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August 2007

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GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

The "Substitute's" Message

Diane Seely, Membership Chair

Tina asked me to write the President's Message for this month as she is off in VacationLand. Lucky for her (and her family)! Not only was moderating July's Guild meeting a first for me, so is writing this article.

July's meeting was lightly attended. I imagine many of you were off on your own vacations. Pity, because you missed Ray's fine demonstration of the triangle loom. His loom is from Hillcreek Studios, is adjustable, and can be broken down for storage. Ray did a great job showing us how to use the loom and we all had plenty of time for hands-on. I'm thinking that my husband (a furniture-maker) has a project in his future

We are still looking for someone to step up and volunteer to be our Treasurer. All you need to know is how to balance a checkbook, make deposits and designate a check for Guild or for Fiber Fest. This is actually the busiest time of year for the Treasurer (just before FLFF). I've got to admit, since I've been more involved in our Guild, as Membership Chair and as Coordinator for the Skein/Garment competition, it is even more enjoyable. The Treasurer's job really does not require huge amounts of time (just little bits here and there).

Speaking of Fiber Fest, it's four weeks away! Be prepared to hear from Wendy Caffee if you have not already volunteered. Again, helping out doesn't take that much time and really helps make this Festival "ours."

At our August meeting, the subject is Natural Dying, presented by Carol Wood. Also, remember to bring "Caribbean Blues" for the monthly photo shoot.

Events Calendar

Date	Event
August 18	Natural Dyeing with Carol Wood
September 15	FIBER FESTIVAL!!!

Except where noted, the Guild's regular meetings are:

Every Third Saturday of the month

10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church,

70 East Main St., Victor, NY.

Come join us!

Editor's Corner

Courtney Richards

A special **Thank You!** to our own Diane Seely for all of her contributions to the newsletter this month. I wonder whether she's even **looked** at her spinning wheel!

On a housekeeping note: Email is a great way for you to send me your stories. I've been getting some "questionable" email lately, though. If you would, please put "GVHG News" or at least "GVHG" in the Subject line so I know it's probably legitimate. If I don't acknowledge your message in a day or two, try again, or feel free to give me a call to be sure I got it and it didn't get marked as spam. (Thanks!)

August Birthdays

Yvonne Johnson –1
 Lynn Loperfido – 6
 Phyllis Gula – 13
 Nancy Brown – 15
 Marie Brate – 16
 Cindi Meding - 29

Best wishes to all!

2008 Calendar Project

Don't forget to bring in items of the month to be photographed for the 2008 calendar!

January	white/silver/lt. blue	July	red/white/blue
February	pink/red	August	Caribbean blues
March	green	September	Fiber Fest picture
April	yellow	October	orange/black
May	purple/lilac	November	harvest colors
June	flower colors	December	gold/red/green

Membership News

Diane Seely

We have 121 active members! I'll just bet, when each of us started spinning, we never thought that there would ever be that many people who also enjoying spinning!

Here's the usual reminder...dues are due in January, not September; however, I will accept dues throughout the year.

2007 Rosters are available for pickup at Guild meetings. I would rather not have to go through the effort of mailing out the remaining ones, so please remember to pick one up (and check off your name) at August's meeting. After that meeting, I'll mail the remainder. I noticed a mistake the other day: my header says 2006 Roster...oops! By the way, if your name isn't on the roster, that does mean that I have no record of receiving 2007 dues from you (or you had not paid before June 2007).

Spin With Others!

Do you need extra social spinning "fixes" between monthly meetings? Do you already spin with others between meetings on a regular schedule?

Let us know!

If you have a group that has room for other spinners, or you're interested in starting a group, please contact the Newsletter Editor and we'll publish your information in the next newsletter.

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Four More Weeks 'til Fiber Fest!

For workshop and other festival information, our web site (www.gvhg.org) has class information posted, and registration forms are available there. Don't wait to register for classes and the skein & garment competition!

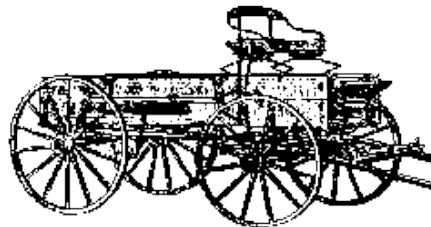
All Aboard The Volunteer Wagon!

Come and have fun at the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival!
Volunteer for a two-hour shift and get in FREE!

Sign up at a guild meeting or call/email Wendy at:

largewhitedogs@aol.com

585-398-3079



Opportunity! Sell your Used Equipment at Festival!

Diane Seely

Mary Ann Young recently went stash diving (or perhaps excavating) and noticed that she had lots of extra bits of spinning/knitting, and other related equipment. This got her to thinking that we (OK, she) should organize a used equipment sale for guild members at Fiber Fest. That being said, she is looking for like-minded members who may have a few extra items that they would like to liberate. Items may include spinning wheels, carders, yarn winders, niddy-noddies, knitting needles, etc. This sale is intended for **equipment only** (not fiber or yarn). The deal is that participating members would put time in (Saturday only) at the booth. If there is enough interest, there will be a sale; if not, maybe next year. Please contact Mary Ann at (315) 524-7764.

