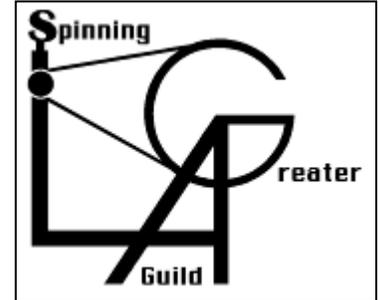


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### **2013 MEETINGS**

January 25	February 22	<b>March 22</b>
April 26	May 24	June 28
July 26	August 23	September 23
October 25	November 22	December TBA

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#### **March 22— Back to the Fleece presented by Judy Kamei**

Just in time for the K9 Action Sports Shearing Day this program will discuss the selection, assessment, skirting, sorting and storage of raw fleece.

Judy joined the Guild shortly after she began spinning 3 years ago. She finds fiber preparation and spinning an exciting (and never-ending) learning experience and has promised her husband she will not be buying a K9 fleece this year (well maybe just one Dorset).

#### **February Meeting—Woolen Preparation and Spinning with Loan Nguyen**

Guild Member and fearless fiber fiend, Loan Nguyen presented February's program on Woolen Spinning. Her excellent hand out gave a clear breakdown of the comparative properties of Woolen (like a cobblestone road- bumpy and full of irregular textures) vs. Worsted (smooth and solid like poured



concrete) and her demo was full of good tips and tricks. Members learned how to make 'faux'-lags using commercially dyed top and just a dowel and were cautioned not to worry about over-spinning singles, as they will relax when the twist is set by steaming which has a higher set point than just a soak in hot water. If you're having trouble keeping your rolag (or faux-lag!) out of your drafting zone while spindling, simply hold it either over or between your index and middle fingers. Her demo of English or double-drafting got many compliments and questions as well Loan graciously supplied merino/merino-silk/silk noil for members form into rolags and try woolen spinning during the meeting.  
Thank you, Loan for presenting!!

**Workshop Leader Stephenie Gaustad  
May 23, 24 & 25, 2014**

Stephenie Gaustad is a world renowned expert on so many things fibery but perhaps best known for her knowledge of cotton. Join us in May for cotton workshops under her tutelage.

The guild is hosting three workshops. Stephenie will lead two sessions (Friday and Sunday) of "Cotton: Field to Fabric". Friday session will specialize in spinning on non-flyer spindles (Charkha, Quill/Great wheels, accelerated wheels with a Quill attachment.) Sunday's session will specialize in spinning on flyer wheels. She will be our speaker for the guild meeting on Saturday with a Cotton Spindle Spinning workshop after the meeting on Saturday.

Home town gal, Stephenie Gaustad has taught the fiber arts for decades. Her articles appear in Handwoven, Spin-Off, Knitwear, Jane Austen Knits and Ply magazines. She illustrated "The Big Book of Hand Spinning" (2001) and wrote and illustrated "Spinners Practical Guide to Cotton, Flax and Hemp" (Feb 2014).

The lottery for workshop spaces will be held Saturday, March 22. Be sure to send [editor@glasq.org](mailto:editor@glasq.org) your preferences before the end of day March 21.



**COTTON: From Field to Fabric**



This lively, hands-on, 6 hour workshop is an introduction to cotton. Topics covered include: planting and harvesting, ginning, carding, willowing and puni-making, spinning on the flyer/bobbin wheel, setting twist, spinning for weaving and knitting, plying and finishing cotton

yarns.

Minimum number of Students: 8

Maximum number of Students: 15

Students should bring a functional spinning wheel, oil, extra bobbins and lazy kate. Cotton hand carders, double pointed knitting needle, small supported spindles and functional charkhas are optional.

Instructor will provide all spinning materials, handouts, hand carders, double pointed knitting needles to borrow for class use.

✚ *Friday specializing in Charkha, Quill/Great wheels, accelerated wheels with a Quill attachment.*

✚ *Sunday specializing in flyer driven wheels.*

**COTTON SPINDLE SPINNING**



Spin cotton on the tools which provide just what this soft, fine material needs. Small, supported spindles can put in the twist rapidly, and gives you time and attention to draft the yarn. It is no small wonder that these tools "grew up" in a cotton culture. Topics covered include: the two stage draft, spinning on a variety of spindles such as the tahkli, bead whorl and Ahka, building a cop, distaves for spindle spinning, unwinding your spindle.

Minimum number of students: 8

Maximum number of students: 15

Students should bring tahkli, bead whorl or Ahka spindles if on hand. Otherwise, there will be some to use in class.

Instructor will provide a number of spindles, spinning materials and handouts.

**Beth Smith is Coming to GLASG!  
August 22, 23, 24, 2014**

Beth Smith is so obsessed with fiber that she has fleece in every room of her house, including her bathroom.

She teaches the whys and how-tos of preparing and spinning as many breeds as a spinner can in her classes taught all over the world and in articles written for Spin Off, Knittyspin and Entangled magazines. She also writes for Ply Magazine and serves as a member of the editorial advisory board.

