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# EWES news

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## GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

### President's Message

Tina Turner

The March meeting was another snowy one, but that didn't stop some of us! **Bonnie Weidert** gave us a wonderful demonstration of tape loom weaving. She let many of us weave on the looms she brought to the meeting. It looked like a lot of fun. The guild owns one of Bonnie's tape looms and you can borrow it any time. We also have books about tape loom weaving. Bonnie is often at our meetings and would surely give anyone assistance if necessary.

**Ray Rossiter** was scheduled to demonstrate the triangle loom but due to illness was unable to attend. We will reschedule his demonstration.

April is here! That means we will be meeting and "retreating" at Camp Stella Maris on lovely Conesus Lake. The website is [www.campstellamaris.org](http://www.campstellamaris.org). For those of you who attend our Fiber Festival, the camp is closer to Rochester than Hemlock is, so the commute isn't very bad. Plus, it's a weekend to get away, take care of yourself, and spin to your heart's content. What could be better!?

Contact Joan Berner for reservations. If you don't want to stay overnight, just join us for the day for the guild meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Happy Spinning!**

### New Members

Diane Seely

Please welcome our newest member:

Valerie DeVries

### Events Calendar

Date	Event
April 20-22	<b>Stella Maris Retreat</b> Guild meeting @ Stella Maris <b>Sat. 4/21</b> at usual time.
April 28	6th Annual Farm Day at Lollypop Farm
June 2	Valentown Heritage Day (see Ad page)

*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!**

### 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.

### Attention Shepherds!

We are developing a pictorial display of fiber animals and farms for the Fiber Festival.

If you'd like to have pictures of your farm and animals included, contact Amy Klee at (315) 548-2032 or [toothdoc@zoom-dsl.com](mailto:toothdoc@zoom-dsl.com) before June 1, 2007.

## April Birthdays

Bonnie Cain—5th

Darlene Leeuwen—6th

Cheri Charboneau—22nd

## 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
<b>April</b>	<b>yellow</b>	October	orange/black
May	purple/lilac	November	harvest colors
June	flower colors	December	gold/red/green

## Membership News

*Diane Seely*

The good news is that as of March 29, 2007, we have 100 members, 17 of whom are new this year. The bad news is that we still have 43 Lost Sheep for 2007 and 26 Lost Sheep from 2006. *[Ed. Note: Since that date, several have renewed and I have removed their names from the list.]*

Still lost...

Barbara Arthur, Bridget Barry, Lynne Blum, Carol Bonczak, Marie Brate, Jeannie Brien, Angela Cappiello, Lynn Cloyd, Amanda Doherty, Jim Echter, Christine Elfman, Wendy Engstrom, Patricia Farrell, Patt Ferrara, Mary Louse Gerek, Mark Gilbride, Nancy Grear, Lisa Gwinner, Carol Harvey, Chris Helming, Diane Hershey, Lori Hicks, Linda Williamson Hodgkins, Laurie Hunt, Kathy Jarvis, Diane Jezewski, Deborah Jordan, Barbara Keller, Roberta Lewis, Lauren Malarkey, Jackie Malone, Julia Maloney, Debbie Koenig McIntee, Cynthia Meding, Don Miller, Sandy Moore, Sandy Nelson, Kristen O'Hearn, Elizabeth Osborn & Family, Jeanne Pigage, Carole Plate, Alma-Jean Porschet, Ray Rossiter, Suzanne Sacco & Family, Kris Shanahan, Patrick Shepard, Lynn Sherwood, Gary Seiling, Robert Smith, Paige Stoep, Kat Sullivan, Yuka Suzuki, Denise & Nylah Syed, Deb Talley, Mary Ann Thompson, Sandy Truckner, Sharon Wagner, Sharon Ward, Meg Weglarz, and Birgitt Wolf-King.

I will prepare the 2007 Roster after the April meeting. It will include only paid members.

## GVHG Board

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## 2007 Stella Maris Retreat and Guild Meeting (Reprint with Map)

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.

### Map to Camp Stella Maris



#### From NYS Thruway Exit 46:

1. Merge onto I-390 S. 13.40 miles
2. Take the US-15 exit- exit number 9- towards LAKEVILLE/CONESUS LAKE. 0.23 miles
3. Turn LEFT onto LAKEVILLE RD. 0.93 miles
4. LAKEVILLE RD becomes ROCHESTER RD. 1.47 miles
5. Turn LEFT onto BIG TREE RD. 0.37 miles
6. BIG TREE RD becomes US-20A. 0.45 miles
7. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto E LAKE RD. 0.61 miles
8. **Total: 17.46 miles**

## More on tape weaving...

*Bonnie Weidert*

After my demonstration at last month's meeting, several of you requested sources for tape looms. Here are some makers' names and some comments about their work.

