

# Fox Valley Spinning Guild



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### FVSG Meeting Agenda

**Welcome:** Any new faces?

**Business Meeting**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Recent Demo Recap**

**Calendar Review**

**Treasures Report**

**Program**

Potluck Picnic / Rummage

Sale / Officer Nominations

**September Program**

Sheep & Wool show & tell /

Officer Elections / Review

of Bylaws



### JULY MINUTES

Paula called the meeting to order at 7:10pm with 22 members and 2 guests present. Welcome back to both our guests, Phyllis and Jennifer - it was nice to see you both.

**Old Business** - UFO challenge. Thank you Char, Lois, and Lori for taking 3 more projects off the list! This brings the number of completed items down to 45.

Reminder - Bridge Between is a spinning opportunity. Deb Murphy is contact person. Interest seems low, so if you plan to attend please contact Deb. Additional information was in last month's newsletter.

Interested in Spinzilla? There is a \$10 fee to participate. You can sign up on the TNNA website.

**Sheep & Wool Festival** is hosting a walk & knit relay competition. Teams are 4 members. For more information visit their website. <http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com/>

**The longest thread competition** is coming-up. The entry fee is \$10. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, that we participate as a guild in this event. If you would like your entry sent in with the guild entries you need to have it at the September meeting. Check out their website for rules if you plan to participate. The guild will be paying for shipping of entries. Website follows: <http://www.bothwellspinin.com.au/index.php/upcoming-events/2015-spin-in/>

Paula is asking that anyone holding any **guild equipment**, please get it turned into her, so it can be cataloged for an updated equipment list.

**Fiber Fusion** - Ryan has decided to table this guild event. It may be revisited in the future. If you gave him fiber, he will be returning it to you.

**New business** - The topic of having guild shirts printed came up. Lori offered to look into having it done like we did last time. Everyone was responsible for purchasing their own garment (or whatever they want printed). The silk screening cost would be \$2.00 per item. The topic was discussed, then tabled so members could check other resources for ideas.

**Name tags** - Lori is looking for ideas for new name tags, possibly options that don't need pins.

Pat McConnell, our librarian, has asked if we want renew **subscriptions for Spin-Off & Ply magazines**. A motion was made, & carried. We will renew both.

**Camp Sinawa** dates for 2015 are April 17,18 &19. That is the 3rd weekend in April.

**Bylaw amendment proposal** - In last month's newsletter there were printed some proposed amendments to

the current bylaw document. These were a result of an officers meeting that was held on June 23rd, 2014. Only officers were notified of the meeting. The only topic on the meeting agenda was a future budget for the guild. All officers were in attendance, (though not for the entirety of the meeting), Ryan was also in attendance. There was some discussion about bylaw amendments being reviewed by a committee of both members and officers. When this topic hit the floor, Neda made a motion to table any vote on changes to the bylaws until which time a committee consisting of both officers and the membership at large, can review the document in question in its entirety, with any and all proposed changes. Her point being that if we as a guild are going to start using our bylaws, then let's create a document we can use. The motion was seconded & carried. The current bylaws were written in 1982, so the guild could send them in to the state to apply for holding a raffle. The current document does not follow Roberts Rules of Order. If we want a document we can use as a guide, we need to create it. A sign-up sheet for bylaw review committee members was sent around, and will be sent around again at the August meeting. If you are unable to attend either meeting, and want to be involved with reviewing the bylaws, please contact a current officer so we can get you on the sign-up sheet. Members currently signed up are: Mary, Pam, Grace, Pat, Ann, Ryan, Lana, and Neda. If I missed you, please let me know so we can add you.

**Demo review - Butterfly Festival demo** - Prior to giving my report for the Butterfly Festival, I (Neda) want to apologize to the guild at large for assuming that pre-approval of committee expenditures was not necessary. Committee members did ask if we needed to get guild approval for each of our expenditures. I said no, that is why we have a committee. We have discussed our intentions and progress at every step, so the membership should expect some expenses. We just need to report what they were and why. This event was a new experience for us, so I based this response on my experience as a committee member for our Spin-In 2002. As a committee member for Spin-In 2002 (I was on all Spin-In related committees), all expenses did not require pre-approval, because they were expected, due to the nature and scope of the event. So again, if you feel I violated your trust as a guild officer, I apologize sincerely. I will do all I can to avoid any similar situation in the future. I feel as though the committee did a great job on this event, and feel you all need to know who made decisions & why they were made. If you are still confused, please seek me out for a conversation.

*Minutes continued inside....*

## J U L Y M I N U T E S , C O N T I N U E D

### Demo review - Butterfly Festival demo, *Continued...*

Ann & Neda were co-chairs for this committee.

