



**Northeast
Handspinners
Association**

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Word from the President

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had wonderful holidays and are enjoying the winter. This is prime knitting and spinning season! While you are working on your winter projects, the Vermont gathering committee has been hard at work getting ready for this fall's Gathering. They have secured some fantastic teachers and some very exciting vendors and I'm already looking forward to the weekend. I know it seems so far away, but it will be here before we know it, so make sure to mark your calendars for that weekend and plan to be there!

Keep an eye on the website too – member Jenny Bannock has come on as our new webmaster and will be making changes and updates to it to get it current. Soon all the most up-to-date Gathering information will be found there.

As many of you know, I had a baby this past September. She took a while to get here but she arrived happy and healthy at 8 lbs 11 oz on September 25th. She was born on my birthday! We named her Eloise Ferguson Francis. I am absolutely in love with her, and every day she brings more joy into my life. Although she certainly has made a dent in my knitting and spinning time! I got a new spinning wheel to celebrate her arrival (and my birthday) and while I've set it up, I haven't even had a chance to sit and try it out yet. It makes a nice addition to the living room though! I've sent Erin a couple of pictures to put in the newsletter, so you can see the new addition (the human one, not the wheel one). Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for my family during my pregnancy and the first weeks of my daughter's life, and for sharing our joy in her birth.

-Cheryl

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Join, Renew, or Give an NHA Membership

Membership entitles you to:

- * Quarterly mailing of **Spindles & Rovings** newsletter
- * Annual mailing of the Membership Directory
- * Free classified ads in the newsletter and on the website
- * Eligibility to attend **The Gathering** at the lower membership rate. (Applicable for individual and family membership categories only.)
- * Eligibility to attend the **Open House**. (Applicable for individual and family membership categories only.)
- * Voting rights. (One vote available for each family or individual membership. No voting rights for Newsletter or Group memberships.)

The membership term is from January 1st through December 31st. If you join during the year:

- * Your membership is valid until December 31st.
- * If you selected a two-year membership, your membership is valid for the remainder of the current calendar year and the full calendar year following.
- * The only exception to this policy is for members joining at or after The Gathering. These memberships are valid for the following calendar year, but you must have joined prior to The Gathering to enjoy Membership rates for that event.

See Page 9 for rates and Membership (Renewal) Application form.

NHA Members by State December 2009

States	Number of Members
MA	76
NH	59
NY	46
CT	48
VT	50
ME	44
RI	20
PA	2

344 members total!

Attention NHA Members

- 1) TIME TO CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATE. If your address label says 2009, you will not receive any more newsletters. Please have your renewal in by February 28, 2010.
- 2) If you need to have your E mail address changed or corrected, please contact Sharon: gilgal3@aol.com
- 3) If you are a vendor and want to be listed in the directory, please contact Sharon no later than February 28 2010 as well.

Memorial Membership Awarded

At the membership meeting at the open house we drew names for a 2 year memorial membership in honor of former NHA member Cliff Barnes from Ct.

Karen Cappello of Gilford NH won the membership, congratulations Karen.

Donation to Heifer International

Also at the Open House, the Southern Adirondack spinning guild offered back issues of spin off magazine for donations. \$62 was collected. It was agreed upon by the membership to add \$32 from our treasury to make it \$100 so we could buy two shares of a knitting basket from Heifer International.

NHA Open House Report

By Karen White

On Saturday, November 7, approximately 50 fiber enthusiasts came together at the Father Brogan Center in Rhinebeck, NY for the 2009 Northeast Handspinners Open House. During the initial registration period, during which participants also updated guild information for the website and made donations to Heifer International by 'purchasing' past issues of *Spin Off* magazines, we all discovered the wonders of the culinary expertise of the caterer, Great Food and Company, and the myriad delights offered by our NYS vendors. Participants were sure to find something to help them relax from the long drive, with offerings from granola and yogurt to smoked salmon and sprouts and much more in between.

