the large room behind the gift shop for the months of May and June. We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. 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!

We need demonstrators for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival Saturday and Sunday June 11 and 12th at Bouckville. There are lots of open slots: Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon. Contact Kirsten Weyerter kweyter@icloud.com to sign up. Come with your spindle or wheel, handcards, blending board, etc. Festival visitors are interested in all parts of the process of making yarn.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten called the meeting to order, thirteen were in attendance including new member Bobbi Burrs and one visitor.

Treasurer's Report – balance of \$1102.75. Joyce Lock was reimbursed \$69.13 for the annual guild website hosting fee.

Committee Reports

Program: The May meeting will be stuffing envelopes for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival.

Old Business

Meeting Location: Gwen Pierre reserved the Cazenovia Library Community Room for the July and August meetings, rooms can only be reserved for four months in advance. The May and June meetings will be held at Springside Farm.

New Business

Public Outreach / Demonstrations: Marguerite has been in contact with the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum about demonstration opportunities. June 18th is Erie Entertainment Day and they'd like some spinners. They would like us to dress in long skirts and blouses in keeping with the historical theme. Marguerite will contact them for more information.

Paulie invited guild members to demonstrate at the Springside Farm "Spring Into Summer" event May 28th and 29th.

Signups are available for demonstrating at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival June 11th and 12th and the NYS Fair Wool Center on Thursday August 25th. At the Wool Center you can spin, card, knit, crochet or weave.

MEMBER BIO: Vice President Marguerite Hickernell

A native of Syracuse, Marguerite first learned to knit from her grandmother at age seven. Her mother also knit but gave it up after an attempt to make Argyll socks! Her father was an Oriental Rug importer, so interesting textiles were always a part of her youth. Much later she was accepted to Syracuse University's School of Visual and Performing Arts, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Her major was Weaving with a minor in Jewelry and, curious about spinning, she took a lesson with Deloria Chapin - founder of Cherry Valley Country Spinners - but it didn't appeal at the time.

Marguerite went on to graduate school at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. A summer in Thailand visiting her parents who lived in Bangkok offered a chance to observe traditional arts and tour the Thai Silk Company with Bill Booth, the future manager. After two years in grad school, she completed her Textile studies, and her one-woman thesis show while enjoying other subjects such as Art History and Enameling. There she also met her future husband, Larry, an Art History major.

Her Master of Fine Arts degree in Weaving and Textile Design took her to Atlanta where she taught at Georgia State University. She and Larry then moved to Augusta, Georgia and she worked as a color separationist in the textile printing industry. It was a rewarding job which combined drawing and textiles. Back living in Syracuse, she taught Weaving and Textile Printing at Syracuse University. A friend reintroduced her to spinning and she started attending CVCS meetings in 1982, buying a second-hand Ashford Traditional wheel on which she learned. She has continued to spin and knit, although weaving has been left behind. While working with her son's community theater company (2001-2010) and maintaining she "couldn't sew," she was called on to provide costumes and managed to create quite a few. Sewing is still not her thing.

Marguerite is fascinated by wool, fleeces, sheep and visiting those who raise them. All fiber is of interest as is trying new varieties and techniques. She also appreciates her fellow fiber enthusiasts and seeing their creations. Her advice - never be afraid to try something new, even if you think it's going to be difficult.

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

June 11-12, 2022 CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*
June 18, 2022 Erie Entertainment Day, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat
Museum, Chittenango 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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