



Northeast Handspinners Association

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Word from the President

President's message

Wow! What an Open House. Thanks so much to Rudy and Lin and their committee for such a great job. Despite the rain on Saturday there was a wonderful turnout for the ME Open House. The food, workshops, vendors, speaker, and fellow spinners were awesome. Are you ready for the Gathering 2008

We had a short board meeting before the Open House and it was decided that quarterly meetings were not necessary. The spring board meeting will be held March 29 in Brattleboro VT. As always any member is welcome to attend. See website for further information.

A nominating committee will soon be formed so please consider your role in NHA when asked to be a volunteer on the board. Also our NYS reps Jan and Karen have been working on clarifying our scholarship, grant and awards guidelines. Watch for our updated information on the website. **There is also a "members only" section for the newsletter. The user name is "fuzzy" and the password is "wuzzy". Remember that this is a member benefit.**

If you are looking at our new and updated website and you want to have an event posted or your spinning group listed, use the email listed, or send to me and I will forward it to Melissa.

I apologize for the missing December newsletter. Please check the website for updated information and don't forget to renew your membership so you won't miss out on the upcoming 2008 Gathering. It is going to be an event not to be missed. Please join me in welcoming Julia Farwell-Clay as our new newsletter editor.

Happy spinning,
Linda Olmstead

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Thank you , Reps!

The NHA Board would like to thank Bill Mutschler for stepping in as a VT representative. We know that it was a difficult time for you and appreciate your input and support. With the Gathering 2010 being in Vermont we will anticipate your remaining an active member and NHA supporter! Thanks again.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Barbara Marran who will join Rudy as a Maine representative, and Joan Hudson who will complete Bill's term as Vermont representative. Thank you both for volunteering for these positions

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 February, 2008 - 158 members

States	Number of Members
MA	24
NH	38
NY	26
CT	15
VT	17
ME	26
RI	11
NJ	1

Attention NHA Members

- 1) Check your Spindles and Roving address label. If after your name is 08 or higher, your dues are paid and you will be in the directory, and you will receive the next Newsletter and the information for the '08 Gathering!! If not you will be off the list.
- 2) If you need to have your E mail address changed or corrected, please contact me: Farilyn@aol.com
- 3) If you are a vendor and want to be listed in the directory, I need the information before March 31, 2008

Call for News About SPA

The New England Textile Arts, aka, “the group that isn’t”, held their 6th annual Spin and Spa retreat the weekend of February 22nd to 24th, moving the ever-growing event from Portland, Maine, up the interstate to the town of Freeport. As of this writing, we are only dreaming of the weekend to come, but I promise there will be news of what actually happened in the June newsletter. If you have a good Spa story, even a little one, or would like to try and wrap words around the whole weekend, please submit to julia@farwellclay.com.

Gathering 2008 Update

Hello Everyone from the Gathering Committee.
As most of you are aware from previous reports

Gathering 2008 will be held at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel in Wakefield MA on November 7,8&9. We have secured the price of \$99 per night for up to 2 people in a room and we also have the option of having up to 4 in a room for \$119 per night. If you are budget conscious it might be time to start talking to your friends and lining up roommates.

We have 10 separate classrooms, a large vendor room, and a large room for our spin-in all conveniently located next to each other in the same building. We plan to hire 11 mentors. So far committed to us are: Carol Rhodes, Myrna Stalman, Jenny Bakriges, Norman Kennedy, Rose Ann Hunter, Margaret Russell, Libby Sheen, Leslie Wind and Mandy Frazier.

We plan to mail the brochures to current members by June 1st so make sure your membership is up to date to have first pick of classes and receive the members rate for classes. Anyone becoming a member after May 1st will have to pay the non-member rate. Any questions about your membership should be directed to Farilyn at farilyn@aol.com

Barb Parry of Fox Fire Designs is in charge of purchasing the fibers for our fiber challenge.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Cheryl McCarthy
Chair of the Gathering 2008
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Membership News

Memorial Memberships Awarded

2 year memorial memberships have been awarded to Carol Farmer from Montgomery VT and Meggie Bowling from Byfield, MA. These two memberships were given in honor of Carol January, past NHA treasurer and member, and Deb Pulliam, past Gathering mentor and NHA member. These memberships are given at the annual meeting in honor of past members and are from a full membership random drawing. If you know of an NHA member that should be remembered contact Linda Olmsted at lilmsted@comcast.net

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Food for Spinning Get-Togethers

It's no accident that spinners are often good cooks. Whenever I go to a spin-in, I am amazed by the food and the imagination people bring to their recipes. There are many versions of pumpkin bread out there, but this one remains my favorite. In the form of muffins, they are almost crumb-free snacks for spinners, but made as bread, they'll take you only about ten minutes to get into the oven. If you have a favorite recipe for spin-ins, send it along to julia@farwellclay.com.