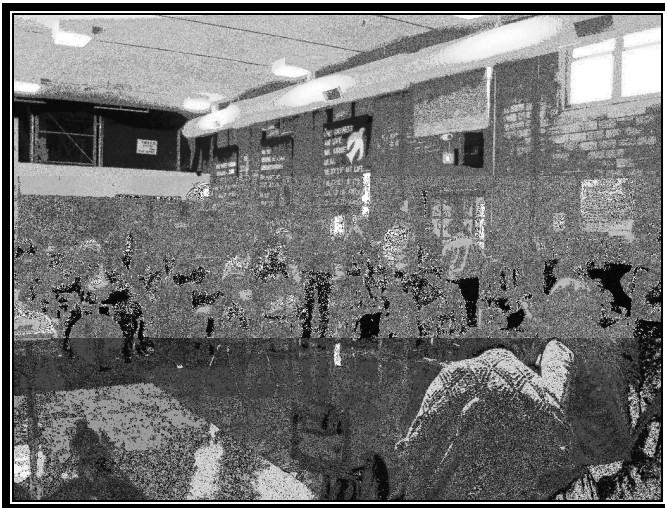
Next in the schedule of events was a presentation by Kathryn Alexander, fiber artist extraordinaire. Her reputation for unique and creative approaches to spinning, dying, weaving, and fabric/garment construction preceded her, but who knew about that whistle? She managed to quickly bring us to order with one piercing blast! Once that was accomplished, her audience was most rapt, in appreciation of her video and verbal presentation describing the long journey she has taken, the people, places, pets, and circumstances that have caused/enabled her to reach the position that she holds now as an internationally known fiber artist. Kathryn also brought a large selection of garments, demonstrating her various unique techniques of fabric construction.



After this presentation, participants were free to chat with Kathryn, renew old spinning friendships (and hopefully make new), and SHOP, SHOP, SHOP. The five

vendors brought to us wonderful and diverse options with which to expand our fiber resources. They were: Long Island Livestock Company, Sliver Moon Farm, Spinners Hill, Ice Pond Spinner, and Kathryn Alexander Designs. After that, more of the bounty provided by Great Food and Company was enjoyed (inquiries are still coming in regarding recipes for the tortellini w/ sundries tomatoes and roasted garlic and the butternut squash soup).

Kathryn's afternoon instruction period found us gathered round with our wheels happily turning out those 'energized yarns' in response to her knowledgeable and skillful guidance. Sadly, there could never be enough time in one afternoon to spin all of the required yarn and have all of our questions answered, but we were given enough information both verbally and in her hand out brochure, "Knitting With Fresh Twist Yarns" that the more adventurous could go home and continue the adventure, and the rest of us could just be happy to have been a part of it that afternoon.



With just a wee bit of time left, some folks chose to spin quietly with friends, some to grab a last bite to eat or drink to keep them for the journey home, and some rushed back to the accommodating vendors to see if that one remaining item that was on their minds all afternoon was still there.

Over all, participant response has been gratifyingly positive. We thank everyone who took part in the Open House in any capacity and want to share with you Kathryn's assessment of the group that day- the best bunch of spinners with whom she has ever worked. When asked about that later, she was quick to reiterate, saying that after spending a day with her we should know that she wouldn't have said it if it wasn't true! After spending a day with her and you, we agree. Thanking you again for your enthusiastic participation, Karen White and Maria Hughes, NYS reps.

NHA Gathering 2010 – Vermont!

The 2010 NHA Gathering, November 5, 6, & 7, 2010, will be held at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel & Conference Center at Mount Snow in (Rt. 100) West Dover, Vermont (www.mountsnow.com). Rooms/studios are reserved for \$99/night (sleep 4). Larger accommodations are available at higher rates. Also, NHA members may stay over prior to, or after the event, at the same rate. We will have access to the outdoor heated swimming pool, and hot tub, as well as the sauna. (Spa facilities are available at additional cost).

Currently, ten Mentors are scheduled to teach at the Gathering: Sara Lamb, Deb Menz, Nancy Morey, Barb Parry, Amy Tyler, and others have agreed hold classes such as: Weaving with cut pile, Combs & Hackles, Braid rugs with roving, Color blending at the wheel, Needle felting, Natural dyeing, Knitting/cutting without fear, Wire knitted jewelry, and more !

A great variety of fiber oriented learning, sensational food, fabulous vendors, fun, and more !

More information will be posted as it becomes available – please plan on attending, tell your spinning friends.

