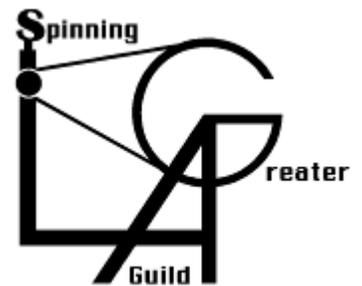

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2014 MEETINGS

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A great welcome to returning President Jan Larson, Returning Vice-President Nan O'Donnell, new Secretary Stephanie Del La Torre and returning Treasurer Virgadean Richmond. Members-at-large: Sonia, Andy, Loan, Ana, Karen, Gretchen, Gloria, Berta.

Everyone be sure to welcome our new Board and the supporting positions. These are volunteer positions and critical to running of a guild.

December Holiday Potluck

This year's party will be held the fourth Saturday of the month in December on the 27th. (As not to conflict with other guild holiday parties.

We will again be having our Annual Gift Exchange with a few rules strictly enforced. Gifts must be related to the fiber arts whether it be tools, dye, books, or fluff... in the \$15- \$25 price range. PLEASE NO ALCOHOL OR SCENTED ITEMS. Participation is Voluntary.

Arrival/ set-up/ social spinning 9am. Party will begin at 10am with spinning related games and Prizes! Sign up on Ravelry for the [Potluck!](#) We had quite the feast last year! Gift Exchange will follow our potluck with more social spinning if time permits.

It was decided at the October meeting to Raffle off the DT Ashford Traveler, complete with four bobbins and a Niddy Noddy at our January 2015 meeting due to recent events on Craigslist. Tickets will be sold for \$20 each. A minimum of 20 tickets are to be sold with a Maximum of 40 to allow higher chances of winning. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

November Meeting—Nan O'Donnell

Nan O'Donnell presented November's program "Grow Your Own Silk". Members got to hear about her experiences raising silkworms in her kitchen!

Thank you Nan for a fun and informative program!

April 24, 25, 26 with Patsy Z
Saturday Program:
How Many Times Must I Turn Around to be an Excellent Spinner – the COE

The Handweavers Guild of America, HGA, maintain 4 important Certificate of Excellence, COE, programs for textile artists, weaving, spinning, dyeing and basketry. There have been several adjustments and revisions to keep the COE programs relevant in the past 40 plus years. It is one of the current mastery programs.



I hold both the Technical level and the Master's Certificates in Handspinning. I have been participant, reviewer, revision advisor and judge in that field. My story tracks my challenges and triumphs. Samples of my work and plenty of time for questions and answers.

The COE programs encourage independent learning and mastering yourself in your chosen field.

Saturday Afternoon Workshop: \$47.50 plus \$15 material fee
Flax a Very Old Spinning Challenge

Flax is a classic fiber, albeit very different than wool. It'll easily become another joy of spinning after you learn new techniques to manage its particular characteristics. This class teaches you quick ways to dress a distaff with long-line flax, wet-spin line or roving, and scour finished yarns. While fibers are provided, you'll bring a spinning wheel or medium-weight spindle. Distaffs can be attached to your wheel, free-standing or one of several improvised creations from directions sent with supply lists.

Friday Workshop: \$60 plus \$20 material fee
Silk, Always the Queen of Fibers

Not hair, down, or wool! Silk, a gift from the lowly caterpillar, is perhaps the most mysterious of our fibers. Degumming hard cocoons into soft, spin-able fibers is the first task. Then spin a comparison study of the silk fibers currently for sale. Explore a variety of handspinning techniques spinning domesticated Bombyx as expanded mawata hankies, noils or sari threads. Indian Muga and wild Tussah silk are used in natural and dyed combed tops.



