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A proud presentation of the
GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

October 2005



Unless otherwise noted, all meetings of the GVHG are held in the First Presbyterian Church located on 70 East Main Street in Victor. Meetings are from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Come and join us!!

CALENDAR & EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- *October 15: Quick Christmas Ideas and gifts
- *November 19: Warm extremities, pot luck
- *December 10: Spin-in, fiber holiday exchange.
- *January 21: Silent Auction
- *February 18: Spin-in
- *March 18: Icelandic sheep info
- *April 8: Spinning techniques w. Joan Berner* *

** 2nd Saturday

*Guild events

Attention spinners – novice & experienced alike – do you have a question(s) about any aspect of fiber, equipment or spinning you would like an answer to? Send it in and we will find an expert to answer your questions. Email to: ward00@rochester.rr.com.

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President's Message

Tina Turner

Another successful Fiber Festival season has ended. I would like to thank all the hardworking volunteers that made such a wonderful show possible. Special thanks go out to the board that works so hard all year round to present us with such a terrific festival! Hopefully everyone found something new and wonderful at the show that they brought home. Maybe some of us will be lucky enough to receive some new roving during our December holiday fiber exchange that was found at this year's festival!

During the August guild meeting we had a small-scale auction and I would like to thank all that participated, as you know I was unable to attend the August meeting but I was told that everyone had lots of fun. We made \$150.00 in auction sales! That is wonderful, especially considering what short notice everyone had of that event.

This month our topic will be small and/or quick Christmas gifts and ideas. I sometimes think October is so far away from Christmas that I don't want to think about gifts yet. However the date always sneaks up on me, and then I'm scrambling to make something nice but it had better be quick. I tend to think I'm not the only one in this predicament. So we would like our show and tell to have the same theme. The more ideas we can get the better. However if you have just completed that most beautiful skein or gorgeous sweater we will all want to admire that also! If you have an unusual ornament that you make, please feel free to share it with the rest of us. I recall one year Crik Cristophel bringing in lamb tails that she used as ornaments on her tree. Maybe it is the shepards

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good luck tail? I thought it was a little creepy, but I'll bet no one else had an ornament like that!

While we are watching the gulf coast recover from their disasters let us not forget that winter is around the corner and we have people in our own neighborhoods that could use some nice warm winter woolies. So please remember the warm extremities project that is coming up in November and start working on those warming items for our areas children and adults.

Camp Stella Maris

Our spinning retreat has been rescheduled! April 29th and 30th are the new dates. Here is a beautiful description of the Camp as I found on their web site www.campstellamaris.org . "Camp Stella Maris is located on the eastern shore of Conesus Lake, 30 miles south of Rochester in New York State's scenic Finger Lakes region". Sounds peaceful and beautiful, just what we need for a nice spring spinning retreat. The object of the retreat is to do just that, relax, enjoy your surroundings, the people you are with, and spin till your hearts content. The check in time is anytime after 3pm on the 28th and we leave by 10:30am on the 30th. Meals will be included. Bring all your bedding ie: sleeping bags or sheets and blankets, and don't forget your pillow! Naturally you will

*Reminder: Guild Dues
are are Due in January
for 2006*



The Big House at Camp Stella Maris.

need to bring your toiletries. The Camp has bunk beds so be prepared to feel like you are in school again, away at summer camp! We do not have any formal workshops, but feel free to share any fun ideas or craft ideas you think the others will enjoy. Don't forget to bring your spinning wheel, spinning fiber and possibly your work in progress.

The cost for the weekend is \$45 per person including all meals. We will be collecting the registration fee at each meeting. We will need a minimum of 25 people to sign up and be paid in full by the January guild meeting on January 21st in order to make this retreat possible. If you will be unable to attend the meetings but you still want to go, mail your registration form to:

Tina Turner - 51 Ericsson St - Rochester, NY 14610

Make check payable to: GVHG

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

OTHER: _____

SKEIN, GARMENT AND FLEECE COMPETITION NEWS

Our competition this year was just beautiful. I hope everyone had a chance to see the wonderful display created by Wendy Caffee of all our entries for our 2005 Finger Lakes Fiber Festival competition. Instead of leading off with all of our ribbon winners I would first like to thank all the people who made this one of our best competitions ever. I would like to thank Joan Berner for doing such a great job of judging. She is knowledgeable, fair and offered some terrific comments to our contestants. I would also like to thank Deb Santolla and Lynn Sherwood for assisting in our process of judging with out their help it would have taken a lot longer to finish. I would also like to thank Jennifer Ratcliffe for making our certificates from Georgia and mailing them to me in time for the festival. This year we also awarded a total of \$260.00 in prize money from our Guild other area Guilds, individuals and businesses and \$50.00 as an incentive to get items in early. Next, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our competition, for all of their hard work and beautiful items. We have shown our community what beautiful artisans we have in our area and what is still being crafted in this day and age.

My thanks go to: BRENDA BONISTEEL, WENDY CAFE, JAN DELLES, ANNE MARIE GRAHAM, ROBERTA GRAINGER, LINDA GEIGER, PHYLLIS GULA, LINDA WILLIAMSON HODGKINS, MICHELLE JARZYNA, TAMARA KELLEY, AMY KLEE, JOAN M. LEWIS, JUANITA MATTESON, KAREN MISKELL, ROBIN NYSTOCK, ALANNA ROTHCHILD, DEB SANTOLLA, DIANE SEELY, LYNN SHERWOOD, SUSAN SOMMERS, EILEEN M. SUNDQUIST, DENISE SYED, NYLAH SYED, NATASHA TURNER, TINA TURNER, YANNI TURNER, NANCY VANDIVERT, BONNIE WEIDERT, MARCIA WEINERT, MARGARET WEINERT, KRISTEN WELSH AND MARY ANNE YOUNG.

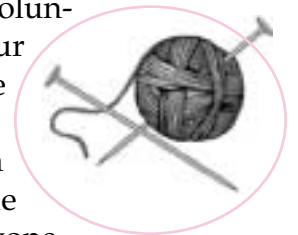
Next year we hope to have a new category. People are requesting a basket of yarn category. We will follow these rules for this category.

HANDSPINNERS YARN BASKET

A MINIMUM OF ONE POUND OF YARN SPUN IN ANY MANNER FOR USE IN ONE PROJECT DISPLAYED IN A BASKET. NATURAL COLORED OR HAND DYED (NOT COMMERCIALY DYED). INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE FIBER TECHNIQUES USED TO SPIN THE YARN AND ITS INTENDED USE. A PATTERN, SKETCH OR SAMPLE SWATCH OF THE PROJECT MUST BE DISPLAYED. THIS CLASS WILL BE JUDGED ON CRAFTMANSHIP AND CREATIVITY.

YARN AND GARMENTS FOR DISPLAY ONLY

We all love our competition and the great skein, garments and fleeces that we are able to see at our festival. We also realize that with a Guild with so many people, not everyone wants to participate. We had a great turn out of volunteers this year so interest in our festival is there. I would like to ask our members if they could lend the festival a skein or garment they have made to be on display only. Everyone does such great work and I think the public should see what beginner skeins to advanced skeins look like. I know some people are not interested in competition for one reason or the other. I also know everyone in guild has multiple skeins at their house at any given time not participating in a project just yet. I think it would be really great to have multiple skeins and garments to fill the Ladies Hall to show the public what great stuff we do. Please consider offering a skein or 10 to be on display only, for next years festival.