June 8, the Butterfly Festival committee met to assemble 1400 kits for the event. We prepared the dye stuff & planned transportation logistics for our supplies. Committee members present at this workday were Anna, Ann + 2, Ryan, Lana & Neda. Thank-you Lana for hosting our workday!

The Festival was held Sat. June 21st. We started setup at 7:30 am for the 9 am event. That timing worked out well. Tables and chairs were provided. We used the guild EZup, new guild sign, and displayed Ryan's spinning wheel. Volunteers included guild members, Ryan, Peg, Pat, Becky, Lana, Lacie, and Neda. Additional non-guild volunteers were, Mark & Olivia Ambrosius and Michelle Theil. Our activity was well planned and ran smoothly. For our activity, we helped kids of all ages spin and dye a wooly caterpillar bookmark. The fiber was pre-drafted & the dye process made muss & fuss free. We were a hit with attendees, so much so, that I (Neda) am still getting positive feedback every week that I spin at Appleton's' free Thursday night concerts. The supplies purchased to accomplish our goal included: snack size zip-lock bags, large rolling tote, storage container for kits, container for dye bottles that doubles as a sink, rolling garbage can to tote equipment (dye jugs etc.) to site (The portable sink container fits into this container making a double layer tote, or for storage), dye bottles, latex and vinyl gloves.

An additional \$55.00 of supplies (including Kool-Aid, garbage bags and paper toweling) were donated by committee members. Receipts have been turned over to the guild treasurer, we did not keep copies. If you need to know how much was spent on what, please see the treasurer (Deb Murphy) for that information.

Attendance at the event did not meet expected numbers due to the weather, so many of these supplies remain available for use at future guild events.

There were close to 3000 local people in attendance. They all received our contact information, whether or not they attended our activity, because the info was in their event bag.

A thank-you will be sent to CMYK Digital, LLC, to reflect the guild's appreciation for doing our printing at cost. This concludes the committee's event report.

Ann Krieg then gave her report as a committee member for the Butterfly Festival event itself. The event raised over \$68,000.00 for The Parent Connection. The Parent Connection aims to prevent child abuse; 93% of raised funds

will stay local. The event ran from 9-noon. It was very successful. The numbers for attendance continue to rise each year.

Ryan gave a post-event report - If the guild should choose to participate in this event again, we suggest printing only a coloring page, and including on that page the directions for finishing the dyeing, as well as guild contact info. We would also ask for a different location for our booth. A bottle neck was created partially due to where we were physically located in the park. We would also encourage more guild participation.

Other members who commented on the event were Pat McConnell, who stated that the activity was cleaner than she expected. The dye area was clean and the process fast and easy. She found the activity well planned. Pat would like to see the event go longer than 3 hours. Peg also commented that the activity went smoothly, though the day had a slow start due to the weather. Cindi thanked the committee for all their hard work.

**Other Business** - Ann shared that the two classes she taught on June 20 & 21 (ply techniques and woolen yarn spinning), went very well and received positive reviews.

Kim shared that her friend Mindy (who joined us at Sinawa) is now a certifiable spinner like the rest of us!

Watch for additional spin social & fiber study dates.

### Calendar review -

July 19 - The Bridge Between in Denmark area

July 25-27 Symco Union Thresheree

Aug 1-3 Grignon Mansion

Sept 5-7 Sheep & Wool

The **treasurer's report** was read, and the meeting adjourned.

During the **program time**, Ryan shared how to sort a fleece. Other members discussed their experiences with exotic fibers.

**Next month's program** is picnic and rummage sale. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. Plates & plastic utensils will be provided. **We have a flax allergy in the guild - please make sure nothing with a flax ingredient makes its way to the party.** Rummage items are not limited to fiber; you can bring anything you want to sell. Officer nominations are also next month. Please consider taking an office & supporting the future of our guild.

—Submitted by Neda Ambrosious

## Guild Equipment Round-up

Could anyone currently in possession of Guild equipment please bring it to the meeting or let Paula know they have something. Paula is our Equipment Officer (and President) wants to get all the Guild equipment together to catalog it, take pictures, and what ever else needs to be done, so we know what we have and where it is.

## August 11 Guild meeting...

**Potluck Picnic / Rummage Sale / Officer Nominations**

# Guild Tee-Shirts... SOOOOOO Many Choices...

## What we did last time...

There is interest in getting new FVSG T-shirts. Last time we all found our own shirt, that way everyone picked their own fit and style and Lori Uvaas arranged to have them printed. The guild approved a design and voila!

Same screen printing contact will do the same for \$2 per shirt printed when we supply the shirts, cotton/cotton blend.

Let's talk about this or other options at the meeting.

These are the last two designs we had.



