

# ***Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists***

## ***November 2022 Newsletter***

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**Next Meeting: Thursday November 10th, 2022, 10:00 AM  
Cazenovia Library, Cazenovia, NY**

### **Designing with the Fibonacci Sequence**

**In November we will meet upstairs in the reservation room of the Cazenovia Library.** We gather at 10:00am and at 10:30am a representative from Caz Cares will draw the winning ticket for the afghan raffle. Following this, using the Fibonacci Sequence of numbers, we'll learn how to design stripes that are aesthetically pleasing to the human eye due to their sense of movement and rhythm. Your design can be used for knitting, crocheting, weaving, quilting, and other forms of the fiber arts. **While graph paper and colored pencils will be provided, feel free to bring your own along with an eraser.**

Since we won't have access to the Community Room kitchen, we won't be supplying coffee, so bring your own beverage in a spill proof travel mug. If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share.

### **OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING**

President Kirsten Weyer called the meeting to order. Fourteen members and two guests were present.

**Treasurer's Report** – balance of \$1284.91 (this includes \$200 from the afghan raffle).

### **Committee Reports**

**Programs:** Program Chair Marguerite Hickernell reviewed the programs for the upcoming guild year. She reminded guild members they are welcome to lead one, just contact her.

An option for February would be a presentation by Dan Tracy, a woodworker in Cortland. He would talk about the different types of spindles he makes – drop, supported, and demonstrate for us. The tentative April program will be by Nancy Morey on silk. She'll give an overview of silk along with tips on spinning it. She'll bring samples and silk fibers to purchase.

### **Old Business**

**Afghan Raffle:** \$471 worth of raffle tickets have been sold so far, this includes sales from the CNY Fiber Arts Festival, Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center, Weaving Weekend at the Farmers Museum in Cooperstown and the School Days event at Lorenzo State Park. Tickets will also be sold at the Empire Alpaca Extravaganza. The drawing will be held at the November meeting.

**Empire Alpaca Extravaganza:** A signup sheet was passed around for members to demonstrate spinning at the Empire Alpaca Extravaganza on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Participants receive alpaca fiber to spin or yarn to knit. Since the event is held in the unheated NYS Fair Dairy Barn, dress warm and bring your own spinning chair.

**Donations to Guild:** Lynda DeLallo had picked up the *Latvian Belt* book at a previous meeting when we were sorting through donations from Irene Libby's family. Lynda sold it online for \$100 plus shipping and donated the money to the guild for a workshop/program in Irene's name. Thank you Lynda!

### **New Business**

The guild will again be a sponsor of the CNY Fiber Arts Festival. Joyce will submit the form online, the guild will be billed \$50 in January.

Gwen reserved the Community Room at the library for February, March, April and May 2023.

### **Announcements**

Kate Pelky of Otter Lake Farm will have a soft opening for her shop, The Mercantile, at her farm in Weedsport soon.

The meeting was followed by Show and Tell and the Spinning Wheel program. There were twelve wheels to try, each preceded by an introduction to the wheel by its owner.

### **MEMBER BIO: Judy Larter**

I was so fortunate to grow up surrounded by fiber people of one sort or another. My Mom did crewel; lots of quilters, hookers and a neighbor in her 80's at the time, Mother Scoboria, taught me to knit before I was a teenager - chair pads.

Aunt Margaret lived a productive life for 107 years. She was a Master weaver, knitter, gardener and moved me from knitting chair pads to sweaters, also introducing me to the loom and hand weaving. I did a lot of traditional overshot.

About then I married into a textile family with a weaving mill in Lowell, MA. Wonderful people worked for us, most were proud of what they did... I loved everything about it except the looms were never shut down except the week of the Fourth of July. We lived

in a 1732 farmhouse and both of us felt antiques should be used, so I learned to spin, use the tools necessary to make yarn, cook in a fireplace.

When the kids were little, Berit, a Norwegian, and her family moved to Dunstable. We became best friends and I learned to do stranded knitting and cross-country skiing. I traveled to Norway with her a couple of times to ski and discovered all kinds of needlework and great yarn. The Norwegian patterns will always be my favorite, it's like painting a picture.

After 52 years in Dunstable I moved to Cazenovia and through Raquel found the guild and now am spinning again, hoping to weave again - the loom is in my bedroom where I see it first thing every morning.

You've all been so welcoming, talented, inspiring, thank you!

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

November 5-6, 2022      Fiber Festival of New England, West Springfield, MA

**2022 Guild Calendar and Programs**

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	Open Spin
October 13, 2022	Spinning Wheel Day
November 10, 2022	Design Using a Fibonacci Sequence
December 8, 2022	Holiday Party and Viewing of <i>Alfred and Jacobina</i> DVD

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