Skein & Garment Competition

Diane Seely

Yep, it is August already. I will be at the August Guild meeting to collect any entries you may have. We are offering "Fest Bucks" again this year. What does this mean, you ask? It means that for each item you give me, on or before August 18th, I will put a ticket in the hat. If your name is selected, you'll get \$25.00 to spend at Fiber Fest.

All entries are due by Sept. 1; you can bring them to Guild, bring them to my home (please call ahead), bring them to Carolyn Rivello's home (she graciously offered to be an East Side drop-off point—again, please call ahead) or even mail them.

Below are the rules for the skein & garment competition, followed by the fleece competition.

Finger Lakes Fiber Festival 2007—September 15-16, 2007

Competition Rules

Skein and Garment Competition

We look forward to receiving your entries for our festival. Please review the rules and make sure that you send in your entries by September 1, 2007, as judging will take place prior to the festival.

1. There are no restrictions on the number of entries you may have in any one class.
2. This year, we are not creating a fixed class list. Entries will be grouped with similar items and judged accordingly. Please remember to describe your entry, designate junior and/or novice (spinning less than one year) on the entry tag.
3. Please attach a tag to each item. On one side, print (or use an address sticker) your name, address and phone number. On the other side, include the following: Item name (e.g., adult sweater), junior and/or novice entry, description of item, description of technique(s) used, type of fiber (percentages, if known), breed of sheep (if known), dyes used and identify if commercially prepared in any way.
4. Fine grist skeins (20 or more wpi) must be a minimum of 40 yards in length. All other skeins shall be a minimum of 2 ounces. All skeins must be tied in at least three places.
5. Please view the special awards list and indicate any category that would be appropriate for your entry.
6. Entries (except for fleeces) must be received by September 1, 2007.
7. The judge reserves the right to change the entry class if he/she feels that the item should be in a different class.
8. The Festival Committee will make every effort to display and care for the pieces entered, but assumes no responsibility for damage or loss.
9. Unclaimed entries become the property of the Festival Committee.
10. To enter, please send the entry form, fees and your entries to: Diane Seely, 800 Chili Ave. Extension, Churchville, NY 14428. Diane will also pick up entries at the July and August GVHG meetings.
 - Entry fee is \$2.00 for each item entered.
 - If you want your entries shipped back to you, you must include return postage (including insurance) with your entry fee.

Classes

Please mark entry if junior and/or novice (less than one year spinning). This is a very general listing and will be modified to best judge entries. "Finished" items may be hand-knitted, machine-knitted, crocheted, woven, felted, and so on. This class listing is intentionally vague because there are so many creative people who create fabulous projects that we do not want to restrict entries to a fixed list. Please describe your entry in detail on the tag so that we can place your entry in the most appropriate class.

Skeins: Fine (20 or more WPI), Medium (10-19 WPI), Bulky (Less than 10 WPI) and Novelty Yarn. Please include number of plies, fiber content, fiber preparation, spinning technique used, dye information on entry tag.

Adult clothing such as sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, scarves, shawls, socks, slippers, accessories

Domestic items to include towels, pillows, blankets, afghans, other home accessories

Toys & sculptures

Children's clothing such as sweaters, hats, mitts, socks

Miscellaneous: Items that don't fit into any of the above classes.

Handspinner's Yarn Basket, Part I (natural or dyed, any fiber): The first year of this entry is to include a minimum of one pound of spun yarn, description of fiber, spinning method, a swatch and a description (including sketch and copy of pattern, if known) of what you intend to make. You do not actually have to make what you originally planned; we understand that projects evolve over time. For example, you may have originally planned to make a throw from Part I's yarn, but changed your mind and made a sweater instead (which we hope you'll enter in Part II next year). This class will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.

Handspinner's Yarn Basket, Part II (natural or dyed): Last year, you entered your baskets of yarn; this year, you enter your finished item, please include a description of fiber, spinning method, construction techniques, pattern info and any other information that pertains to how you created your finished item.

Special Awards

The following special awards and their sponsors are confirmed as of 8/07/07; more may be added as sponsors continue to contact us. Unless otherwise stated, each special award is \$25.00 and will be available to the proud winner at the beginning of Fiber Fest.