## And some new ideas...

### Information from Ann Krieg...

The following information is another option we have for ordering new Guild T-Shirts which I brought up on FB a few months ago...

**Top Dog Screen Printing, Embroidery & Design** (*voted Best Of The Valley 2013*) has given us a quote regarding costs for both T-Shirts and printing and we found it to be *very* reasonable.

--- For example, while this price per shirt would not include the one time \$20 fee for creating the screen used to create all of the shirts..... one Unisex Tee with a choice of shirt colors, size S-XL with one printing color on the front would be \$8.50. Sizes above XL would be slightly more in \$2 increments.

To break it down, here are some details and pricing for 6-24 pieces (*printing prices would be \$1 less with 25-50 pieces*)....

+ Creating the Printing Screen.... --- Essentially, if we provide them with one design there would be a one time \$20 charge to create the screen for printing one color. *This means, if we would like to order additional Tees in the future using the same design we wouldn't pay for this again.* ---

If we came up with two or more designs, it would be a one time charge of \$20 each design. Front and back = two designs. Two different shirt designs = two designs.

--- If we chose a design with two printed colors, it would be an additional \$20 as the second color would be a different screen used separately. Two colored design choice = two designs.

+ Printing.... --- The printing for a one sided Tee, whether a small or large design would be \$2.50 per piece, per design. If we wanted a two sided T-Shirt design, it would be \$2.50 each side, equally \$5.00 for printing.

+ Shirt Prices and sizing.... --- Basic quality unisex Tees, such as the Gildan Ultra Cotton 100% Tee 2000 which specifically comes in 55 color choices (*and all other basic unisex Tees/Brands like Hanes, Fruit/Loom, Jersey, Port & Co., etc.*) would be \$6 per Tshirt in sizes S-XL.

--- Any size above XL would have a \$2 upcharge of each additional size. For example, the 2XL would be \$8, the 3XL would be \$10, the 4XL would be \$12 and the 5XL would be \$14.

+ Colors choices for the Tees, both the shirt and the printing color.

--- As mentioned, the Gildan choice above has 55 colors. As an extreme example, if 20 of us wanted to choose 20 different colors for their T-Shirt there would be no price difference for the same printing design & color.

--- If we choose black for the printing color for some and white for others... there would be a \$10 charge to clean the screen to change colors. *To save us the extra \$10 charge, it is suggested to choose one printing color which would go with most of the 55 Tee color choices.*

+ T-Shirt Styles.... --- If someone wanted to order a different type shirt (*using the same design*) other than the Basic Unisex T-shirt, they would simply pay the difference, if there is one.

--- Other possibilities include long sleeve Tees, a crew neck or hoodie sweatshirt, etc... the price could be slightly higher. The printing charge would be the same. *For instance, the long sleeve tee and crew neck sweatshirt would be \$11.15 while the hooded sweatshirt would be \$21 for sizes S-XL. The same graduated \$2 upcharge applies for items larger than XL.*

+ Bags and/or Totes would also be available and count toward items printed if using same Design Screen.

--- Pricing for totes or bags would be dependent on style. Not all choices would be able to accommodate the same sized screen as the T-shirts.

+ Future Orders.... --- We can always print more! Printing additional items in the future using the same design(s) is welcomed, as long as we have a minimum of 6 pieces.

+ Upon ordering, there would only be a two week turn around time.

+ They also create Banners at \$6 per square foot. These banners can be hung or staked into the ground,

Best,

Ann Krieg

**More ideas on following pages...**

Suggested Designs from Tracy Pokrzywa...



More Suggested Designs from Tracy Pokrzywa on next page...

Suggested Designs from Tracy Pokrzywa, continued...



Suggested Designs from Cindi Cousineau...

Here are ideas for shirt designs - font and specific wheel could change ...

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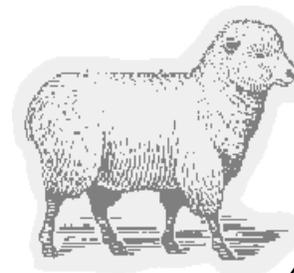
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August Meeting : Monday, August 11, 2013,  
6:30 Social Time/7:00 Meeting,  
Little Chute Community Center  
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Our August Program will be  
Potluck Picnic / Rummage Sale / Officer Nominations



## CALENDAR

2014

**Aug 11**—FVSG Meeting  
Potluck Picnic / Rummage Sale /  
Officer Nominations / Show & Tell

**Sept 5-7**—WI Sheep & Wool, Jef-  
ferson, WI

**Sept 8**—FVSG Meeting  
Sheep & Wool show & tell / Of-  
ficer Elections

## DEMO OPPORTUNITIES

If any one has any demo opportunity dates, please get them to one of the officers. The sooner we get them on our calendar, the better participation we get from members.