



Is it hot in here,
or is it just me?

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GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

President's Message

Tina Turner

March is here and spring should be just around the corner! Of course I'm writing this as more snow is falling. As most of you know I tend to look on the positive side of things, so that's why I see spring around the corner during winter storms.

Our February meeting was very nice. We had plenty of time to visit with one another and show off what we are working on. Thankfully the snow didn't keep people away.

The March meeting will be a weaver's wonderland! Bonnie Weidert will be doing a program on the tape loom, she will have looms available for us to try. Ray Rossiter will also be there and he will explain weaving on a triangle loom. The guild library owns each of these looms that members can check out of the library at any time. Now we will learn how to use them.

Please remember to sign up for our Stella Maris retreat. We will have our guild meeting there, so please come and join us. The Stella Maris website (www.campstellamaris.org) will give you directions and beautiful pictures to whet your appetite. Go to the site and click the Visitors link, then Directions to CSM. Last year we had wonderful weather, let's hope for the same again this year.

Happy Spinning!

Editor's Yarn

Courtney Richards

Please pay particular attention to the Special Notice on this page. Also, please review the Lost Sheep box on the next page and consider renewing your membership.

Spin on!

Events Calendar

Date	Event
March 17	Weaving with Bonnie Weidert and Ray Rossiter
April 20-22	Stella Maris Retreat Guild meeting at Stella Maris Sat. 4/21 at usual time.
May 19	Program TBA

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!

Special Notice!

Each month, the newsletter is emailed to those who have chosen to receive it by email. This list of addresses is for **newsletter distribution only**. It is not to be used for any other purpose, including advertising for sales or events.

More information about the use of membership information is on page 3.

New Members

Diane Seely

Please give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Suzu DiStefana

Frances Smith

Caroline Baker-Drake

Nancy Topolski

Wendy Fast

March Birthdays...Congratulations!

- 1 Lynn Cloyd
- 2 Dorothy Hachten
- 4 Linda Geiger
- 7 Brenda Bonisteel
- 13 Sandy Moore
- 14 Dale Ralph
- 15 Mattie Alleyne
- 20 Pat Geslar
- 27 Robin Nistrock
- 28 Crik Christophel
- 31 Carole Plate

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

Lost Sheep! Please renew...

Diane Seely

If your name is listed below, this is the last issue of **Ewe's News** you will receive. As of February 27th, you have not paid dues for 2007, and, in some cases, 2006.

Barbara Arthur, Bridget Barry, Lynne Blum, Carol Bonczek, Marie Brate, Angela Cappiello, Lynn Cloyd, Amanda Doherty, Jim Echter, Stephanie Ecker, Christine Elfman, Wendy Engstrom, Patricia Farrell, Patt Ferrara, Mary Louise Gerek, Mark Gilbride, Nancy Gear, Val Gropp, Phyllis Gula, Lisa Gwinner, Carol Harvey, Jo Hayward, Chris Helming, Diane Hershey, Lori Hicks, Karen Hitchcock, Laurie Hunt, Kathy Jarvis, Diane Jezewski, Deborah Jordan, Barbara Keller, Robbie Lewis, Lauren Malarkey, Jackie Malone, Julie Maloney, Debbie McIntee, Cindi Meding, Don Miller, Sandy Moore, Sandy Nelson, Kristin O'Hearn, Elizabeth Osborn, Jeanne Pigage, Carole Plate, Dale Ralph, Sue Ressler, Ray Rossiter, Suzanne Sacco, Pat Shepard and Bob Smith, Kris Shanahan, Lynn Sherwood, Gary Seiling, Paige Stoep, Kat Sullivan, Denise Syed, Yuka Suzuki, Deb Talley, Mary Ann Thompson, Sandy Truckner, Sharon Wagner, Sharon Ward, Meg Weglarz, Marcia Weinert, Linda Williamson-Hodgkins, Birgitt Wolf-King

From the Farm Gate

Linda Geiger

The editor of a newsletter I receive asked readers to write in and share how their farms got their names. I thought, "What a great thing to write about for our newsletter!"

It was 1984. We had outgrown our 2-bedroom village home, and Bob wanted to move to the country. We looked at a lot of places. We came upon a place that was going up for auction. Naturally, Bob fell in love with it. It had a huge barn, a house that needed a lot of work, and an overgrown yard. At the time, we were in our late 20s and had lots of energy. We decided to go to the auction and see how it went.

The day of the auction seemed to last forever—the auction didn't start until 5 p.m. We paced around the place while they auctioned off some of the contents. Finally the time came. Bob was right in the thick of the bidding.

Going... going... gone! The place was ours!

After a month of living in the house Bob came home with a sign he had made: "High Bid Farm, established June 20, 1984." People often ask us how our farm was named. We explain that we bought the place at an auction. "Oh I get it! What a perfect name for your farm!"

So, folks, write about how your farm got its name. It'll make great reading material for our newsletter!

From your Board...

Dear GVHG Members,

In this age of speedy email and the ease of communicating with a large group at the touch of a button, we would like to set some guidelines for the use of member email addresses and other personal information that is published in our roster.