Skein Awards

Caledonia County Fair, Lyndonville, VT. Best In Show: **Laura Benjamin, Canann, VT**

Orleans County Fair, Barton, VT. Best in Show: **Bonnie Day, Lowell, VT**

Washington County (NY) Fair. Best in Show: **Devlin Kennedy, Greenwich, NY**

Washington Cty (NY) Fair, Spinning Contest, Best Handspun Skein: **Georgianna Doepper (w/ a Drop Spindle !!)**

VT Sheep & Wool Festival: **Micahel Hampton Richmond VT**

BIG E Springfield MA: **Cynthia DiDonato N. Providence RI**

A Thank You from a Skein Award Winner

Dear Northeast Handspinners Association,

Hi my name is Devlin Kennedy and I was awarded best hand spun skein of yarn at the Washington County Fair spinning bee this summer. This cash award was donated by your group and I would like to thank you for it. I have been spinning for five years on a Louet S10 wheel that I saved for and bought used. I have been in the Sheep-N-Kids 4-H for years and that is where I learned how to spin and take care of my sheep.

I am very fortunate to be able to raise my own Romney/Merino cross and Cheviots flocks for the best fleeces selected for spinning. I would like to offer your group the opportunity to buy fleeces and breeding stock at my farm. Please call for more details, we will be shearing soon and will start lambing in January 2010. I take great pride in my flock, my fleeces and spinning. I am lucky to enter skeins, fleeces and sometime sheep at Maryland, Rhinebeck, Altamont and Springfield. Maybe you can catch me there, or call me for a farm appointment.

Please continue to support 4-H Youth,
Devlin Kennedy

Editor's Note: Devlin is a teenager who is obviously working hard to continue traditions that are important to our organization. His can be reached at Ensign Brook Farm, 1930 County Route 113, Greenwich, NY 12834. Phone: 518-692-8769.

News from Our Members

Massachusetts State Rep. Update

Submitted by Marianne Hurley and Shirley Toomey

In May, there was the annual Sheepshearing Festival at Gore Place in Waltham, the Colonial Spinning Bee at the Garrison House Museum in Chelmsford, and the MA Sheep and Wool Festival which took place over the Memorial Day weekend in Cummington.

At MA Sheep & Wool, NHA MA Rep Marianne Hurley won First and Second Place ribbons in the Fine/Laceweight skein contest, and a Third Place in the Worsteds Weight skein contest. Fleeces from NHA member Barb Parry of Springdelle Farm in Shelburne won a First Place in the Colored Fine Wool Class and a Second Place in the White Longwool Class.

The Fiber Revival was held at the Spencer Pierce Little Farm in Newbury on August 15 and seems to be growing. There appeared to be more spinners this year plus weavers from the North of Boston Guild. The 8 vendors were joined by a group of alpacas from the Parker River Alpaca Farm in Byfield. Attendees could pre-register for a variety of eight classes divided into morning and afternoon sessions.

The Franklin County Fiber Twist on Sept 26 in Greenfield again featured a marketplace and demonstrations, with the addition this year of a runway fashion show featuring the Twist Collective's fall collection. Members of the Quabbin Chapter of the Association of Traditional Hooking Artists participated for the second year, offering another fiber perspective with additional vendors, exhibits, and demonstrations.

At the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) Sept 18 through Oct 4, Barb Parry's fleeces again won many honors. One of her rams won the Champion Purebred Fleece competition! Her fleeces also won Second Place in the Purebred White Finewool class and in the white Finewool Hand Spinning Fleece class. She won a Third Place in the Border Leicester class which was the BL National Show! Her fleeces also took 5, 6 & 7th places in the Handspinning Division. Well done, Barb!

Spinners and knitters in western MA can find an extensive list of places to gather arranged by county at:

<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/western-ma-ravelers>

Please contact us if there is a similar list of gathering places for central MA, eastern MA, and the Cape and Islands so we could make those resources known.

New Hampshire State Rep. Report

Submitted by Sarah Bohorquez

Fall is upon us and we are quickly headed into winter. Most people around me are resisting the change of season, yet for me winter means more time to spin and knit. A couple of weekends ago I demonstrated at my neighbor's farm for NH Open Doors. That got my wheel going again and I'm looking forward to more time for my indoor projects.

The Island Pond Spinners have been demonstrating at Strawberry Bank in Portsmouth, NH. I joined them a couple of times and it was wonderful to be in an historic environment, where spinning was once commonplace. Carol Spoerl has been organizing these spinning events and also arranged for spinners to demonstrate at the Big E in September.

