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A proud presentation of the
GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

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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!!

President's Message *Tina Turner*

This article is being written while I'm away on vacation. I must admit that the setting is much nicer than my office at home. My family and I have gone to this lovely place every year for at least 10 years. We rent a small apartment on a wooded resort on Elk Lake which is in northern Michigan by the pinky finger of the mitten that represents Michigan. Nice sandy bottomed water to swim in for the kids, and a nice deck with a cool breeze for me to spin and read to my hearts content. The kids and I managed to fit in our annual pilgrimage to a wonderful bead store called Osiris.

If any of you ever are in Traverse City, this is the place to visit! We always find new beads and create some wonderful jewelry. This year I discovered some beautiful abalone shell pieces that I combined with other glass beads and made a very unique necklace with matching earrings. We usually spend at least 1-2 hours in this store per visit. Sometimes we visit it more than once on our vacation. This wonderful store now has a web site that anyone can visit! www.OsirisBeads.com Watch out, I think another hobby is in the making!

I have gotten a lot of spinning done while I'm here. Some greenish-chartreuse merino that I inherited from Lucille, and some wonderful soft fluff that I purchased at the last guild meeting which is salmon colored. Whatever that yarn will become will definitely be colorful!

I'm looking forward to the fiber festival and hoping to stock up on more colored fluff! Keep an eye out for a nice little bit of fiber for the holiday fiber exchange which will be held in December. Otherwise just have tons of fun!

See you all there!

CALENDAR & EVENTS

- *September 17-18 Fiber Festival
- October 7-9 Camp Stella Maris Retreat-
CANCELLED

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

*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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Festival News

An early Thank You to all the Festival Volunteers. We could not do it without you!!

Here is some information to help you.

The Dog Trials are in the lower part of the Fairgrounds past Barns A + B ALL day BOTH days.

Workshops, Guilds are in the Commercial Building, with the exception of the Knitting Guild which is in the Gathering Tent where they are giving free knitting instructions.

Admission is \$3.00 — 2 days pass is \$5.00

Sheep Shearing is in the barn

Skein & Garment is in the Ladies Hall same place as last year.

Souvenirs for Sale are also in the Ladies Hall

Hooded sweatshirts and hats this year for sale!!!!

As a thank you for our volunteers we are giving aprons. Please pick them up at the Ladies Hall

Sheep to Shawl will be in the Gathering Tent on Sunday. If the weather is bad, site will be posted at Gate.

FIRST AID - There is a nurse on duty at the First Aid Building near the Commercial Building.

NO DOGS are allowed on the Festival Grounds unless they are with the Dog Trials.

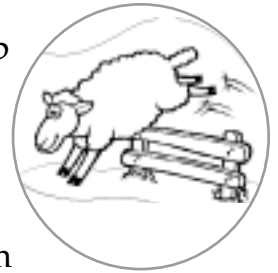
Sign up for last minute Workshops are at the Commercial Building.

Thanks Again

From the Farm Gate

By Linda Geiger

Everyone thinks that sheep are these woolly cute animals that never cause any problems. I know it is hard to believe but they do end up in the dog house from time to time.



Many a dinner was interrupted with everyone jumping up from the table because the sheep were walking by the sliding glass door. There was the time the school bus pulling up, and all the kids were laughing out the windows. My kids came in to tell me that the sheep were grazing in the side yard. I remember the year Bob had started these Kale, picking flowers by seed in the greenhouse. He was so excited about them. He planted them into the picking garden. They were growing very nicely. You know where this story is going. Yes, the sheep got out and ate every one of them. Bob was mad threatening lamb chops, but it was his fault he was the one that forgot to latch the gate.

I swear everyday those girls would check the gate, hoping that someone would forget to latch the gate. Then there was the day I got a call at work. A friend of mine was visiting her parents in the neighborhood. As she drove by my house she noticed the sheep in the front yard. She called me at work, I grabbed my keys and told my boss I had to leave the sheep were out. When I returned to work I asked my boss if anyone ever used that excuse to try to get out of work. He said all his years no one had. It is still a joke at my workplace.

Lucky for us our sheep are pretty tame. With a slice of bread we can have them rounded up in the pasture in a couple of minutes.....most times.

