



**Northeast  
Handspinners  
Association**

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## Word from the President

Hello Everyone! Hard to believe fall is right around the corner, since it seems like summer just arrived here in the Northeast! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Fiber Revival in August, in Newbury, MA. It's good to see that our enthusiasm for fiber arts doesn't wane with the summer heat.

Be sure to look through this newsletter carefully, so you don't miss the details on this year's Open House. Sadly, I won't be able to make it, as I'm expecting a baby due in September. Cheryl McCarthy will be there filling in for me though, and it looks like it will be a wonderful time. I'm sorry to miss it.

Do make sure you take plenty of pictures and write up a little something about the day to send in for the newsletter, so those of us who can't be there can live vicariously through you!

Enjoy what's left of the summer, before you know it we'll be putting away the cotton yarns and pulling out the mittens and hats.

Cheryl

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### **Skein Awards,**

New Hampshire Sheep and Wool: Judy Gauthier, Hudson, NH New

Jamaica (VT) Fiber Festival: Alison Schantz, Windham, VT

Foster Old Home Days: Cindy DiDonato, North Providence, RI

Kudos to NH State Representative Kelly Rota, whose Handspun "Wild Side Quant" Headband Appeared in the Summer 2009 Issue of Spin Off Magazine (pg 88)!!

## 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 August 2009

States	Number of Members
MA	76
NH	58
NY	35
CT	47
VT	47
ME	42
RI	20
PA	2

**327 members total!**

### Attention NHA Members

- 1) No need to check your address label this month – as mentioned in the president's letter, everyone gets a grace year.
- 2) If you need to have your E mail address changed or corrected, please contact Sharon: [gilgal3@aol.com](mailto:gilgal3@aol.com)
- 3) If you are a vendor and want to be listed in the directory, please contact Sharon as well.

## 2010 Gathering Update

By Norma Bromley, Vermont

The Vermont committee for the 2010 NHA Gathering has been busy ! The event will be held in Southern Vermont at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel & Conference Center at Mount Snow, Rt. 100, West Dover, VT ([www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com)) which is very convenient to all of New England. The hotel accommodations are very nice and plentiful, lots of parking, the food is delicious, (an outdoor heated swimming pool, hot tubs, & sauna included) and lots of conference rooms for classes.

Mentors will include Sara Lamb from California, Deb Menz from Wisconsin, Letty Klein and Amy Tyler from Michigan, as well as some New England area instructors. Class topics range from weaving, needle felting, wire knitting, combs, dyeing, etc. The variety of choices should have something everyone will enjoy.

We're still working out other details and will keep NHA members informed. Plan on attending a great fiber Gathering in beautiful Southern Vermont in November 2010 !!

## NHA Open House Mentor, Kathryn Alexander

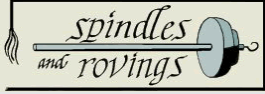
Kathryn is an internationally known textile artist - a spinner, weaver, dyer and knitter whose work is characterized by an abundance of color, richly textured surfaces, and whimsical designs. She and her work have been featured in several magazines, including *Fiberarts*, *Surface Design*, *Ornament*, *Spin Off*, and *Knits*, and in a number of books, including *Knitting in America*, *Fiberarts Design Book 7*, *Memory on Cloth*, *Design!*, and *Knitting Memories*. When not spinning, weaving, dyeing and knitting (or traveling the country teaching the same), Kathryn can be found working in her flower and vegetable gardens or riding/driving her horses through the fields and woods that surround her small farm in upstate New York. Go to [www.Kathrynalexander.net](http://www.Kathrynalexander.net) for more.

In the Summer 2001 issue of *Fiberarts* magazine, Nell Znamierowski reviewed an exhibition of Kathryn's works entitled *Color and Energy*. She says: "She (Kathryn) has developed ... 'overenergized' yarns. Her technique involves not only controlling the amount of twist or turns per inch and the direction of the twist in a yarn, but also not finishing the yarn so that it has a chance to do what it wants given enough space. Her absolute control at the spinning wheel enables her to fashion a yarn for a specifically designed texture. In the knitted pieces, this works with the stitch to form an even more complex surface. In the wovens, she achieves what she has termed a 'collapse structure' that is the basis of the open, airy look. Alexander's control also extends to her colors, which are all hand dyed. This is a formidable task when her typical garment of fiber art construction uses about 70 to 80 shades. The fibers include wool, silk, and mohair...also various metals found in scavenger hunts in salvage yards."

