

BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS' GUILD
NORTHWEST OHIO



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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The Black Swamp Spinners' Guild meets September to May on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00am–2pm.

DECEMBER Meeting Date and Location

The Black Swamp Spinners Guild **Christmas Lunch** meeting will be held on
Tuesday DECEMBER 12th
11:00am to 2:00pm

The Country Farmhouse
117 E Main St, Wayne, OH 43466
Please bring a small gift to exchange if you wish.
All are welcome.

If you can, please bring hats, scarves, gloves/mittens to be collected and donated to charity.

Join us on Facebook at this link: [Black Swap Spinner' Guild Facebook](#) and check out information on our Website: [Black Swamp Spinners Guild Website](#)

Highlights from the last meeting – November 14, 2023

Discussions included the following topics.

- Meeting times and places were discussed.
 - **Starting in January we will meet at Flourish Flat in Genoa.** There is room to bring your wheel and there is a cafe down the street. The cost for the room will be \$50 for 3 hours. This venue has a larger room for spinning and other activities. The next meeting is January 9th - times to be announced.
 - Harvest Grounds in Woodville is a work-in-progress. No set date for opening.
- Meeting Activities
 - Nancy performed a spinning demo during the meeting using a Mayan spindle purchased from Ed (Lowe), the Wheel Healer.

- Nancy shared the yarn she spun from the Carter Farm sheep (named Ruth). She included the single and two-ply yarn samples and a knitted sample.
- Market Day:
 - Has 21 vendors currently and 27 booths. Goal: 47 spaces filled.
 - Electricity and WiFi hot spot is a priority for vendors. Nancy is looking into this situation with fairground representatives.
- February 23–25, 2024 Retreat in Loraine, OH:
 - Please RSVP to Deb Yeagle by the December 14th meeting. Cost: \$85. Food will be determined—potluck. Bring a project, your wheel, or whatever you want.
 - The project is felted hats. You can drop by for the day if you don't want to stay.
- Market Day Update
 - 22 Vendors have paid. The goal is to have 47 vendors.
 - Toledo Chuckwagon and Detroit Mini Donuts are booked.

More information since the last meeting!

- Ruth Hasselman, John & Nancy Kovacs visited about 25 home school students at Christ the Word Church in Sylvania Ohio on Friday, December 8th to demonstrate fiber arts. The students had been reading "A New Coat for Anna" which shows the process of taking wool from sheep, spinning and weaving the fabric then sewing a coat. The students visited 4 stations: John helped them card fiber which was then taken to Nancy to spin. They next visited Ruth who had them do some weaving and sewing. They also got to try drop spindles and treadling the wheel. It was a fun experience for all - students, teachers & demonstrators.
- Nancy returned the spun wool to Carter Farm. They will have a booth at Market Day to provide the public with information and sell the processed wool from their Columbia Sheep.



Fiber Opportunities

Thank you, Susan Cayton, for providing fiber opportunities throughout the year, as they arise. Look for emails from Nancy Kovacs.

2024 Market Day & Fiber Fair Planning

The highlight of the year is the **BSSG Market Day** held in March each year. Guild members are encouraged to spread the word and participate in planning discussions at meetings.

Vendors are reminded to contact nakmt@amplex.net as soon as possible to get the contracts signed.

Volunteers on Market Day are needed to set up and take down tables and chairs, and during the event to welcome attendees at the door and cover the Guild's table. If you want to help and cannot attend a regularly scheduled guild meeting, please contact a Guild Officer, and let them know you want to help out.

Mark your calendar now for set up on Friday March 22, 2024, and Market Day

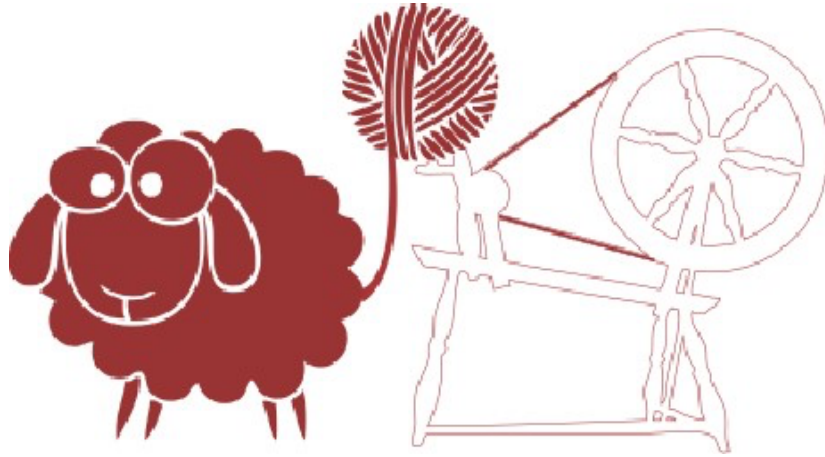
Saturday March 23, 2024

**Wood County Fairgrounds - Junior Fair Bldg.
13800 W. Poe Rd. Bowling Green, OH 4340**

The Market Day Flyer and Bookmarks are included at the end of this newsletter. Feel free to print and hand them out to encourage potential vendors and participants.

Vendors (22) as of 12-10-2023 that have signed up and paid for Market Day 2024.

- Toledo Weavers Guild - Laurie Zollinger
- Supernova Dyeworks - Dana Brunger
- Land of Legends Alpacas - M J Anderson
- Behind the Pines - Bobbie Aspacher
- Fiber Arts Studio - Susan Cayton
- Ruth Hasselman
- Thymes Remembered - Sharon Dunoski
- Westrick Weavers - Art Westrick
- Deb Yeagle - Lofty Pine
- Shepard Woodworking - David Shepard
- The Yarn Shop - Joyce Lewis
- Vicki Donley - Alpaca Pines
- Kris Jenkins. Alk&me
- Calyis Designs - Melissa Pastva
- Bewitched Pigments - Michelle Reid
- Flint City Fibers
- Winding Creek Alpacas
- Noteniche
- But Did You Dye Yarns
- Jehovah Jireh Wool Farm and Fibers - Amy & Greg Francisco
- Dwight & Sharon Van Gundy - Spinning Wool LLC
- Bonnie Van Meter - Imaginary Alpaca Ranch



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39th ANNUAL MARKET DAY & FIBER FAIR

Saturday, March 23, 2024 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Demonstrations / Roving / Fleeces / Exotic Fibers

Handcrafted items / Homespun yarns / Books / Dyes

Spinning & Weaving Equipment & Supplies

\$1 Admission / Public is Invited / Lunch available

Save March 22, 2025
for 40th Market Day

Junior Fair Building at the
Wood County Fairgrounds
13800 W. Poe Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

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