The NH Spinners and Dyers Guild met in Oct for their annual Barnstead Swap. The guild is looking forward to their annual Fashion Show in February. At the fashion show, a wide array of hand spun items are humbly presented, followed by a pot luck. Fiber, friends, and food - it doesn't get much better than that!

Anyone interested in more information about the NH Spinners and Dyers Guild membership or the Fashion Show, which is usually the second Sunday in February, feel free to contact me at sheepspin@yahoo.com.

Connecticut State Rep. Update

Submitted by Lynda Chrzanowski

Rhinebeck was a wonderful place to have the open house. Kathryn Alexander was, as ever, charming and fun. Her workshop on energized yarns was interesting and informative. Her examples of the technique were inspiring. Knitting with singles took a little getting used to but when you see the surface energy you find it is well worth the effort. Kathryn uses color in such a unique way combining so many colors that just work together. The New York committee did a fabulous job of getting the workshop together. Their choices for vendors was perfect for the venue and the lunch prepared by the Culinary Institute was terrific and enjoyed by all. All in all a wonderful fall day of spinning and knitting with all our wonderful spinning companions. Kudos to the New York spinners and many thanks for a really great event.

1st Annual Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival and Spinning Bee

Submission by Karen White

Many people joined the fun at the 1st annual Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival on September 26 and 27. This event was sponsored by the Washington Co. NY Fair Assoc. and held at the fairgrounds on Rt. 29 between Greenwich and Schuylerville, NY. It showcased a wide variety of wonderful fibers, yarns, spinning, weaving, felting demonstrations and fiber producing animals. Vendors and participants alike deemed it a successful and enjoyable week-end. The second annual Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival will be held next year on September 25 and 26, 2010. General information as well as vendor rules and pricing can be found at www.washingtoncountyfair.com. Click on the sheep.

Below Submission by Joanne Steele

This was the first annual spinning bee at the Washington County Fair and I think we will have a much larger turnout next year as we had some reluctant spinners who have been spinning only briefly. Awards in the amount of \$25.00 for both children (under 18) and adults were given as supplied by the NHA. All participants received a bar of sheep's milk soap as well, supplied by the Log Cabin Farm Soap maker Mary Urbeilwicz and children were given certificates for ice cream at the 4-H leaders ice-cream booth.

The judge for this event was Carole Foster of Schuylerville, New York, and she did a fabulous job.

We had 6 participants in the adult class and 2 (boys!) in the children's class. The adult class (wheel) was won by Deborah St. Jacques from Argyle. Children's spinning was won by Devlin Kennedy of Greenwich. Devlin has his own flock of Romney and Cheviot sheep. Adult drop spindle was won by Georgianna Doepper of Argyle. Overall winner of the Adult NHA award was awarded to Georgianna Doepper of Argyle.

The adults spun a moorit Icelandic Fleece donated by Common Threads Farm of Shushan. The children spun Coopworth roving.

Everyone truly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to a larger group of participants next year.

Many thanks for making our first spinning bee such a success with your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Spinning Around at the Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival

Submitted by Norma Bromley

I jumped into the VT Sheep & Wool Festival with both feet. As a member of the VT Sheep & Goat Association, I was 'volunteered' to be in charge of the Fiber Contests. "Sure, why not,?" knowing how difficult recruiting volunteers for events can be. Also offered was a Felting contest, and Fleece competition. All 3 of the contests were enlarged to include more variety in order to educate the public about the terrific fiber world.

Initially, all that was required was to input my name and address as the contact person and updating the fee and rules for the Festival booklet. I then started to 'talk up' the Handspun Skein Contest to every area spinner I knew, hoping for a large variety of skeins and a fun competition. It became that, and more! Local spinners happily dropped skeins at my house in advance, which gave me a chance to tag and organize them as entries; did I mention that some entries were mailed to me from long distance, including Missouri? Our Festival publicity did a terrific job.

The smartest idea I had was asking a fellow spinning friend, Joan Hudson, so assist me. I explained my entry filing system to her and asked her to 'be in charge' during the Saturday morning registrations and Sunday afternoon pick-ups (neither of us realizing the publicity-induced increased interest). And luckily for Joan and I, she invited a spinning friend, Eileen Cooley, from Maine, to attend the Festival. (My ulterior motive for asking Joan to help was so I could be a vendor for the first time selling my Cashmere fiber; another story to be told....)