Kathryn says of herself and her presentation: (It) will feature images of knit and woven work I have made over the course of several years. I will share how the rich rewards of day-to-day experiences have impacted my work -- how, for instance, the sheer delight of planting a garden or of going for a gallop on my horse over the hills surrounding my little farm becomes the landscape for my knitting, weaving and dyeing. The experience of traveling and relocating over the years, and the people I have met, have shaped who I am, how I see myself in the world. Having to readjust to new surroundings has been vital to keeping my interest in my work high. Embracing these changes means there is always a steady flow of new ideas.

## NHA Open House Vendors

Since a day of fiber is not complete without vendors... joining Kathryn Alexander will be Spinner's Hill, Woolie Glen and Ice Pond Spinner. Spinner's Hill of Bainbridge, NY offers hand dyed wool, natural fibers, blended and carded batts, rovings, silk caps, spindles, as well as spinning, knitting, weaving, rug hooking and felting supplies. Woolie Glen of Stephentown, NY offers llama fiber, knits, hand woven baskets, yarn, needle felting supplies and rovings for spinning. Ice Pond Spinner of Patterson, NY will offer rovings, drop spindles, table top looms, books and spinning wheels. Each of these vendors has generously donated a door prize adding a bit of surprise to the day. See you on November 7<sup>th</sup>!



## NHA Open House Schedule & Registration

New York members of the Northeast Handspinners Association invite you to attend our Open House, Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Father Brogan Center, 29 S. Street, Rhinebeck, NY. In the center of town at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 308 (with the Beekman Arms Hotel on your right) go south on Rt. 9 1/10 mile, turn left onto South St. The Father Brogan Center is in the old school on the left, #29.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee Break
- 9:30-9:45 NY Welcome - State Representatives: Maria Hughes and Karen White
- 9:45-11:15 Mentor Presentation - Kathryn Alexander
- 11:15-12:00 Socialization and Shopping  
Board Members Meeting
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch catered by Great Food and Company (owner/chef, Carl Beach, C.I.A. graduate)  
General Membership Meeting
- 1:30-3:00 Mentor Instruction - Kathryn Alexander; to actively participate you will need: spinning wheel with as many bobbins as you have for it, lazy kate, knitting needles (8" dp sizes 3,4,5 or as close as you can get)
- 3:00-4:00 Spin-in, Door Prizes, Shopping

### REGISTRATION

Please tear off the following and return to Maria Hughes, 28 Mud Rd. Setauket, NY 11733. You need to be a current member to attend, but may join on that day.

I will be attending the NYS Open House of the Northeast Handspinners Association on Saturday, November 7, 2009, in Rhinebeck, NY.

I will be eating lunch provided by Great Food and Company and have enclosed a check for \$12 (made out to Northeast Handspinners Association) to cover cost of same.

I will not be eating lunch provided by Great Food and Company (go to [www.rhinbeck.com](http://www.rhinbeck.com) for information on dining and lodging in the area.)

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## News from Our Members

### River Spinners Guild Update

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Submitted by Alison Schantz

Southeastern Vermont has an enthusiastic and active fiber community! In June, we had a sunny, busy day at the annual Jamaica Fiber Festival. This event takes place along the main street of Jamaica, a lovely little town, and in the shops, Town Hall and Library along the town's main street. Visitors were treated to a smorgasbord of local and regional vendors of fiber-related items, fiber animals, sheep shearing, delicious foods, local artisans' wares, a flea market, and live bluegrass music. We also held a skein contest, with 14 entries this year, the best ever. The Northeast Handspinners' Association generously donated a \$25 prize for the Best in Show, which went to Alison Schantz for a multicolored Navajo-plied skein, spun from dyed Romney locks. First Prizes went to Alison Schantz (traditional spinning) and Jenna Konesko (non-traditional spinning), while Second and Third Prizes went to Shannon Herrick and an unidentified entrant. The JFF is organized by Margaret Silvia of Margie's Muse – [www.MargiesMuse.com](http://www.MargiesMuse.com).

On July 18, Kathleen Meeks of Maybelle Farm (Wardsboro, VT) held a Fiber Fun day at her Shetland farm. Kathleen provided the participants with generous amounts of seven unidentified fibers to spin and guess which breed they might be. At the end of the day, which also included luscious farm-fresh baked goods and summer salads, Kathleen revealed the identities of the breeds. This was the second year of the Fiber Fun day, which is well-loved and promises to be an annual tradition! Kathleen and Jenna Konesko planted a dye garden at Maybelle Farm this summer, and we look forward to harvesting and dyeing from that garden this fall.

In August, the River Spinners will partially sponsor a weaving class for guild members who wish to participate. The class will be taught at the Putney School by Melissa Lumley, faculty at the Putney School, and will include four full days of instruction, as well as two evenings. This is a great opportunity for those of us who have wanted to begin an exploration of weaving.