Sunday Workshop: \$60 plus \$15 material fee

Color Options for Handspinning Painted Rovings



Wondering how to get the most out of your painted rovings? This class encourages and teaches you how to explore a variety of options and yarn styles with painted rovings. Learn to anticipate and spin toward your desired goals. Spin tweedy or colorful yarns, or perk-up or tone-down the roving colors. You can create thick or thin or fancy yarns for accents, plus you can spin coordinating yarns for a project. We will explore, spin, and discuss many options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Our 1st program of 2015 will be presented by Edith Ogella on wheel tune up/minor repair/history. 2015 will be another exciting year of learning, please check out the 2015 Programs thread on Ravelry for the most up to date listing.**
- Ana P. will teach a Felting Class in Culver City at The Knitting Tree on 12/5 and 12/12 (Fridays) from 6-8 (\$40)
- Kaiser Hospital is no longer accepting knitting items (i.e. caps and blankets) due to new health protocols
- The Steam Engine Museums in Vista is looking for funds to build a Fiber Room dedicated to fibers and tools
- LoAn will donate 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her AWESOME socks to the Downtown Women's Shelter
- Berta is selling covers for hand carders and flickers. Members can email her the dimensions and she will price the cover.
- Jan is selling project bags.

EVENTS & OUTREACH

January 2015 Beginning Navajo and Tapestry weaving on small looms. Email gwenemail@gmail.com for more information. Thursdays at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is one time series of classes for those with no or little tapestry experience.

April 2015

16-19, 2015 - Interweave Yarn Fest—a celebration of the fiber arts. Mark your calendars now to join us in Loveland, Colorado, as you may know SOAR has been canceled but they offer a few spinning classes at the Yarn Fest.

Through April 26, 2015-Floral Journey: Native North American Beadwork

Norman F. Sprague, Jr. Gallery, Autry Museum

Included With Museum Admission / Free for Autry Members

"A fascinating show . . . astonishingly beautiful [objects] . . . a story of survival, of a will to endure in the face of crushing opposition."—Los Angeles Times. Featuring more than 250 unique objects and personal stories, Floral Journey is the first exhibition to explore how beaded floral designs became a remarkable art form as well as a means of economic and cultural survival for Native people across North America.

Ongoing: The Orange County Spinning Guild is an informal group that meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Library from 1-4pm, and it's all free! The library is located at 11200 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove. We meet in the Community Room on the lower level of the library.

There are 2 entrances to the library. The south side (by the park and pond) has a walkway and no stairs so I recommend using that entrance. There is an elevator in the building. Ask staff where it is when you enter (it's really hard to describe this in writing.)

We hope that you'll join us!

Ongoing: Fiber Night! Want to learn to spin? Knit? Crochet? Weave (tapestry, Navajo, Inkle, Band, Card)? Felt? Fiber preparations (hand cards, teasing, all types of combs, blending boards, drum carding)? Free instructions and feedback is available most Thursday evenings by appointment. This small group of students and teachers is a great resource to learn the fiber art of your choice. Work on your own study project, bring your own equipment and materials and learn from masters and novices alike. All levels welcome. Contact Gwen Powell (gwenemail@gmail.com) for information.

More events can be found on our Ravelry Group

Reminder: Dues for the 2015 year are now due. Be sure to pay at the next meeting or via PayPal. Application is on the last page of this Newsletter.

GLASG.ORG

We now have a section on the website for members' spinning stories. If you would like to post your experiences with spinning, send pictures and your story to editor@glasg.org.

The GLASG website is updated at least every month. We would like to have more input into the website. Please send editor@glasg.org pictures and articles that are labeled. If the pictures have people, please send a note that the people in the picture agree to have their picture put on the internet. We will take your word on this. Please include either a caption to go along with any pictures.

If you have uploaded any spinning related videos to YouTube, please forward the information to editor@glasg.org. We will list the videos under resources. Thank you.

Guild members may place a "for sale" advertisement in the newsletter. Email editor@glasg.org your information for the ad. These ads are not for commercial ventures.

Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild

Meeting Date: 11/22/2014

Call to Order: 10:15 President Jan called the meeting to order.

Introductions: 29 attendees

Minutes: of 10/25/2014 approved as presented.

Treasurer's report:

No report given

Committees Reports

Programs

Nan presents on "Raising silk caterpillars" and "How to spin their silk".

2015 Program List is complete and posted on the Yahoo and Ravelry groups.

Highlights include the April 2015 workshop on "Flax, Silk and Color".

October 2015: working on the Lake Cachuma Retreat

Membership

Membership renewal can be done via PayPal or check. When filling out the order, PLEASE, write legibly and check out that the email address is spelled correctly to avoid a bounce back.

The membership roster needs updating. Please send info to KC or fill out the membership form at the next meeting. Currently, there are 80 paid members.