Imagine 3 spinners in one vehicle packed with sleeping bags, tent, food (including coffee pot, a crock pot of soup, snacks, etc.) warm clothes, entry supplies, a spinning wheel, and my sales booth of tables, sheets, lights, Cashmere fiber, and more. We had to securely tie the table, using baling twine, to the inside hooks of the vehicle. It was so tight inside I don't think anything could have shifted anyway.

We arrived in Tunbridge, VT Friday morning and settled in. Joan and Eileen immediately began organizing the contest display area, then went on to set up our tent and sleeping arrangements. Did I mention that both of these ladies are 70 years +? Very impressive. While they were busily organizing, I hung sheets and Christmas lights over the walls of the cow box stall which was to become my sales booth.

Saturday morning brought fiber entrants to the Floral Hall, and of course, in bunches. Some didn't have entry forms, or pens. Joan and Eileen patiently got everyone registered (alphabetically), and all entries on display. There were 7 categories of handspun yarn, 8 fleece classes, and a felting contest. The handspun yarn contest

had a total of 39 entries, the most ever at the Festival! The quality of the skeins was wonderful, as well as colors, variety, etc. The judges were very favorably impressed (our judges were from Green Mountain Spinners, Putney, VT – thank you very much). The felting and fleece entry numbers were increased also.

The public came into Floral Hall steadily on Saturday and Sunday, enjoying the great fiber contest display, generating lots of questions and favorable comments regarding the endless fiber possibilities. The attending vendors generously donated fabulous prizes so that all winning entries received a ribbon and reward.

Sunday afternoon led to the entrants' pick-up crush to retrieve their fiber, possibly a prize, and get checked off in the filing system. A little crazy and chaotic, but everyone managed to receive their own entries! Thank you again, Joan and Eileen. (Hey, I was taking down my booth; packing up in a concise manner while thinking of the tight ride home because Joan and Eileen had more shopping

time at the Festival than I did). And we did fine sleeping in the tent.

I enjoyed the 'up close' exposure to all of the fiber entries, happy that we got so many, and amazed at the quality of fiber product; keep up the good work!

I also enjoyed the new location and date of the VT Sheep & Wool Festival at the Tunbridge World Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT on the first weekend in October. It has been decided that the event will be there again in October 2010. The selection and quantity of vendors was wonderful, the food was delicious (my personal favorite was the Maple sundae of Maple ice cream with hot Maple syrup on top), and the location was fantastic. The Festival committee is already meeting to make next year's Fiber Festival bigger and better so I encourage everyone to come in 2010; only 1 month before the NHA Gathering at Mount Snow, VT !! And, the Eastern Cashmere Goat Association is working to have their Cashmere Goat Show at Tunbridge, VT during the Festival.

NHA Board Meeting Minutes, November 7, 2009

Attendance: Norma Bromley, Linda Olmsted, Karen White, Cheryl McCarthy, Ellen Gunther Rodzen, Lynda Chryanowski, Maryann Nowakowski, Sharon Smith, Maria Hughes, Shirley Toomey, Joan Hudson, Marie DeRoy.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Cheryl McCarthy at 11:20 a.m.

- Secretary's report of March 28, 2009 was read; motioned to accept & seconded.
- Treasurer's report was read; ending cash balance was \$16,969.29 as of Oct. 31, 2009. Motioned to accept & seconded.
- Membership report noted 337 members, 37 of them are new members this year.
- Newsletter report stated that some members didn't receive their newsletters; new USPS regulations concerning proper securing of folded newsletters will be researched.
- Website: NHA website has not been updated for over 1 year. Maria Hughes will attempt to contact Melissa Bishop (former webmaster) for previous password information. Maryann N. will contact a former member to possibly become webmaster if current webmaster doesn't continue. Also, investigating the possibility of starting a totally new NHA website will be looked into by Jenny Bannock, who was hired as the new webmaster. Linda O. has NHA emails from her presidency which may have password information and will look into.

