



# Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild

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## EWE'S news

### President's Message—Tina Turner

The January meeting was lots of fun! I like the new configuration of tables that Carolyn came up with for the auction. I think it worked better than having the circle of tables around the room. Many thanks to Carolyn for her set up of all the chairs at every meeting, she gets there early so we all have a place to sit.

The February meeting will be a spin in with a small informal project to make for those that are interested. We will make a needle felted name tag so that we have a unique way of showing off our talents whenever we are out and need to wear a nametag. You can wear them for demonstrations, but also to guild meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with! You will need to bring a few items, but the guild will provide most of the major supplies. See the supply list in the newsletter.

As of right now the program for March is still up in the air. If anyone has a special interest they would like to share please let us know!

Happy Spinning!

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Please welcome our new members this month: Barbara Beach, Amy Bechtold, Kristin Coon, Kelly Elliott, Laury Mitchell, and Laura Smith.

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### February 2008



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#### Editors Corner

I hope you all are staying warm and getting plenty of spinning done! If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to the newsletter deadlines are the 25th of each month. You can email me with any articles/questions or feel free to speak to me at guild.

### 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.



## February Birthdays

Desiree Gosson – 1  
 Kris Shanahan – 2  
 Nancy Lebda – 3  
 Irina Pivtchev - 6  
 Bonnie Weidert – 10  
 Peggy Green – 13  
 Lisa Wright - 13  
 Carolyn Rivello – 16  
 Cheryl Anne Tucker – 20  
 Donna Howland – 21  
 Denise Syed - 22  
 Jan Delles – 23  
 June Bartos – 24  
 Ray Rossiter - 27

## Ads and Other Events:

### Cayuga County Fair—July 3-6, 2008

Anna Chappell informed the guild that there will be the second annual Cayuga County Fair. It will take place July 3-6, 2008. For more information about the festival you can visit their website at:

<http://www.cayugacountyfair.org/>

### Attention Vendors:

If you would like to have your business advertised please email a scanned image of your business card to me at [alanna7181@hotmail.com](mailto:alanna7181@hotmail.com). If you don't have access to a scanner feel free to give me your business card at the next guild meeting.

## 2008 Fiber Fest Skein & Garment Judges

If you are interested in being a judge at the 2008 Finger Lakes Fiber Festival it's not too late to let us know. If you are interested please contact Diane Seely, [dseely@frontiernet.net](mailto:dseely@frontiernet.net) or (585) 889-3562.

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## Spinning Tip of the Month:

I thought since we have so much collective spinning knowledge amongst us it would be nice to have a place in the newsletter to share some tips and tricks that you find most helpful.

I wanted to share this little tool concept with the guild just incase you weren't able to attend Celia Quinn's workshop.

When Celia came and gave the workshop on spinning 60 different types of yarns she gave us a tool that was the bottom portion of a wire coat hanger that was clipped in half and then a little bit of the corner was left on so it resembled a mini-Sheppard's staff. She said if you wanted to see how a yarn would look when plied you could pull an arm's length of yarn off the bobbin, place the hook in middle and let the weight of the hook pull the yarn down on itself. It will prevent any gnarly loops from forming and it will quickly show you what your yarn would look like as a two-ply. I just thought that was such a neat little tool and trick. If you know of any techniques, tools, or tips that you think other spinners would benefit from knowing about please feel free to let me know. Also if you have any dyeing, scouring, fiber prep, etc tip feel free to pass those along too!



## February Guild Activity: Felted Nametag

### Supplies:

In order to participate in this activity

#### You need to bring:

- A felting surface, such as felting foam, an old pillow, a folded towel.
  - Something as a base for your project so that you don't poke yourself in the leg if you do this on your lap.
  - If you have special fiber colors that you want to incorporate into your nametag please bring them.
- \*\*To write your name, use either pencil roving or yarn (doesn't have to be handspun).\*\***

#### We will supply:

- White felted backing
- Felting needles
- Some fiber
- A pin to attach later



Any questions just email Tina at:  
turner@frontiernet.net





## **Be on the look out!**

**We're still trying to find a new venue to host our guild meetings so that we can:**



- **Bring more spinners together**
- **Have more vendors and room for the vendors at our meetings**
- **Be able to spread out more during large guild meetings**

### **What we are looking for:**

- A place that is **handicap accessible**
- An area where we can **store the cabinets that house our library**
- A venue that will allow us to **meet every third Saturday** of the month excluding April and October
- **Kitchen access** if possible
- **Chairs and tables** for us to use
- **More than 1700 square feet** (our current venue's measurements)
- **Parking** for guild members
- Our current rent is \$170. If you find a place that meets all the above requirements we can see if the raise in monthly rent would justify the move as a guild.
- Most of our members are located in the Pittsford/Penfield/Rochester area but we do have members that travel upwards of 1-2 hours away in all directions.
- **Ideally the venue should be in Monroe County.**

### **Membership Dues**

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, dues were due in January for 2008. First of all, I want to thank everyone who has renewed for 2008. The following is a list of Lost Sheep 2008 (as of Feb. 5): Cynthia Archbold, June Bartos, Anne-Marie Bird, Brenda Bonisteel, Marie Brate, Lois & Sarah Brown, Judith Bunn, Wendy Caffee (and Kaitlyn & Samantha Diaz-Cruz), Bonnie Cain, Georgia Carney, Cheri Charboneau, Rebecca Daniels, Valerie DeVries, Adrienne Donner, Stephanie Ecker, Toni Freeman-Coughlin, Diane Fudalik, Pat Geslar, Desiree Gosson, Roberta Grainger, Bev Hazelton, Diane Hershey, Laurie Hunt, Kathleen Hurd, Diane Jezewski, Jim Johnson, Yvonne Johnson, Deborah Jordan, Tamara Kelley, Michelle Kurpysz, Carol LaBorie, Lynn Loperfido, Aaron Loux, Julie Lovejoy, Karen Miskell, Christine O'Brien, Karen Petito, Irina Pivtchev & Karin Davis, Sarah Reilly, Courtney Richards, Carolyn Rivello, Raymond Rossiter, Barbara Ryon-Covill-Gay, Susan Sarabasha, Denise & Nylah Syed, Frances Smith & Wendy Fast, Genelle Thurman, Nancy Topolski, Ron Tyler, Nancy Vandivert, Diane Vaneps, Marcia, Margaret & Clara Weinert, Lisa Weston, Birgitt Wolf-King, Karin Young, Mary Anne Young - Diane Seely

**Name Tags:** Diane has cleaned out the name tag boxes of all Lost Sheep (2008 and prior years). If you don't see your tag in the box, please see Diane Seely to verify that she has a record of your payment. Her plan is to publish the 2008 Roster by the March meeting.