THANK YOU ALL
MARY ANNE YOUNG SKEIN, GARMENT
AND FLEECE COMPETITION COORDINATOR

Fiber Fest – Skein and Garment, A Judge's View

By Joan Berner

I just finished judging the skein and garment at Mary Anne Young's house! It was such great fun. Mary Anne had everything in appropriate categories and laid out ready to judge – such a beautiful array of fiber. Deb Santolla and Lynne Sherwood volunteered to write comments and pin on awards. We all thought we were so lucky to see all the entries up close and before anyone else. Mary Anne, Deb and Lynne made it all work like clockwork!

It took us about 5 hours from start to finish, but the time just flew by with all the wonderful items we had to judge. It is surprising how different the entries are from year to year. We had lots of skeins this year – with a lot of novice and junior spinners – yeah!

Judging Skeins

Some pointers to remember:

Presentation of the skein is important – it makes a first and lasting impression.

- ❖ The ties should be of the same fiber as the skein.
- ❖ The beginning and end of the skein should be joined as one of the figure 8 ties, bring the two ends together, cross them over each other and thread them through the skein and tie them in a figure 8 around the skein.
- ❖ Too much yarn on the niddy noddy often results in skeins that are tighter (and therefore smaller in circumference) towards the end. When the skein is then laid out it “sags” in some areas.
- ❖ Yarns should be finished and the spin set, generally either by steam setting or washing and hanging (weighting) to dry

In general, several skeins were underplied. They looked nice and felt soft but wouldn't wear well in the long run, because the twist in the plied yarn

...creating a great skein

was too soft. To help judge this on your skein, take a small section and twist it gently between your fingers until it looks more like a “yarn”, it really will look and wear better a little more tightly plied. With a tighter ply, some spinners are concerned when it comes off the bobbin it has a slight twist to it, but that can be taken care of with proper setting.

Knitting

There were lots of great positives to the knitted items. Most were very beautiful finished on the inside – all of the ends were “sewn in” and well hidden. Seams were flat and the thread used to sew with did not show. Many had a great gauge where needle and yarn size were well matched and the project was structurally sound. The hand-spun, hand knit items were a treat.

Hope you were able to get to the festival to see the gorgeous pieces, so beautifully displayed. We appreciate everyone getting their articles in early. It is so much easier to judge in a well lighted location before the festival and be able to take the time to write comments. To judge the items and then have to develop the display in the same day is an awful lot of work. This way provides enough time to be judged and Mary Anne will be able to start fresh to hang the skein and garment competition.

Hopefully everyone took my comments as constructive suggestions.

It has been great fun being a judge for these two years. I can't wait to enter garments again. Start now for your projects for next year!

Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild Membership Application

GVHG Use Only

Membership Year:

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Cash Check #

Full Newsl. Family

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Full Membership: \$12 /year Includes attendance at all meeting, receipt of *Ewe's News*, GVHG's newsletter, advance information for special workshops and for the annual *Finger Lakes Fiber Festival*, access to GVHG's library, participation in the Fiber of the Month club, and the camaraderie of other hand spinners

Newsletter Only: \$7/year

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City/State/Zip: _____

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What spinning wheel(s) do you own? _____

What other fiber arts or hobbies do you do? _____

How long have you been spinning? _____

Do you have a favorite fiber(s)? _____

Have you ever demonstrated spinning? _____

Would you like to demonstrate spinning: _____

*Please make your check or Money Order payable to **Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild** and mail along with this form to:*

GVHG Membership
C/o Diane Seely
800 Chili Avenue Ext/
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Newsletter Items -

--- Your articles, thoughts, questions & other items are welcome. The deadline is the 25th of each month. Please email your items to Sharon Ward at ward00@rochester.rr.com (or see me at guild)

Festival Vounteers & Friends



October Birthdays



- Bonnie Whiting - 3
- Debbie Koenig McIntee - 6
- Freda Peisley - 10
- Casey Cazer - 15
- Nancy Gear - 30

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Prices: T-shirts - size small -1x \$7.00;
2x - \$8.50; 3x - \$9.00. Totes - Black
w/zipper - \$8.00; Canvas - \$6.00



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