State Reports:

- Due to time constraints of the meeting, Norma requested that state representatives email information to her for reporting purposes in the newsletter.
- Maine needs new rep. due to Barbara Marran's resignation.
- CT reps., Ellen & Lynda, stated they would like to resign next year.
- Rhode Island will host the NHA Open House in 2011.

Old Business:

- Additional NHA banners for each state and cost; still open (Cheryl McCarthy & Kelly Rota).
- NHA participation report will have 'skein award' removed. Motioned & seconded.
- Grant requests will only be discussed at NHA Board meetings. Therefore, grant applications must be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the Board meeting. Guideline #4 will be amended to read: "Applications must be submitted via USPS or email to NHA vice president a minimum of 60 days prior to an NHA Board meeting." Motioned & seconded.
- Filing of 501 (C)(3) for NHA to legally be a 'not for profit' organization; still open (Cheryl Francis)
- NHA 2010 Gathering will be held at Mount Snow, West Dover, Vermont on Nov. 5, 6, & 7, 2010. (see update in newsletter).

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

About Our Organization

The Northeast Handspinners Association (NHA) is a pan-New England organization (serving Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and New York) for the promotion and education of the art and craft of handspinning.

NHA provides a communications network for individuals and groups, and gives handspinners the opportunity to share, learn, educate, compete, and cooperate on a regional basis. NHA sponsors and supports events to bring spinners from the Northeastern states together, including workshops, open houses, skein contests, grants to guilds and fairs, and scholarships.

Our quarterly newsletter, Spindles & Rovings, is our members' source of information on upcoming events, spinning tips, articles and reports on what the NHA, guilds, and groups are doing throughout the Northeast. The Gathering, a biennial weekend spinning retreat that features the best in spinning classes with respected teachers from all over the US and Canada, is held in even years. A biennial, one-day spinning Open House is held in odd years. Venues for both events move around the Northeast.

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Calendar Events

Maine:

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Maine Spinner's Registry Roc Day celebration, Mt. Vernon, ME.

February 26-28, 2010

NETA (New England Textile Arts) Spa, Knit and Spin 2010, will be in Freeport.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NewEnglandTextileArts/>

April 17

Denmark Sheep Fest, Denmark Arts Center, Denmark, ME
<http://www.denmarksheepfest.com/>

Massachusetts:

January 16-18:

Fiber Fest Winter Escape Weekend, Weston, MA
http://woolpackyarn.com/Jan_event.pdf

March 27

Woolapalooza! MA Audubon's Drumlin Farm, Lincoln, MA
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Drumlin_Farm/news.php?id=1169&event=no

April 24

Gore Place Sheep Shearing Festival, Waltham, MA
<http://www.goreplace.org/sheepshearing.htm>

New York:

April 24-25

Washington County Fiber Tour
<http://www.washingtoncountyfibertour.org/>

Rhode Island:

January 22-24

The Community Guild Studios at Slater Mill 2nd Annual Knitting Weekend. Details at:
<http://www.slatermill.org/event/146>

Connecticut

April 25

Connecticut Sheep and Wool, Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon, CT
<http://ctsheep.com>

Vermont:

February 6

Pope Library, Danville, VT
Cost \$25

Homeopathy in the Barn: A workshop on homeopathy's principles and theories, some of the more common remedies and resources, and learning how to repertorize a case (connecting symptoms to remedies).

The instructor, Bay Hammond has been using homeopathy for 20 years.

If interested, please contact ASAP: Norma Bromley, 3069 Schoolhouse Road, Newark, VT 05871, (802)467-3222, or boreas25@localnet.com

March 11-14

Mindful Knitting Retreat, Greensboro, VT

<http://www.tarahandknitting.com/MindfulKtgRetreat/MindfulKnittingRetreat.htm>

Newsletter Submissions and Deadlines

Please keep in mind this newsletter when you plan an event, or attend one. Submissions from our members help to keep this a lively and informative resource for us all.

February 1st is the deadline for the March 2010 issue.

May 1st is the deadline for the June 2010 issue.

All submissions should be submitted to the editor, Erin Michaud, email: pumpkinmama@gmail.com

Are You From Maine?