Contact	Comments
<b>Sharon Kruppenbacher</b> 246 Gardenersville Road Cobleskill, NY 12043 phone 518-234-3014 email kruppen5@yahoo.com	Sharon's husband makes a very lovely box tape loom with a paddle reel for the warp. Very well finished and a very nice loom to work on. Last known price: \$150.
<b>Jonathan Seidel</b> 962 Walnut Street Royersford, PA 19468 email wtoolc@msn.com web <a href="http://www.jkseidel.com">www.jkseidel.com</a>	Jonathan makes a very lovely box tape loom as well as a paddle (knee) style loom. Well finished. Visit his <a href="#">web site</a> for more information.
<b>Don Kemper</b> email de.kemper@att.net	Don makes only a paddle (knee) style loom at this time. He makes them out of oak and they are thin but very strong. A nice loom. I think he will make it out of any wood you want if you ask him. Last known price: \$30.
<b>Scott McHenry</b> 89 Kramer Street Rochester, NY 14623 email sct10181@cs.com	Scott makes a box style loom with a dowel for the warp beam. He uses the directions from my book and might even put his own ideas into it. It weaves well. He will make it out of any wood you want and finish it any way you want. Not as smoothly finished. Last known price: \$100.

## Naming Our Home

*Frances and Wendy of HeartsEase Farm—Icelandic Sheep*

In 1989, we were looking for a place to call home. We were relocating from Michigan, and we were looking for a farm that had at least 40 acres with an old farmhouse and land where we could walk in the woods with our dogs. After much searching and looking at about 25 farms, most of which had lots of cultivated fields but no hills or woods to walk in, and houses that had been "renovated"—meaning lots of modernizing that we didn't want—we came upon our farm just as we were giving up hope. It has over 100 acres, with the most glorious hills and woods, and an old house that, we found out later, dates back to 1825. Best of all, it has a lot of the historical quality that we were looking for!

Shortly after we moved in, we were looking for a name and came across a little flower called the Johnny Jump Up, or Heart's ease. When we saw that name, we knew our farm had its new name—HeartsEase Farm. And it has been for all these years, our hearts' ease!!

## Ads and Other Events

### For Sale: Shetlands

*Linda Geiger*

2007 Shetland Lambs, Ewes, Wethers, and Rams.

Contact Linda at (585) 637-0656 or [highbidfarm@msn.com](mailto:highbidfarm@msn.com)

### For Sale: Wethers

*Jen Adams*

2 Lincoln Longwools (\$75 ea.)

2 Babydoll Southdowns (\$150 ea.)

Sold in pairs, or all 4 for \$400. One Lincoln has beautiful fleece with a staple length of 8-10 in. Fleece samples available upon request.

Call Jen at (585) 624-4156.

### 6th Annual Farm Day at Lollypop Farm

*Kristen O'Hearn*

Farm Day is on April 28th 11:00 – 2:00

There will be sheep shearing and other activities, but they would like us to demonstrate spinning!

Contact Kristen at (585) 723-5996 or [kjzohearn@aol.com](mailto:kjzohearn@aol.com) to sign up.

### Valentown Heritage Day

*Suzanne Sacco*

June 2, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Valentown Museum** is changing with the times—we're actually going back in time! We have changed the date and format of the "Peddlers Market." It is now called "Heritage Day." This will also be our grand opening.

We will be focusing on a "Heritage Day" theme. We'll still have some antique vendors—all vendors are welcome—but activities are geared toward "a day in the country" with a 19th century feel. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, broom making, spinning, sheep shearing, weaving, quilting, woodworking, and candle making—just to name a few of the activities we have planned.

Are you interested in demonstrating at the museum this year? Several guild members participated with me last year and a good time was had by all. If you demonstrate your craft there is no vendor fee, so you are invited to bring items to sell. Even if your craft is already mentioned above, please contact me if you would like to participate.

We are also looking for sheep that need shearing and shearers to demonstrate "how it's done." Quilters, soap makers, spinners, bead workers—this is a wonderful way to show off your talents and hard work!

Vendor applications may be found at our website, [www.valentown.org](http://www.valentown.org). Remember, there is no fee for those willing to demonstrate.

In addition, there will be a pancake breakfast and a chicken BBQ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or anyone at the museum, and pass on my contact information to anyone else you feel may be interested.

Contact Suzanne at [ssacco2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ssacco2@rochester.rr.com).

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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