

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists

January 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **Thursday January 13th, 2023, 10:00 AM**
 Home of Judy Larter
 3456 W Lake Rd, Cazenovia, NY

Roc Day Potluck Luncheon

Note the January meeting will be held at the home of Judy Larter. We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. Bring a dish to pass for the Roc Day Potluck Luncheon along with your own place setting. Due to parking limitations, please arrange to carpool with fellow guild members. Park on the grass along the driveway or if snowy Judy will have a plowed area.

Directions to Judy's home from Manlius or Fayetteville:

From Rt 173 take a right onto S Eagle Village Rd for a mile, then a left on Peck Hill Rd for 1.5 miles. W Lake Rd will be on your right, go about a mile and Judy's long dirt driveway is on the left with a granite post and weathervane.

From Cazenovia:

Head north on Forman St / E Lake Rd for 3.7 miles. Turn left onto N Lake Rd, after .8 miles, turn right onto W Lake Rd. After .7 miles you will reach Judy's long dirt driveway with a granite post and weathervane.

For those unfamiliar with Roc Day, according to Wikipedia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distaff_Day:

Distaff Day, also called **Roc Day** or **Rock Day**, is 7 January, the day after the feast of the [Epiphany](#). It is also known as **Saint Distaff's Day**, one of the many unofficial holidays in Catholic nations.

The [distaff](#), or roc, used in spinning was the medieval symbol of women's work. In many European cultural traditions, women resumed their household work after the [twelve days of Christmas](#). Women of all classes would spend their evenings spinning on the wheel. During the day, they would carry a [drop spindle](#) with them. Spinning was the only means of turning raw wool, cotton or flax into thread, which could then be woven into cloth.

Membership Dues

Dues for 2023 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

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, sixteen people were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1209.91. Raquel will give a check to the library today for \$60 (6 meetings in 2022 at \$10 per meeting). Raquel read the thank you note the guild received from Caz Cares for our donation of \$1050 from the afghan raffle.

Committee Reports

Program: The January program is our annual Roc Day Potluck to be held at Judy Larter's home. Bring a dish to pass, Judy will supply Joyce with directions to her home for the newsletter. We are looking forward to her spiced wine!

Marguerite will contact woodworker Dan Tracy about a March program on his supported spindles, drop spindles and other wood tools. He will bring items for sale; he is generously not charging for this program.

The April program will be on Silk, given by Nancy Morey. She will bring samples and items to purchase. The May meeting will be stuffing envelopes and updating signs for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival.

Newsletter: Jayshri Prasad volunteered to provide a Bio for the January newsletter.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion was held on approving and reimbursing expenses. While Raquel as the Treasurer doesn't want to be continually writing checks for minimal amounts, she also wants to ensure the expenditures have been approved by the guild. A maximum amount that wouldn't require approval was discussed, but it makes more sense that what the reimbursement is for should be the determinant. The guild budget has line items for Misc (postage, printing, etc) and programs so those expenditures, unless unusually large (more than budgeted), need no further vote. The guild budget will be reviewed in 2023.

Members signed holiday cards for the five guild members who don't attend meetings.

Judy reported the Lorenzo State Historic Site would like the guild to demonstrate spinning again at their annual Community Day held the first weekend of October.

The meeting was followed by Show and Tell, the Elf Gift Exchange and viewing the *Alfred and Jacobina* DVD.

Announcements

MEMBER BIO: Jayshri Prasad

Hi, my name is Jayshri Prasad. My journey of spinning threads, goes long back. When I was 4 or 5 years old, my father was posted in a very small town called Rajmahal, in India. HE was a doctor in government hospital and was posted to different town every three years. I started my school in that place. Every Saturday mornings, we were made to spin threads with cotton on a device called thakli. It was more like drop spindle but made out of metal and didn't drop to the ground. We moved from that place in a year and I forgot all about spinning till I came to Syracuse in 1982. I was in my early 30s then when I met Joan Peters and saw her spinning wool on spinning wheel. I was fascinated and wanted to try it. She generously gave me one of her wheel and a bag of wool to practice. I spun enough wool to knit a sweater. I already knew how to knit, crochet and embroidery thanks to my very talented grandmother. I enjoyed spinning so much that I ended up purchasing my own wheel. At that point of my life, I became very busy with work and raising children . Spinning , knitting was left behind for several years . I picked it again when my children left home. I also picked up weaving by accident . There's a long story behind it. To make it short, I was waiting at Mt.Sinai hospital while my husband was getting his blood test done , I met a woman who was impressed with my knitting and the color of my wool . I told her that spun this wool and dyed it myself . She asked if I ever wove. I said no but I wouldn't mind trying it someday . She said she is an art professor and she has a simple loom at her studio. She would like to give it to me.she took my address and mailed it next month. I taught myself how to thread it from the help of YouTube and made several shawls. First one for the kind professor . After that I took weaving lessons from a very talented weaver Clara Rose and purchased a big floor loom. This is my journey with fiber art.

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

April 15, 2023 Fiber Frolic at Beaver Lake Nature Center
June 10-11, 2023 CNY Fiber Festival, Bouckville, NY*

2022-2023 Guild Calendar and Programs

January 12, 2023 Roc Day Celebration
February 9, 2023 Open Spin
March 9, 2023 Spindles with Dan Tracy (tentative)
April 13, 2023 Silk with Nancy Morey
May 11, 2023 Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 8, 2023 Guild Picnic
July 13, 2023 Open Spin
August 10, 2023 Open Spin
August 24, 2023 Guild Day at the NYS Fair Wool Center
September 14, 2023 TBD
October 12, 2023 TBD
November 9, 2023 TBD
December 14, 2023 Holiday Party

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