WANTED:

NHA needs a new Maine State Representative. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact President Cheryl Francis at cherylefrancis@yahoo.com

Knit-Ins/Spin-Ins

- **New Hampshire** : This relatively new group gathers the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 for a 7:00 meeting at the Unitarian Church on South Main Street in Concord, NH. (across from the Elegant Ewe)
- **Massachusetts**: The Newburyport Spinning Group the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 9, welcoming newbies and experts alike. For more info, email julia@farwellclay.com, or Kathy Withington at tkwithy@comcast.net
- **New Hampshire**: Island Pond Spinners meet bi-weekly on Fridays and spontaneously (otherwise) in Hampstead. For schedule and more information, contact Nancy McMullen: nanjmc@gmail.com.
- **Vermont**: Old Stone House Knitters, a TKGa affiliated guild, is located at the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. We meet the 1st Sunday of the month, from May to October, 1 – 4 p.m. Every month there is a new workshop/knitting technique with a challenge project for the following month, or just come and knit, visit, learn; beginners welcome! www.lowellmountainwools.com, 802-744-6440
- **Vermont**: Old Stone House Spinners meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from May to October, 1 - 4 p.m. Call Joan at 802-754-2713 for more information.
- **Vermont**: Check out the class and happenings schedules at www.margiesmuse.com for things happening in the Jamaica area.
- **Vermont**: The spin-ins are on the first Sunday and first Thursday of the month at Six Loose Ladies, 7 Depot Street, Proctorsville, Vermont. Sunday spin-ins are from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday spin-ins are from 5-9 p.m. Six Loose Ladies is a fiber retail establishment run by volunteers who are members of Fiber Arts in Vermont, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the fiber arts in Vermont.

Does your guild or spinning group have regular meeting times? Are you interested in welcoming new spinners/knitters? If so, please contact the editor (pumpkinmama@gmail.com) to have your meeting information posted here in future newsletters.

Does your guild or group host special events or one time Knit-Ins or Spin-Ins? To provide information about events that are open to the public, contact the editor.

Classified Ads

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CASHMERE FIBER FOR SALE:

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100% Cashmere 2 ply laceweight yarn (150 or 195 yd/25 gram skein) \$35.00 100% Cashmere roving \$20.00/oz. Also, 50/50 Cashmere/Silk 2 ply laceweight yarn (185 or 220 yd/25 gram skein) \$25.00 50/50 Cashmere/Silk roving \$15.00/oz. Plus Shipping. The 100% Cashmere fiber is natural, light brown. All of the fiber is from my Cashmere Goats and 2 other nearby farms, and processed (washed, dehaired, combed, etc.) at Still River Mill in CT. Contact Norma Bromley, 802-467-3222, boreas25@localnet.com

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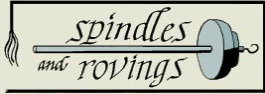
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- Quarterly mailing of Spindles & Rovings newsletter
- Annual mailing of Membership Directory
- Free classified ads in the newsletter and on the website
- Eligibility to attend The Gathering at the lower membership rate ^{1,2}
- Eligibility to attend the Open House ^{1,2}
- Voting rights³

	One Year Membership	Two Year Membership
Individual	\$15	\$25
Family	\$20	\$35
Newsletter/Group ⁴	\$10	\$20

- ¹ Applicable for individual and family members only.
- ² If you join during an event, you are not entitled to membership rates for that event. You must have joined prior to that event for membership rates.
- ³ One vote available for each family or individual membership. No voting rights for Newsletter or Group memberships.
- ⁴ For individuals or groups who simply wish to be affiliated with NHA.

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 Subject: Handspinners

Membership in the Northeast Handspinners' Association starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

Anyone joining during the year is a member for that year only. A 2 year membership is for the remainder of the year of the subscription and for the following year – January 1st to December 31st.

The only exception to this policy is for a person joining at or after The Gathering in

November. That membership would be for the following year.

NHA sends out 4 newsletters per year and one Membership directory. It is the intent that the newsletters will be delivered by mid to end of March, June, September and December.

To receive all 4 newsletters, membership must be sent in before February 15th.

The Directory will be a Spring mailing, and to be included in the directory, member and/or vendor information must be received by March 15th.

Membership dues are to be sent directly to Farilyn.



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Help plan an event? _____

Write for the newsletter? _____

Please make checks payable to Northeast Handspinners Association or NHA. Send the completed form to: Sharon Smith, NHA Membership Chair, PO Box 743, North Kingston, RI 02892