She is the previous owner of the world famous online shop ,The Spinning Loft, renowned for its selection of raw wool, including rare breeds of sheep , available by the ounce (or more) for studying, sampling or just stashing.

Her book, The Spinner's Book of Fleece: A Breed-by-Breed Guide to Choosing and Spinning the Perfect Fiber for Every Purpose, will be published by Storey Books in July 2014.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & OUTREACH**

**You're invited to join us! Bring your wheels, spindles, looms, ....family and friends!**

**WOOL FESTIVAL  
Action K-9 Sports  
15671 Old Milky Way Road  
Escondido, CA. 92027**

**When: Sun Mar 30, 2014**

Our annual Wool Festival is on Sun, Mar 30. The Los Angeles Spinning Guild will be attending with fine wares, wool classing and info on preparing the fleece. This is a chance to see a REAL farm at work! Along with the herding, shearing there is vaccinating, worming and hoof trimming of the sheep for those wanting to learn or just observe a dying art ...

Rambouillet and Dorset Fleeces will be for sale @ \$30 per fleece.

If you are not able to make the event, and would like a fleece, you can send me a Check made out to **\*\*Action K9 Sports\*\*** for \$30 per fleece. Please designate on your check if you want Dorset or Rambouillet. If no designation, then I will bring back what is available. Please Email or PM me for my addy.

The fleece sale benefits the sheep and dogs.

This is a FUN event and a chance to see real herding dogs at work in the field unlike your local fairs.

Hope you can make it!

Jan

**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!

**Through-March 16, 2014** The Autry National Center's Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and Sale is considered the country's most important Western art show. Each year, more than 75 nationally recognized, contemporary Western artists challenge themselves to create and exhibit their

very best work. Stylistically and thematically diverse, their works represent the extraordinary range of subject matter that contemporary, historic, and mythic Western experiences inspire.

## February

- 8 Mushroom Dyeing (Los Angeles Mycological Society and Fibershed LA), Los Angeles, CA  
<http://mycopigments.com/upcoming-events/>
- 13-16 Madonna Fiber Arts Winter Retreat, Tacoma, WA  
<http://madronafiberarts.com/>
- 15-17 Studio 66 Fiber Arts Cotton Dyeing & Spinning with Joan Ruane, Rancho Cucamonga, CA  
<http://www.studio66retreat.org/studio66retreat/Home.html>
- 23-24 Stitches West, Santa Clara, CA  
<http://www.knittinguniverse.com/west/>

## March

- 1 Weave a Free--Style Belt. Instructor: Marilyn Murphy at ARTSgarage, Los Angeles. 10 am to 4 pm, Cost: \$75, email: [cameron@camerontaylor-brown.com](mailto:cameron@camerontaylor-brown.com) to register.
- 6-8 Mini Spinner Retreat with Judith Mackenzie, Port Townsend, WA  
[http://www.hansencrafts.com/hansencrafts/spinning\\_events.htm](http://www.hansencrafts.com/hansencrafts/spinning_events.htm)
- 14-16 Vogue Knitting Live Seattle, Bellevue, WA  
<http://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/66411>
- 15 Fibershed LA Pop-up shop and demo  
<http://www.fibershedla.com>
- 22 - Knit & Spin Cruise, San Francisco, CA  
<http://www.ravelry.com/events/knit--spin-cruise>
- 21-23 Newton's Spring Festival, Anaheim, CA  
<http://www.newtons.com/>

## April

- 3-6 Yarn Crawl, LA <http://yarncrawl.com/>
- 4-6 Sheep-To-Shawl Women's Retreat, Brookings, OR  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=259767220867329&a...>
- 5-6 Alpacalooza, Ridgefield, WA  
[http://www.alpacawa.org/cms/index.php?option=com\\_content&...](http://www.alpacawa.org/cms/index.php?option=com_content&...)
- 10-13 Shepherd's Extravaganza, Puyallup, WA  
<http://www.shepherds-extravaganza.com/>
- 12-13 Alpaca Show, Dixon California  
<http://www.calpaca.org/page/2567/calpaca-california-class...>
- 12 Griffin Dyeworks Fiber Frolic, Monrovia, CA  
<http://www.griffindyeworks.com/fiber-frolic-april-12-2014/>
- 25-27 Conference of Northern California Handweavers, Oakland, CA  
<http://cnch.org>
- 27 Pierce Farm Walk, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.--L.A. Pierce College FARMWALK--Activities we had last year: Call us to join the fun and save the date! A Petting Zoo, Live Music, Tons of animals, Hay Wagon Rides, Sheep Shearing, Wool Spinning, Wool Dyeing, Multiple Horse Activities & Shows, Face Painting, Cow Milking with the Dairy Council, Greater LA Vector Control Department, Pierce College Choir, Firefighter Station 72 with their Fire Engine, California Cattle Woman, Mountain Lion Foundation, Agriculture & Animal Class information, