



Keep warm and share some fiber!

November 2007

EWES news

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GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

President's Message

Tina Turner

The October meeting was nice and relaxing. We were able to take our time with show and tell and then spend the rest of the time relaxing and spinning.

I even had time to get some spinning in!

[You go, girl! ed.]

November's meeting will be our Warm Extremities display and collection day. This year Jen Adams has graciously arranged the event, and has found many good places to send our donations. You still have a little time to create something small and wonderfully warm for our less fortunate friends in Rochester.

We will also have our potluck dinner, so don't forget to bring a yummy item to share with the rest of us. Remember that Mr. Wegman has a good kitchen that will help us all if we don't have time to make things ourselves. The important part is sharing time and fun with friends.

The November calendar colors are harvest colors, so bring in those beautiful fall colors for the photo.

December is around the corner and we are planning another fiber exchange. Bring 8 ounces of something wonderful that you are willing to share with someone else. Wrap it up beautifully and we will all be searching for that special gift wrapped fiber!

The December color is red so keep that in mind while you are spinning in the next few months. Before you know it we will have our calendar complete and ready to share with friends.

Happy Spinning!

Events Calendar

Date	Event
November 10	Sale @ Cloverleaf Farms (see ad)
November 17	Warm Extremities/Potluck
December 15	Holiday Fiber Exchange

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

Every Third Saturday of the month

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

*First Presbyterian Church,
70 East Main St., Victor, NY.*

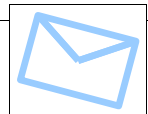
Come join us!

A gentle reminder...

Please remember that our GVHG distribution list is for guild business only. If you have a time-sensitive item of interest to the guild, please forward it to any board member for review, rather than just "borrowing" the email distribution list. Non-time-sensitive items can be sent directly to our newsletter editor, Courtney Richards, for publication in next month's newsletter.

Editor's Corner

Courtney Richards



Thanks to everyone who sent items for publication this month! I hope you enjoy the newsletter. As always, contact me with questions, comments or suggestions and, of course, your submissions.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays

Susan Brown – 8

Courtney Richards – 14

Barbara Ryon-Covill-Gay – 14

Pat Bernhard – 16

Aaron Loux – 17

Rebecca Daniels – 18

Karin Young – 24

Nylah Syed - 25

Tina Turner - 27

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

Our current membership is up to 129. Wow!

January is fast approaching...it's time to pay your 2008 dues. Our yearly rates haven't changed: still only \$12.00 for individuals, \$17.00 for families, and \$7.00 for newsletter-only memberships. The benefits of our dues include, but are not limited to, a nifty name tag, the fabulous Ewe's News newsletter [*Thanks, Diane! ed.*], library privileges, and a "comfy" chair at our meetings. For those of you who have paid already...thank you!

New Members

Let's all welcome our new members: Angela Cappiello, Lisa Weston, Charles Orlando, Jennifer Holbrook, and Anne Stewart.

GVHG Board

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Skein & Garment Competition Results

Diane Seely

As usual, spinners and knitters, near and far, made our Skein & Garment Competition a beautiful success. There was a total of 76 entries. This year, I chose to keep the class/categories more general. This gave us the flexibility to create classes that fit the entries. We plan to have similar classes next year and also plan to improve our entry guidelines.

Many thanks to our judge, Freda Peisley, to our judging assistants, Erica King, Kris Shanahan, and Cheryl Dunn, and to all the volunteers at Fiber Fest. Special thanks to my husband, Don, for making the standards and fetching pizza while we ~~admired fondled~~ judged.

Skeins

Class	Place	Entry
Spindle-Spun	1	Libby Llop
Linen	1	Wendy Caffee
Exotic Fibers	1	Wendy Caffee
	2	Wendy Caffee
	3	Eve Davila
	4	Cheryl Dunn
	5	Adrienne Donner
Novice Spinner (< 1 yr)	1	Holly Partridge

Juniors

Class	Place	Entry
Single Ply	1	Samantha-Diaz-Cruz
	2	Samantha Diaz-Cruz
2-Ply	1	Autumn Rose Lester
	2	Autumn Rose Lester
	3	Samantha Diaz-Cruz
	4	Kaitlyn Diaz-Cruz
	5	Autumn Rose Lester
Mittens	1	Natasha Turner

Garments

Class	Place	Entry
Purses/Bags	1	Eve Davila
	2	Diane Seely
	3	Eve Davila
	4	Diane Seely
	5	Tina Turner
Feet (Socks & Slipper)	1	Diane Seely
	2	Diane Seely
Hats	1	Astrid Pollock
	2	Holly Partridge
Scarves	1	Cindi Meding
	2	Diane Seely
	3	Astrid Pollock
	4	Linda Geiger
Shawls/Knitted	1	Margaret Weinert
	2	Eve Davila
	3	Astrid Pollock
	4	Eve Davila
	5	Linda Geiger
Shawls/Woven	1	Gladys Marrero
Sweaters (Adult/Handspun)	1	Diane Seely
	2	Libby Llop
	3	Jan Delles
	4	Jan Delles
Sweaters (Adult/Comm.)	1	Tamara Kelley
	2	Val Gropp

Coats	1	Capri Garrand	Toys/Sculptures	1	Steven Donner
				2	Anna Ka
Vests	1	Tamara Kelley			
			Handspinner's Basket (I)	1	Marcia Weinert
Children's Clothing	1	Cheryl Dunn		2	Jan Delles
	2	Tamara Kelley		3	Libby Llop
	3	Adrienne Donner			
			Handspinner's Basket (II)	1	Alanna Wilcox
Domestic Textiles	1	Cheryl Tucker			
	2	Holly Partridge	Shepherd's Basket	1	Libby Llop
	3	Diane Seely			
	4	Diane Seely			

Special Awards

Award and Sponsor	Entry
Best Novelty Skein (\$25.00)—GVHG	Tina Turner
Best Spinning Technique (\$25.00)—GVHG	Wendy Caffee
Best Spindle Spun (\$25.00)—GVHG	Libby Llop
Best Handwoven Item (\$50.00)—Weaver's Guild of Rochester	Gladys Marrero
Carol Ely Award: Best Novice Skein (\$25.00)—GVHG	Holly Partridge
Helen Brown Award: Best Use of Flash & Color (\$25.00)—GVHG	Capri Garrand
Ann Senour Award: Woven Article Demonstrating Creative Use of Color (\$25.00)—SPEHA	Gladys Marrero
Best Use of New York State Wool (\$25.00)—Nistock Farms	Linda Geiger
Best Use of Natural Dye (\$25.00)—Neko Farm	Wendy Caffee
Best Chemical Hand-Dyed Yarn (\$20.00)—Cloverleaf Farms	Val Gropp
Best Skein by a Junior Spinner (\$20.00)—Joan Berner	Autumn Rose Lester
Best Handcrafted Item Using Alpaca (\$50.00)—Spirit Wind Farm and Fiber Studio	Margaret Weinert
Best Use of Goat Fiber (\$25.00)—Black North Fiber	Gladys Marrero

From the Farm Gate—Lambing 2007

Linda Geiger

Every lambing year is different. Some years are cold and some are warm. Some years it is the year of the ram lamb. It is an exciting time. Of course we all worry—about that tangled set of twins trying to come out—but most lambing runs smoothly.

For us, it was the year of the unexpected.

Bob called me at work at 10 a.m. on the morning of April 2. “Did you check the sheep this morning??” “No,” I said, “we do not expect any babies until the weekend.”

About an hour later, my son, Zach, called to ask the same question. I told him the same thing I had told Bob—no babies until this weekend.

Zach then told me that a neighbor had called to say she had seen lambs by the barn. I called Bob and he left work. I met him at home. When I got there he was walking up from the barn. We had not one lamb, but SIX! Three of our ewes had given birth. A set of triplets, twins and a single! We spent the next couple of hours putting up jugs, moving sheep around, and getting everyone settled.

Exactly two months later, on June 2, we got another surprise. Bob was in the barn and noticed this little lamb and thought she seemed small. He thought, “Hey wait a minute whose baby are *you??*” There was Claire, our ewe lamb from last year, standing in the corner looking very proud of herself. Oops!

After a January snow storm there was a drift over the fence. Plato our ram thought he would pay a visit to the girls, so he spent the afternoon with them. Bob found him with the girls at chore time. “No one is cycling,” I told him. (Wrong!)

So, you never know what surprises can happen at lambing!

Warm Extremities

Jen Adams

I know that many of you have been working diligently on items to donate for our Warm Extremities program.

My family will be at the November meeting to collect your finished items. (A BIG thank you to all who have handed us things already!!)