To round out the year, the River Spinners and Maybelle Farm will sponsor the Fifth Annual Southeastern Vermont Fiber Event on Saturday, November 21, at the American Legion Hall in Brattleboro, VT. Local/regional vendors will include growers of wool and alpaca fiber, local yarn, felted items, hand painted yarns and fibers, and jewelry. The River Spinners will have a table of used fiber tools and other related items for sale, as well as a bake sale to benefit the guild. We are still actively seeking vendors – contact Kathleen Meeks at [maybellfarm@gmail.com](mailto:maybellfarm@gmail.com) if you are interested in vending.

The River Spinners hold a business meeting once monthly, and a social once monthly. Visit our website, [www.riverspinners.com](http://www.riverspinners.com), to learn more about us.

### Maine State NHA Rep. Report

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Submitted by Rudy Amann

The Maine Spinners' Registry 25th anniversary was celebrated on April 25th at its annual meeting in Fairfield. There was a review of the history of the Registry and recognition of the founding members. The celebration included an anniversary cake.

June 6th & 7th were a couple of the non-rainy days in June, and there was good attendance at the 8th Annual Maine Fiber Frolic, at Windsor Fairground, in Windsor, sponsored by Maine Alpaca Association. The Maine Spinners' Registry sponsored a Sheep to Shawl contest on Saturday, June 6th.

Unfortunately, Pleasant Mountain Fiber Arts Workshops, at Denmark Arts Center, in Denmark, scheduled for June 19-21, was canceled because of the low number of advance registrations. The organizers hope for better success next year.

19th Annual Spinning Bee was held on June 20th, at Tare Shirt Farm, Berwick, sponsored by the Southern Maine Guild of Spinners and Weavers.

"Spin Control" by Amy King (aka Spunky Eclectic), published by Interweave Press, was released in June. There was a signing party at Amy's shop in Lisbon on July 11th.

The Maine Spinners' Registry Annual Sugarloaf Retreat was held on July 23-26. As usual, there was no formal program. It was a weekend to relax with friends in one of the mountain's comfortable condos.

Fiber College, on the grounds of Searsport Shores Ocean Camping, in Searsport, will have over 40 classes on the weekend of September 10-13.

Common Ground Country Fair will be held on September 25-27, in Unity.

#### Coming Events

NETA (New England Textile Arts) Spa, Knit and Spin 2010, will be in Freeport, February 26-28, 2010. The list of vendors has already been announced

#### Tour Map

Maine Fiber Arts, in Topsham, published a revised and updated Tour Map of fiber studios and farms in Maine. Although the Fiber Arts annual Tour Weekend is the first full weekend in August, the Tour Map is a year-round resource to fiber work in Maine. The interactive Tour Map is online at [www.maineiberarts.org](http://www.maineiberarts.org).

## Rhode Island Spinners Guild Report

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Submitted by Marie DeRoy

Membership in RISG continues to grow (nearly 50 members now!)

Members have been very active demonstrating at local fairs and historical sites

In June RISG held a "Weekend to Dye For" with Kris Gonzalez of the Painted Sheep

We all DYED and went to Heaven.

August 2nd some of us spent the day spinning by the East Greenwich Bay at Oakland Beach RI

We will be demonstrating at:

DONE Coggeshall Farm Museum 's 36th Annual Harvest Fair, September 19th and 20th, 2009. Coggeshall Farm is a living history museum.

Offerings at the Fair include quality vendors, traditional competitions, and unique entertainment. At the heart of the Fair are live demonstrations of historic and traditional crafts and skills presented by artisans from across the Northeast.

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

## Southern Adirondack Spinners Guild Update

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Submitted by Donna Celeste

In an effort to recycle, reuse and reduce our carbon footprint, the Southern Adirondack Spinners Guild of New York will be donating many years worth of Spin-Off magazines at the NHA Open House. Some date back as far as 1988. Now is the time to complete your collection, start a collection or just obtain a magazine that peaks your interest. Donations for the magazines will be used to purchase a knitting basket from Heifer International from NHA.

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The Southern Adirondack Spinning Guild of NY made a decision to quit collecting dues from its members and needed to do something with the remainder of the money in their treasury. It was decided to donate a spinning/knitting related book to each members town/city library. After researching which libraries were to receive the books and what books they wanted or needed, the books were purchased by the Guild and the members

took the books to their libraries. All the libraries were very appreciative for the books.

We still had money left and decided to purchase two shares in a knitting basket through Heifer International. Heifer International provides animals to people in impoverished areas so that they can become self sufficient. The knitting basket provides sheep and llamas to people in need in areas like Peru. The animals wool provides the community with knitting/weaving projects that then can be sold to provide money for food and other needed commodities. The animals also reproduce and the offspring sold to other community members to help a whole community become more self sufficient.

We remain a Guild and meet every month at Needleworks, a locally owned knit shop in the town of Greenwich, NY. Many of our members are also NHA members.

