

Cherry Valley Country Spinners & Fiber Artists ***May 2023 Newsletter***

Next Meeting: **Thursday May 11th, 2023, 10:00 AM**
 Cazenovia Library, Cazenovia, NY

Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival

We gather at 10:00am and start the business meeting at 10:30am. After the business meeting and Show and Tell, we'll stuff envelopes and update signage for the [CNY Fiber Arts Festival](#). If you are so inclined, bring a treat to share and your coffee mug.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

President Kirsten Weyter called the meeting to order, thirteen people were in attendance – twelve members and one visitor.

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$1421.92.

Committee Reports

Membership: There are twenty-two members which includes one honorary member. Joyce distributed a hardcopy of the membership listing.

Program: The May meeting will be stuffing envelopes and updating signs for the CNY Fiber Arts Festival. For the July meeting, since we can't use the library Community Room, we will meet at Springside Farm. The guild picnic will be held in July instead of June since the farm has a more picnic like atmosphere than the library.

Newsletter: Julie Knighton will supply a Bio for the May newsletter and Jean Sutton for the June.

Demonstrations: Joyce passed around a signup sheet for guild members to demonstrate spinning and related fiber arts in our guild booth at the CNY Fiber Arts Festival. We still need volunteers for the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning shifts. The festival is June 10th and 11th in Bouckville. Contact Joyce to signup joycelock3@gmail.com.

Raquel, Gwen and Judy volunteered to set up the booth on Friday June 9th. There will be more discussion at the May meeting. Members are encouraged to bring items for display to the May and June guild meetings.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

MEMBER BIO: Julie Knighton

I was first introduced to crochet by a neighbor at our camp in the Adirondacks. I called her Aunt Peg, and I was very young, probably around eight years old. She did this as a way to keep me occupied as I used to wander over and bugged her constantly. I made a granny square blanket from all kinds of her scrap yarn and I still have this blanket displayed in my living room. I would make things through my high school years, mostly afghans. I didn't pick up crochet again until I had children and then I mostly made little scarves for my daughter.

I learned to knit from my aunt who was a master knitter and lived upstairs in my childhood two family home. I had always heard the story from my father of how she learned to knit when he was in World War II. She made him a sweater and one sleeve was very short, and the other was extremely long, but he always said he wore that sweater with so much pride. He also joked that if she had continued to make her projects instead of constantly pulling out whatever she was knitting, there would be dozens more sweaters and such in the house. She relentlessly bugged me about learning to knit so I gave up and attempted to learn when I was in my 40s. Lo and behold I loved it! She taught me how to read patterns and eventually I made my first sweater a few years ago having caught the bug. She would tease me that everything I made was "too easy" And I just smiled.

I decided one of my bucket list items would be to raise an animal, harvest the fiber, spin the wool and knit an article of clothing. I found it difficult to find anyone near me who had the skill and was willing to teach me. Last June I turned on the news and there was the Cherry Valley spinning group advertising their booth at the Bouckville Fiber Festival. I jumped in my car the next morning and the rest is history.

I purchased my spinning wheel last October and although I haven't been able to spend much time with Wee Peg, I know in my heart this is the group of wonderful, kind, caring women that will help me reach, if not all my bucket list items (no idea how I'm going to raise an animal yet), at least I'll spin the yarn that will be turned into something beautiful I can wear. But Wee Peg will have to wait a bit longer since I learned this week I'm going to be a Babcia (grandma) for the first time and I'll be very busy making all kinds of little treasures for our new family member! It was a true blessing I turned on the news that morning.

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

May 13, 2023 [Shepherds Wool Market](#), Rush, NY
June 10-11, 2023 [CNY Fiber Arts Festival](#), Bouckville, NY*
August 26-27, 2023 Fiber Arts Weekend at Farmers Museum, Cooperstown, NY
October 14-15, 2023 [Fall Fiber Arts Festival](#), Preble, NY

2022-2023 Guild Calendar and Programs

January 12, 2023	Roc Day Celebration
February 9, 2023	Open Spin
March 9, 2023	<i>Three Bags Full</i> DVD
April 13, 2023	Silk with Nancy Morey
May 11, 2023	Envelope Stuffing for CNY Fiber Festival
June 8, 2023	Open Spin
July 13, 2023	Guild Picnic
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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