Pumpkin Muffins or Bread

In a bowl, whisk or sift together:

3 cups flour, whole wheat may be substituted for half

1 ¼ cups sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. baking soda

Separately, mix: 1 cup canola oil

4 eggs

2 cups (1 can) prepared pumpkin

2/3 cup water

Add flour to wet ingredients in two batches until thoroughly blended.

Bake at 350 degrees until tester comes out clean: 30 minutes for muffins, 40 for bread.

News from Our Members

“Spinning Around” the Cashmere World:

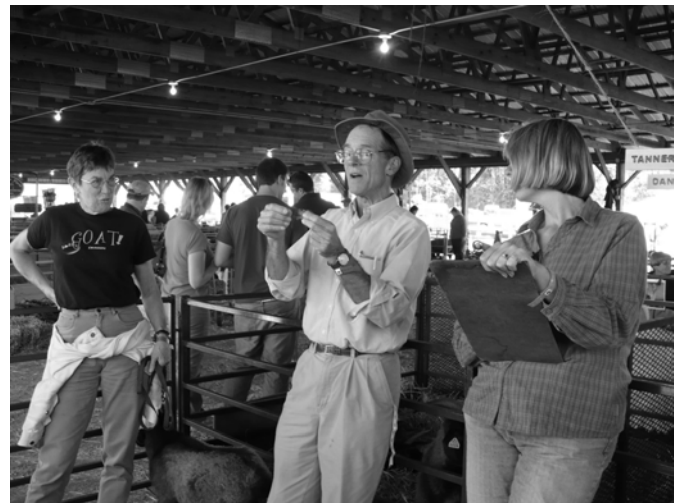
My first Time at Rhinebeck’s Goat Show Norma Bromley, Newark, VT

I’m a new Cashmere Goat owner, having retired from the corporate world in the Fall of ’06 to permanently moved north, purchased nine Cashmere Goats Summer ’07, and decided to learn ‘hands-on’ after compiling researching about these ruminants. So upon learning of the Eastern Cashmere Association hosting a Cashmere Goat Show at the New York Sheep & Wool Festival, in Rhinebeck, NY, my husband and I took a long weekend to attend. Oh, this goat show was great !

I confess as a spinner for many years, I have purchased most of my fiber from local vendors and events, and have never run out of spinning material, so my usual reply to fellow spinners’ disbelief that I had never attended the major two “FIBER MECCA”s (namely Rhinebeck and Maryland), was that I preferred buying locally and had an embarrassingly high inventory stashed in my home. I didn’t feel deprived of any fiber type or tool; I hadn’t felt any need or desire to travel or stay overnight for fiber when I knew my trusty local suppliers had all that I already required!

We traveled with Shirley Richardson & Michael Smith, from Tannery Farm Cashmeres, in Danville, VT, who were showing two of their goats in the show. We arrived on Friday, a day early to set up. This meant locating a tool to break the metal band holding the stacks of livestock pen walls, assembling the pens, putting in bedding, etc. Most of the goat owners arrived on Friday in order to prepare for the show on Saturday, so I was able to peruse the variety of Cashmere Goats. And what a variety it was! Sizes ranged from 175 pounds + adults (bucks) to 50 pound kids. The color spectrum was sparkling white to old silver to pure black to multi. There were kids, does, and bucks (the bucks were housed in a separate tent; yes, some had the ‘billy goat’ aroma). The variety of owners was noteworthy also: a single woman (5 foot, 100 pounds) with a corporate banking career, a former state legislator, an emergency room doctor, a couple of psychologists, a school administrator, and others. They traveled with their goats from NY, PA, VT, MA, NH, ME, CT, & NJ to participate.