## A Visit to Oakhill Alpaca Farm

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Submitted by Linda Olmsted

On one of the very few sunny days this summer we were visiting our friends at Provence Lake, NH and Teddi said that we must go to the alpaca farm! Off we went to Shapleigh, ME to Oakhill Alpaca Ranch What a great experience. We were privileged to see their one day old baby alpaca and as you can see they have very friendly alpacas. We went into the barn to see the alpacas and they then followed us into the shop. My spouse was with me so needless to say I was a very conservative shopper but the next time I'll be better prepared! The shop had a great assortment of sweaters, shawls, etc as well as yarn and of course fiber. If you are ever in the area it is worth the trip. Our ME members probably know this farm and Donna. Check out their website [www.oakhill-ranch.com](http://www.oakhill-ranch.com) If this was enough on our way home we stopped for supper at the Poor Peoples Pub in NH and one our NH NHA members recognized me and we had a nice chat.



# 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.

## Officers

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## Calendar Events and News from Our State Reps

### **Maine:**

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#### **September 10-13**

Fiber College, Searsport <http://www.fibercollege.org/>

#### **September 25-27**

Celebrate rural living at the **Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association's 33rd annual Common Ground Country Fair** in Unity, Maine. Not to be missed by fiber lovers is the Fleece Tent, showcasing the best of Maine-grown fiber. Sale ongoing all three days from 9:00 to 5:00, along with scheduled panel discussions, informal fiber talks and demonstrations. Fleece show on Saturday starting at 10:00. Be sure to visit the Maine Fiber Farms area and the many fibers businesses in the Maine Ag Booths area. You are also invited to an open spin with the Wednesday Spinners on Sunday, 9/27, 10:00-4:00. For more information about the Fair, especially for opportunities to volunteer, visit [www.mofga.org](http://www.mofga.org). For additional Fleece Tent information, contact Penelope Olson at [mizoly@midcoast.com](mailto:mizoly@midcoast.com) or telephone 207-785-2784.

#### **February 26-28, 2010**

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

### **Vermont:**

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#### **October 3-4**

Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival  
Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT  
<http://www.vermontsheep.org/festival.html>

#### **November 21**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Vermont Fiber Event, American Legion Hall in Brattleboro, VT

### **New Hampshire:**

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#### **October 11, 12, 13<sup>th</sup>**

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wool Arts Tour, Antrim to Henniker.  
<http://www.woolartstournh.com/>

### **New York:**

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#### **September 26-27**

The First Annual Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, NY. For more information (including vendor rules and pricing) visit  
<http://www.washingtoncountyfair.com/Fiber%20App2.pdf>

#### **October 17 & 18**

New York Sheep and Wool Festival: Saturday 9 to 6, Sunday 10 to 5. As usual, it will be located at the Dutchess Co. Fair Grounds in Rhinebeck, NY. The website is interesting, attractive, and contains many links to other resources for fiber fanatics. Check it out and join us at the fair!

<http://www.sheepandwool.com/>

#### **November 7**

NHA Open House, Rhinebeck, NY. See p.3 of newsletter for details

### **Rhode Island:**

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#### **September 19-20**

Coggeshall Farm Museum 's 36th Annual Harvest Fair, September 19th and 20th, 2009. Coggeshall Farm is a living history museum.

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## Knit-Ins/Spin-Ins

- **New Hampshire** : This relatively new group gathers the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:julia@farwellclay.com), or Kathy Withington at [tkwithy@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

### SHEEP FOR SALE

English Leicester Longwool. Rare Breed, Critical Status. We need to find willing and able shepherds to help with breed preservation in New England. This is a unique opportunity to get a beautiful flock and contribute to saving this breed. Contact Lisa Westervelt for more information. 413-634-5723, [lisa@goodwool.com](mailto:lisa@goodwool.com). Western Massachusetts.

### CASHMERE FIBER FOR SALE:

American Cashmere Roving and Yarn.

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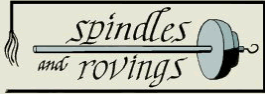
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- Free classified ads in the newsletter and on the website
- Eligibility to attend The Gathering at the lower membership rate <sup>1,2</sup>
- Eligibility to attend the Open House <sup>1,2</sup>
- Voting rights<sup>3</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> Applicable for individual and family members only.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> One vote available for each family or individual membership. No voting rights for Newsletter or Group memberships.

<sup>4</sup> For individuals or groups who simply wish to be affiliated with NHA.

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### 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Application (include Year) \_\_\_\_\_ New  Renewal  Lapsed

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Newsletter/Group \$ 10.00 1 year/ \$20.00 2 years \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve on a committee? \_\_\_\_\_

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