1. If you wish to contact an individual as a friend, by all means do so!
2. If you wish to contact the entire guild for any reason, please forward that information to any board member. If the subject matter is directly guild-related and time-sensitive, then we will happily forward the information to the rest of the guild.

If the material is not time-sensitive, then the information will be forwarded to our newsletter editor for publication in the next issue.
3. Board members have been discussing how to handle interesting information, pleas for non-spinning/fiber help or other information of potential interest to guild members. Again, please forward this information to any board member and we will do our best to make a determination that benefits the guild.
4. Please do not use member email and home addresses for business purposes. If you are planning a sales event, please be sure to allow time for that event to be published in the newsletter.

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2007 Stella Maris Retreat and Guild Meeting

The Genesee Valley Spinning Guild is again sponsoring a weekend of Spinning at Stella Maris! In addition, the **regular guild meeting** will be held there on Saturday at the usual time.

As it was last year, most meals will be catered or brought in. Everyone staying for the weekend is asked to bring drinks, a dessert or snack type food and fruit. People joining us for the guild meeting may select and pay for the catered lunch, if desired.

Guild Meeting Program

Joan Berner will demo wet-felted mittens (not knit first, not needle-felted, but wet-felted). She will teach it as a demo, but we are lucky to have enough room that you can try your own (optional). If you would like to try your own, please bring 2-3 towels, felting board (old wash board), 4 oz. roving that will felt, and small amounts of yarn embellishments. Joan will have a pattern with directions and the mitten resist pattern available for \$2. She also has kits available for \$15 if you would like to try.

Weekend Details

Dates: April 20-22

Arrival/Departure: Friday after 3 p.m./Sunday by 2 p.m.

Personal items to bring: bedding (sleeping bag, pillows, sheets, blankets), toiletries (towels, wash cloth, soap, etc.)

Food: Please bring drinks (other than coffee, hot chocolate, tea and juice for breakfast), desserts, snacks, and fruit.

Menu

Friday evening—Sub platter from DiBella's, chips

Sat./Sun. morning—Cereal, donuts, danish, fruit, juice

Sat. noon/evening—Catered

Activities

- Guild meeting: Felted mitten demo
- Spinning games
- Volunteer demos throughout the weekend
- Videotape of the Pennsylvania farm show Sheep to Shawl
- Bunny workshop—Diane Seely

Optional: Last year we discussed doing something for someone else (a community project—the Rochester Knitting Guild has a drive underway for helmet liners for troops in Afghanistan) for part of the weekend. We'll ask for suggestions at the next guild meeting.

Bunny Workshop

Diane Seely

I'll be teaching a knitted bunny workshop at our Stella Maris retreat. This workshop will show you how to put together that adorable little Heartstrings Knitted Bunny pattern that Cindi shared with us recently.

I'll supply the stuffing, but you'll need to bring the following (yep, there's homework): A 6" knitted stockinette square, a tapestry needle, and a pair of ears per bunny (either variation).

See you there!

Advertisements

Donations Requested!

Natasha Turner

The School of the Arts National Honor Society is a group of academically strong and dedicated students who volunteer their time to the community.

For the last few years the NHS has held an Art Show to auction off donated works by local artists to benefit various special funds. This year an Art Fund is being created to support the children at our local North Street Recreation Center. Through this fund they will be able to take part in new art programs that they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to.

We are looking for handmade items such as jewelry, hats, scarves, mittens, or any of your beautifully handcrafted items.

All items will be displayed and auctioned off at School of the Arts (45 Prince St., Rochester, NY 14610) on **April 4th from 6pm-9pm.**

In addition to the art show there will be a showcase of performances by the students of SOTA, ranging from jazz combos to dance performances to poetry readings.

Please come and enjoy local art and the talent that SOTA is known for!

If you have any questions or would like to donate please contact Natasha Turner by phone at 585-473-1265 or by e-mail at turner@frontiernet.net.

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For Sale: Norwegian Wheel

Norwegian upright/castle type wheel, double drive, onboard lazy kate, 1 bobbin, nice red accents. This wheel spins very nicely. I've spun and plied a full bobbin's worth on it. I'm asking \$325.00. I will bring the wheel to the March guild meeting.

Contact Diane Seely, 585-889-3562.

For Sale: Lendrum Wheel

Lendrum spinning wheel, single treadle, versatile and portable. Folds flat for traveling and is easily unfolded and reset for spinning.

Wheel is in excellent condition and includes regular flyer, fast flyer, plying head, lazy kate, additional regular drive band, plying drive band, two small extra bobbins, second tensioner, and lazy kate.

\$300 plus shipping or you-pick-up. Contact Laurie dill-Kocher for complete information by phone at 383-381-0669, or by e-mail at ldkocher@hotmail.com.

Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild Membership Application

Full Membership: \$12/year

Family Membership: \$17/year

Full and Family memberships include 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!

Newsletter Only: \$7/year

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.

Churchville, NY 14428

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Phone: _____

Birthday (mm/dd): _____

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E-Mail: _____

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? _____

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