The Cashmere fiber judging was performed on the ‘packaged fleece’ taken from the goat in the spring. A Cashmere Goat produces an average of 4 ounces of fiber a year. That’s not a misprint. A Cashmere fleece fits in a two gallon zip lock bag which sure makes



transporting easier! The Cashmere Goat judging was very thorough and helpful for both experienced owners and newcomers due to the detailed feedback form the judge filled out for every fleece. It was truly a learning event.

Thank goodness I didn’t bring goats this time; I was too busy! During the two day event (yes, both the goat show and the fiber festival), I helped set up/take down the livestock area, met all the Cashmere Goat owners – and all their goats -- got through the fiber vendor buildings both days – making special note of the Cashmere fiber offerings -- and assisted the Cashmere Goat judge, Wes Ackley (from Maine) during the Cashmere fiber judging and the animal judging (obviously not the entire time due to my multi purpose perusing). It was a fiber frenzy and I loved it! Luckily, my husband Ron, was content to sit in a comfy deck chair at the animal pens, answer questions about Cashmere Goats, lend a hand to goat owners who needed someone to hold a leashed goat for a few moments, and walk around the Fiber Fest with me occasionally as I ‘fiber fondled’. Oops, another confession – I finally had the courage to spin one of those fabulous Golding triple flyer spinning wheels . . . ah, ecstasy!

The October weather was extremely comfortable for fiber fanatics and animal owners alike, drawing over 10,000 people on Saturday. The event was very busy, but the area was big enough to accommodate the crowd; I was impressed with the entire event.

Saint Distaff's Day Field Reporter, Westford, MA

On January 9, Saint Distaff's Day was celebrated in several locations under the Northeast Handspinner's jurisdiction. But I went myself to Westford, Massachusetts, where Penny Lacroix, who teaches spinning at the Textile History Museum in Lowell, hosted about twenty spinners at what has become an annual event at the Westford Historical Society. Penny spun a commercially prepared alpaca silk top on her picturesque great wheel (for which Penny apologized, but this spinner saw no reason because the preparation was flawless, as was the single), and several new spinners brought wheels or sat down for the first time at others. There was much interest in the circular sock knitting machine that Barbara Clorite Ventura brought for "cranking" as making socks on a CSM is called, another vigorous comparison of the portability and flexibility of the Louet Victoria and the Ashford Joy that had been brought along by their spinners for the day, and of the prettiness of Kelly Rota's new Schacht Ladybug. Kelly is especially fond of how the wheel looks in her red accessorized kitchen, so she fits a lot of

spinning in because it is always underfoot, as it were. Carole Spoerl tested her famously speedy hand on an accelerated Rose, and attendees took time out for snacks, to wander among the artifacts on display in the museum, and to venture upstairs to view the exhibit of the many marvelous weavings by the resident guild.



An Afghan of Healing Lisa Westervelt, Cummington, MA

Greetings Fiber Lovers and Spinners alike. I'm a member of two spinning guilds in Western Massachusetts. I look forward to the times I can make our meetings. They've developed into a threading, or shall I say, "Spinning" of a story of which I'm a part. All the characters are seasoning and adding flavor to a blooming cast of unique friends. Each of us contributes style, creativity and a sense of adventure as we sit in our circle and spin yards and pounds of yarn. Sometimes there are many chapters being written at the same time with excitement and intensity. While other times there is only one focused conversation on one members' present goings on.

At this past meeting at the Roving Spinners meeting, we gathered to share and focus on one member. You see: she is having serious health issues. Our coming together this week was to finish a special afghan project we've had going on for just about one and a half years. Seems like only a few months though. This afghan was a round-robin effort made only from our handspun yarns and only from natural colored wools and fibers. The only constant was the number of stitches, 200, to be exact. Each section was unique in not only the wool, but in the stitches knitted.



We didn't start this afghan with a plan for gifting it to any one in particular. It just seemed "right" to offer it as a token of our loving and healing to one of our own, turning it into a Comfort Shawl of large proportion. It was well received by our Spinning Sister and now we all feel connected even deeper. It wasn't our first afghan, and you know, it won't be our last. We start a new afghan at our next meeting.

Wildest Dreams Kathy Withington, *Newburyport*

It all started with a field trip with my then 8-year old daughter's class to Parker River Alpaca Farm in Byfield, MA. At the end of the field trip, I inquired of the owner (Dave Sanderson), if he boarded alpacas at his farm. It was the beginning of the realization of a dream. Within weeks, my husband, daughter, and I were well on our way to buying our first alpacas and making arrangements for them to live at Parker River Alpaca Farm. (We have the tiniest backyard, and couldn't wait to start my alpaca dream!).