New York State Fair Fleece to Shawl Contest By Tina Turner

This year at the New York State Fair we had two of our guild teams participate in the fleece to shawl contest! The third team was from Syracuse and was named the Spinning Ewettes. The teams are comprised of 5 people. Each team has 1 flicker (or carder), 2 spinners, 1 plyer, and 1 weaver. They must complete a shawl in 4 hours, which has a minimum width of about 17 inches and minimum length of 72 inches.

This year the weather was wonderful, sunny, mid 70's and a small breeze. The competition was held in a new location which was much nicer than previous years, in my opinion. We were located in the Wool Center, which has a concrete floor with large windows and openings for people to walk through and view the competition. In past years it was held in the center of the sheep barns, which tended to get noisy and hot. The sheep were voicing their opinions and the extra body heat from the animals wasn't a real help on warm days. The barns also had sawdust floors, which made it difficult to keep the fleece clean, and the bugs away.

The first place team was the Rainbow Dream Makers. The team members are Bonnie Weidert, the captain and weaver, Wendy Caffee and Nancy Vandivert are the spinners, Bonnie Whiting is the flicker, and myself the plyer. We spun a beautiful white Cotswold fleece, which we purchased from Nistock Farms. The design was a 6-shaft Huck Diamond pattern surrounded by a grid of musk (navy blue) and Lucerne (forest green). The colors were dyed by Nancy with solar

power, which is a dye method that she had wanted to try for awhile. I was fortunate enough to be chosen to keep the lovely shawl, and it has already warmed me by the campfire!

The third place team was our own Flower City Spinners, which consisted of Joan Berner as weaver, Anne Marie Graham as captain and spinner, Sandy Moore as the second spinner, Carolyn Rivello was the flicker, and Diane Seely was the plyer. They made a beautiful shawl that used hand painted superwash as the warp (done by Joan Berner), and a brilliant white Corridale Romney cross was spun for the weft. The colors were soft blue, purple and green shades that represented abstract morning glories, with the white weft being the trellis for the flowers. This shawl also won the first place Team's Choice award. In short, an outstanding performance by both teams!

The shawls will be on display at the Fingerlakes Fiber Arts Festival. So please stop by and admire all the hard work that was done by both teams!

WOW!!



Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild
Membership Application
(September 1st to August 31st)

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Membership Year:

Amt Rec'd: Date:

Cash Check #

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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

Family Membership: \$17 /year

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Please circle one: I would like to receive my newsletter via E-mail or via USPS

Birthday - Month/Day: _____

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
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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)



September Birthdays

Meg Weglarz - 1
Lorraine Weber - 2
Kathleen Hurd - 6
Joan Lewis - 8
Sue Ressler - 21
Lauren Malarkey - 25

Want to Travel? ...

APRIL '06 NEW ZEALAND CREATIVE FIBRE FESTIVAL AND TOUR: Join NZ weaver Rosemary Burnby as she takes you on very personal visits to local guilds, craft shops and galleries. Four days will be devoted to the annual Creative Fibre Festival in Napiers with lectures, demonstrations and networking. Rosemary is a past convener of the Festival. She knows everyone!

MAY '06 CHINA'S SILK ROAD & SILK PRODUCTION.

Join long-time traveler to China Mary Fletcher who started her textile trips with a Needleworker's Tour to China 1982. The Silk Road allows one to envision the caravans and their silk traders from the earliest times. In a small village farm one can see the full range of silk production from mulberry trees to ikat weaving.

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A few Web sites to visit for information on how to donate are:
www.redcross.org,
www.salvationarmyusa.org,
www.aspca.org (animals)
<http://lvma.org/> (Louisiana School of Veterinary Medicine at LSU)

Spinning Wheel For Sale

My Ashford wheel is a Traditional model, single treadle. It is in excellent condition. I also have 4 Bobbins and a lazy Kate, and a pair of carders. I am asking \$200.00 for all. I would appreciate it very much if you would pass this info. on to the Spinners' Guild or anyone else who might be interested. I am in Fairport, NY. I will be here until 9/30/05 and then we are moving.

Thank you,
Bonnie Carney
585.403.1244

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have a wheel, or know some-
one who needs one — this is a
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Q: Why are sheep such good
dancers?
A: Because they are so
fleece of foot.



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