Remember, items of all sizes are needed—for adults and children. This year, our donations will be given to the Rochester City School District, City Recreation Department, and Clark Manor House in Canandaigua (shawls for senior citizen ladies).

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talent with those in need of some warmth.

Festival Committee Volunteer Needed—Workshop Coordinator

Phyllis Gula

We are in need of a new festival workshop coordinator. Here is a list of the seasonal responsibilities of the coordinator.

Winter/Early Spring

- Contact past and potential new instructors to have them submit a workshop proposal.
- Receive proposals and decide which to accept.
- Schedule days and times for all the workshop based on the availability of space in the workshop building.
- Compile this information and send it to the webmistress for inclusion on our web site.

Summer

- Compile and update lists of students for each class as registration forms are mailed in.
- Record payments and send checks to treasurer for deposit to our account.
- Take phone calls and e-mails from prospective students regarding the availability of classes.
- Take phone calls and e-mails from instructors inquiring about the number of students signed up for their classes.

Late Summer (after registration cut-off)

- Finalize lists of students in each class.
- Mail confirmation postcards to students.
- Notify students whose classes have been canceled due to inadequate enrollment.
- Contact instructors by e-mail or phone to confirm class sizes.

At the Festival

- Set up the workshop area with tables and signs.
- Man the information table with the help of other volunteers.
- Process late registration sign-ups.
- Provide updated lists of student names to instructors.

After the Festival

- Tally up the fees and guild percentage of fees for each class.
- Provide information to treasurer to mail checks to instructors.

Ads and Other Events



Weaving & Fiber Arts Center
 Adult and Youth Classes at Village Gate
 Weaving - Spinning - Knitting - Felting
 Dyeing - Shibori - Kumihimo - Temari
 Marbling - Papermaking
 Beading - PMC jewelry

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 Spencerport, NY

Saturday, November 10, 2007
 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Play with Yarn—Westside, 2nd Fridays, 7-9 p.m.

Elizabeth Osborn

Bring your spinning, knitting and/or crochet to the Ogden Presbyterian Church and spend some time with like-minded people. The next few meeting dates are November 9, December 14, and January 11, 2008, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Directions: 2400 S. Union Street. From 490W take the 531W exit (this leads to Union Street). The church is one long block south of 531 on Union Street on the left side, at the corner of Union Street and Ogden Center Road.

For Sale—Country Craftsman Wheel

Beth MacVittie

Includes wheel, stool, lazy kate, four bobbins, thread hook. Excellent condition. Was \$500 new, asking \$400. The Country Craftsman is no longer made.

Contact Beth MacVittie at 585-216-9905

From the 'Net:

"Here's a spinning wheel that's so smooth it almost spins by itself, looks so lovely that it's often sold just as a decorator piece, and has a price tag offering an extremely good value. The Country Craftsman, handcrafted in maple, is a reproduction of a New England 1700's flax wheel.

"The 12-spoke 24" drive wheel can be lifted out just by removing a pin, making it one of the most portable of the larger wheels available.

"This is a superior wheel for spinning medium to fine yarns. I overheard someone at a fine-spinning class telling another 'When I got my Country Craftsman, I spun better than I'd ever spun in my life!' Myself, I always feel sort of like I 'came home' when I sat down to spin at my CC."



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? _____

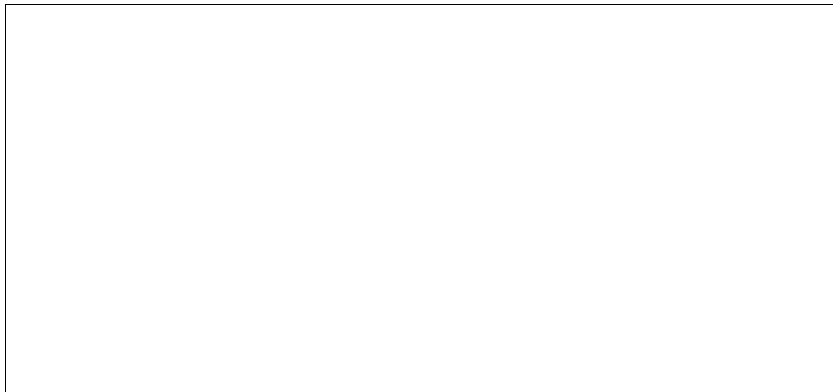
What other fiber arts or hobbies do you do? _____

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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