Dave and his wife, Liv, also own a construction company, and have been alpaca farmers for about 7 years, but hadn't *really* been exposed to the fiber fanatics' groove. I was only happy to bring them around.

I had been knitting for over a dozen years and had been spinning for about 2 years. While Dave makes custom felt hats (think Clint Eastwood/Spaghetti westerns), has lots of great tools (an electric carder, an electric spinner, 5-pitch indigo hound combs, and more), and a very few local hand-spinning customers, he did not know about *us*, my ever expanding network of western New England fiber fanatics.



The joining of our two families had an explosive effect... we had so much to share with each other. Oh, the things we could do... process fiber, share skills, spin and knit, dye fiber, and on.... Soon, we started talking about a spin-in at the farm. How cool would it be to spin out in the field with alpacas milling around?

On a lovely, warm day in September 2006, about 30 spinners arrived. We basked in the sun, spun, ate, knitted, petted alpacas, caressed alpaca fleeces, chatted, laughed and had an all-around great time!

While alpacas are shy, they are also extremely curious. Up they would sneak behind an unsuspecting spinner, sniff her hair and check out what she was doing (or eating!). One of the funniest pictures of the day was the alpacas all lined up near the port-a-potty. It looked like they were waiting in line!

The farm has a good-sized Quonset-hut-type greenhouse. Too warm in the summer, but oh (we thought) what about mid-winter? We could just imagine, while the farm was blanketed in snow, popping into a warm, luscious, bright, green grass-carpeted haven. (Dave and Liz stage family croquet games in the greenhouse on Thanksgiving and Christmas.) We did try spinning in the greenhouse this past November and December. The first time was too cold once the sun went down. The second time was a bit better, as we procured a patio heater, but the wind sucked most of the heat out of the greenhouse. We remain undaunted! The intrepid winter spinners will continue to iron out the bugs. We have faith that next winter will bring more improvements... maybe we'll have palm trees!

Spin-ins are posted about a month in advance on Parker River Alpaca Farm's website: www.pralpacas.com.

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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 and News from Our State Reps

Connecticut:

April 26

Connecticut Sheep Wool & Fiber Festival, Tolland
<http://www.ctsheep.org>

Maine:

April 4 & 5

Our own Rudy Annan will be teaching a two day workshop "Intensive Beginning Spinning" at Halcyon Yarn, Bath

April 12 & 13

Springtide Farm Cashmere Goat Workshops, Bremen
www.springtidefarm.com

April 19

Denmark Sheepfest , Denmark Arts Center, 50 W. Main Street, Denmark.

Sheep shearing, fleece sales, vendors, demonstrations and instruction, fiber

animals and fun.

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April 26

Maine Spinner's Registry Annual Meeting, Fairfield.

June 7 & 8

8th Annual Maine Fiber Frolic, Windsor.

Fleece/Fiber Sale; Sheep Dog Demonstration; Workshops; Used Equipment Marketplace; Vendors; Wool Pool

www.fiberfrolic.com

June 20-21-22

2008 Pleasant Mountain Fiber Arts Weekend, Denmark Arts Center, Denmark.

www.pleasantmtfiber.com

August 3-4

Maine Fiber Arts Tour and Open Studios

Massachusetts:

April 26

Gore Place Sheep Shearing, Waltham
www.goreplace.org/sheepshearing.htm

May 8

Colonial Spinning Bee, Old Garrison House, Chelmsford
The Colonial Spinning Bee mixes historic themes with the modern to make a fun afternoon. This year we will feature a "Stash Reduction Market". Bring the fiber you won't be needing and trade or sell it for other spinners' stash. There will be a pot-luck picnic before the event for participants, starting around 11:30. This will give us all a chance to enjoy a meal together before the start of the event. Just bring a food item to share to join in. The Bee runs from 1 to 5.

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

May 24 & 25

34th Annual Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair, Cummington.
www.masheepwool.org/

August 16

Fiber Revival, Spencer Pierce Little Farm, Newbury

November 7,8,9

Gathering, Sheraton Colonial Hotel, Wakefield

New Hampshire:

March 8

Spin-in to commemorate The Daughters of Liberty 12-5pm, The Meeting House, Hampstead
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May 10 & 11

New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival, Contoocook.
www.nhswga.com

July 25-27

Knit and Crochet Show, Manchester

New York:

June 16 & 17

Jefferson County Sheep & Wool Festival, Orleans.