- **Best Novelty Skein**, GVHG
- **Best Spinning Technique**, GVHG
- **Best Spindle Spun**, GVHG
- **Carol Ely Award for Best Novice Skein**, GVHG
- **Best Skein by a Junior Spinner**, Joan Berner, \$20.00
- **Helen Brown Award for Best Use of Flash & Color**, GVHG
- **Best Use of New York State Wool** (item must contain 100% NYS-raised wool), Nistock Farms
- **Best Use of Natural Dye**, Neko Farm
- **Best Chemical Hand-Dyed Yarn**, Cloverleaf Farms, \$20.00
- **Best Use of Goat Fiber** (item must be a minimum of 50% goat fiber, mohair/cashmere/cashgora/pygora), Black North Farms
- **Best Handcrafted Item Using Alpaca** (item must be at least 50% alpaca, may be knitted, crocheted, woven or felted), Spirit Wind Farms, \$50.00
- **Best Handwoven Item**, Weaver's Guild of Rochester, \$50.00
- **Ann Senour Award:** Woven Article Demonstrating Creative Use of Color, SPEHA

Fleece Competition

The purpose of the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Fleece show and sale is threefold:

1. To provide producers with an opportunity for professional evaluation of their fiber in order to gain insight into improvement;
2. To provide these producers with a sales venue specifically oriented to fiber artists searching for high quality wool; and
3. To provide hand spinners and other fiber artists the opportunity to purchase wool that possesses superior quality, cleanliness and other desirable characteristics.

Fleece Standards

This show and sale is for wool (sheep) fleece only. Fleeces will be judged primarily on suitability for handspinning. Fleeces must be from the current (2006-2007) wool crop and represent no more than 15 months' growth. Each fleece must be clean, free of chaff, burrs, tags and second cuts. Skirted fleeces must be placed in a large, clear plastic bag. Producers are responsible for the accuracy of their entry forms. Producers are urged to be selective of the fleeces they enter. Please, only 5 fleeces per producer. Fleeces may be shown only (not for sale), or entered in the show and sale. Fleeces for sale must also be entered in the show. There is no provision for "sale only" fleeces.

Entry fees are \$2 per fleece entered in the competition only, and \$5 per fleece consigned for both show and sale. The sale price of the fleeces shall be set by the producer.

Schedule

- Friday 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Fleeces accepted at check in
- Friday 6 p.m.—Fleeces judged
- Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Fleece sale hours

Fleeces entered for competition but not offered for sale may be removed immediately after judging or before 9:30 a.m. Saturday. (Fleeces winning an award will have a small lock removed by show personnel for display purposes.) Producers must remove unsold fleeces from the sale area by Saturday 1:15 p.m. Unclaimed fleeces become the property of the Festival Committee. The Committee will make every effort to display and care for the entered fleeces but assumes no responsibility for damaged, lost, stolen or erroneously sold fleeces.

Divisions

Division I : Natural Colored Fleeces

Division II : White Fleeces

Classes in Each Division

A—Fine; spinning count grade 64s to 80s (e.g., Merino, Rambouillet, Targhee)

B—Medium; spinning count grade 50s to 62s (e.g., Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Montadale, Tunis)

C—Long; spinning count grade 36s to 48s (e.g., Coopworth, Cotswold, Leicester, Lincoln, Romney)

D—Double-coated; (e.g., Karakul, Navajo-Churro, Scottish BlackFace)

A maximum of five (5) fleeces per producer may be entered for competition and sale. The same fleece may not be entered in more than one class.

Special Fleece Show Awards

Unless otherwise stated, each special award is \$25.00 and will be available to the proud winner at the beginning of Fiber Fest.

- **Best Fleece of Any Breed, GVHG**
- **Best Fleece for Handspinning, GVHG**
- **Best Fleece of Single Breed, GVHG**
- **Best New York State Fleece, Empire Sheep Producer's Association, \$34.00**
- **Best New York State White Fleece, Empire Sheep Producer's Association, \$33.00**
- **Best New York State Colored Fleece, Empire Sheep Producer's Association, \$33.00**

Ads and Other Events



Weaving & Fiber Arts Center
 Adult and Youth Classes at Village Gate
 Weaving - Spinning - Knitting - Felting
 Dyeing - Shibori - Kumihimo - Temari
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You pick up! Springwater/Honeoye Falls area.

Contact Diane Hershey @ 585-490-3320 or dhershey@rochgrp.com

For Sale: Ashford Country Spinning Wheel

Diane Jezewski

Ashford Country Spinner, \$400. Very slightly used. Contact Diane if you would like to purchase it and she'll bring it to the meeting.

If you are interested, contact her through her website, www.mypollywogs.com

Pollywogs Sale!

10% off

Contact Diane Jezewski on her web site www.mypollywogs.com and send her an email if you would like her to bring any particular items to the August meeting.

Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild Membership Application

- Full Membership** \$12/year Includes attendance at all meetings, receipt of *Ewe's News*, GVHG's newsletter, advance information for special workshops, the annual *Finger Lakes Fiber Festival*, access to GVHG's library, and the camaraderie of other hand spinners!
- Family Membership** \$17/year
- Newsletter Only** \$7/year —

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (mm/dd): _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: E-mail -or- USPS

E-Mail: _____

What spinning wheel(s) do you own? _____

How long have you been spinning? _____ Would you like to demonstrate spinning? _____

Would you like to be a mentor? _____

What other fiber arts or hobbies do you do? _____

Do you have a favorite fiber(s)? _____

Do you own any fiber animals? _____

Would you like to be involved with planning the Fiber Fest? _____

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and mail along with this form to:
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