Events/Outreach

All events and much more is available on the Ravelry's web page that Stephanie created.

Highlights are: January 2015 TNNA in Phoenix, AZ

February 2015 Madrona

March 2015 Stitches West

Equipment

Jessie reminds members to reserve the equipment. Members can have it on loan for one month. Deposit of \$25 will be returned. Tutorials are available before the meeting. Combing/Carding equipment is lent to members before and during the meeting but not during the program. All drum carders are currently out but they can be reserved by emailing Jessie.

Library

Ann reported that most borrowed books have been returned. If you borrow library items, please sign on the card of wanted items, write your email and bring them back at next meeting. Reservations are accepted. A subscription to **Ply Magazine** has been made. Books not checked out for a while will be auctioned off. Ann has ordered back issues (2012-2013) of **Spin-Off**.

Old Business

The slate of the 2015 Board Officers is the following:

President: Jan (second term); **VP:** Nan (second term) **Secretary:** Stephanie; **Treasurer:** Virgadean

(THANK YOU THANK YOU).

The slate has been approved as presented

Slate of **Members-at-large:** Sonia, Andy, LoAn, Ana, Karen, Gretchen, Gloria, Berta

The slate has been approved as presented

Ashford Traveler Wheel will be "opportunity drawn" at the January GLASG meeting. Tickets will be \$20 and a pre-sale for GLASG Members will be available via Pay-Pal (motion approved). Additional tickets will be available to Members and the General Public at the January meeting (motion approved).

December Meeting will be on Saturday, the 27th. Volunteers for Pot-luck and games are wanted (contact President Jan). A fiber-related ONLY gift exchange will be held (\$15-25): no alcohol, candles, etc.

Hospitality

Please bring supplies (i.e. napkins) and treats to share. Tea is .25c and coffee is .50c.

Raffle

Nina reminds us that tickets are 2 for \$1 and please write your name on the back of the ticket to facilitate the process. Please bring items to raffle, especially if you have won something.

New Business

- A Supported Spindles program is being explored
- Stephanie has created a GLASG business card template for members who do outreach in the community. It is available for printing from the Yahoo page

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Show and Tell

LoAn showed one of her newly acquired wheels (she won TWO wheels)

Ana P. showed her shawl with a felted border

Molly made a hat

Round metal bowls OR metal coffee measuring spoons can be used with supported spindles

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

GLASG Raffle

Ashford Double Drive Double Treadle Traveler

This wheel is in beautiful condition.

It is easy to transport, the Traveler is very similar to the Traditional. It has a built-in bobbin holder instead of Lazy Kate and includes 4 bobbins.

Wheel diameter: 18"; Orifice: 3/8";

Ratios: 5.5, 10 and 14 to 1 for the single drive;

6.5, 8.5 and 11.5 to 1 for the double drive.

Wood is New Zealand silverbeech.

When: The January 24, 2015 GLASG Meeting

Where: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

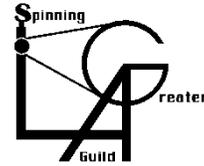
11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064

(corner of National and Federal)

Tickets - \$20/ea

A minimum of 20 tickets must be sold to a maximum of 40.

Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild
2015
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL



\$30 for one year

Please complete the form below and submit with your check payable to **GLASG** by hand to any GLASG board member, or send to:

GLASG Membership Committee
P.O. Box 64454
Los Angeles, CA 90064

You may also make dues payment by PayPal by following these steps:

- Log on to your own PayPal account
- Click on "send money"
- Enter "membership@glasg.org" as recipient and "Service" from the "Payment" tab as the transaction type. Do not check "personal transfer" or anything from that tab.
- Enter \$30.00 as the amount, and enter your name in the "Comments" section so we know without a doubt who is renewing their membership.

Mail in or hand in a completed copy of this form. *The information below will be made available to members in our Member Roster, published in a secure area of our website. If you wish any item to be omitted from the published Member Roster, please check the box at the left of the item.*

**Omit from
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Email Address: _____

Renewal: Please correct the Roster as shown above.

Roster Correction Only: My dues are paid through 2015, just correct the Roster as shown above.

Membership Committee use only:

Date dues given

Date Received: to Treasurer:

Check No.: Check Amount:

This membership term begins (date): Ends: 12/31/_____