Rhode Island:

March 15

Skirting Demonstration at Peckham Farm, 9-11 AM on Rt. 138 just west of the University of RI ☐

May 10 Sheep shearing Day at Watson Farm, 12-4 PM, on Jamestown Island (www.historicnewengland.org) ☐

May 17

Rhode Island Wool and Fiber Festival, at Coggeshall Farm, 9-4, Bristol.
www.coggeshallfarm.org

June 14

Tapestry weaving demonstration at the Rhode Island Spinning Guild meeting at the Summit Historical Society ☐
(We are also hoping to organize a dye day this summer: stay tuned)

Vermont:

May 17

Jamaica Fiber Festival, Jamaica Village, near Stratton Mountain.
www.jamaicafiberfestival.org

Note from the Editor

I always feel a little borrowed glow when I spin with our Massachusetts state representative and this year's Gathering coordinator Cheryl McCarthy, prolific spinner and doer of things that she is. I am smitten by her many accomplishments. So I was a sitting duck when she suggested that I could take on the newsletter while Marianne tends to her mother and a life too full of such responsibilities. But honestly, I am delighted to participate in such a vital organization and hope to bring to the newsletter some fun and enthusiasm. But this is my "first yarn." I never tried using all the menus in a word processing program before, and I keep find out that I've invented my own elaborate and time consuming way to do something for which the program has a built in button. For the time being, please forgive me the burps in my learning curve as I send you out better and more "finely spun" newsletters.

There's room for lots of bits and pieces here. If you're anything like me, your spinning and fiber work touches

and is touched by so many parts of your life. Make note of that, and send me news; the new wheel; an old one rediscovered; the accidental fleece; the finished project that is a triumph over time and entropy. If writing seems tough, but you have something to say, email me: I'll be your ghost-writer. Do you know someone with an interesting story, or technique, or someone in the fiber world we'd all love to hear about? Send me their contact information and I'll do the rest. Remember it's only a newsletter if there's news! Send your rants and raves, stories, book reviews, recipes, and requests to me julia@farwellclay.com.

Next Deadline: May 18 for June issue.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Julia Farwell-Clay

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: A Loom With a View in Newburyport** hosts the Newburyport Spinning Group the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 9, welcoming newbies and experts alike. For more info, call Betsy at 978 463 9276, or Kathy Withington tkwithy@comcast.net
- **New Hampshire**: Island Pond Spinners meet bi-weekly on Fridays and spontaneously (otherwise) in Hampstead, often at the Island Pond Baptist Church. 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 2nd Saturday of the month, from March 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**: Check out the class and happenings schedules at www.margiesmuse.com for things happening in the Jamaica area.

Does your guild or spinning group have regular meeting times? Are you interested in welcoming new spinners/knitters? If so, please contact the editor 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

Spinning and Weaving Equipment for Sale.

- Gandhi Charkha Spinning Wheel (still in working condition).
- Spindle Spinning Wheel made by Fricke Enterprises, hand crank spindle spinning wheel. Ten years old, perfect working condition.
- Antique Castle Spinning Wheel in working condition, single drive, dark walnut finish.
- Kromski Polonaise Spinning Wheel; 4 Years old, like new condition, double drive with high speed flyer, light walnut finish. Comes with Lazy Kate and three spindles.
- Macomber Ad-a-Harness Floor Loom; Model #350. Four Feet tall, by five feet wide. Floor loom for up to 45 inch fabric or projects. Six years old, like new condition, light walnut finish. Has four harnesses, can fit up to ten. With matching bench.
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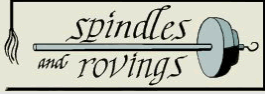
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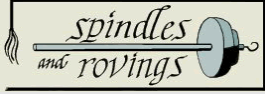
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Membership in NHA

Membership entitles you to:

- 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.



Membership (Renewal) Application

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Would you like to serve on a committee? _____

Help plan an event? _____

Write for the newsletter? _____

Please send the completed form to: Farilyn Van Cleef, NHA Membership Chair, 42 Larson Dr, North Haven, CT 06473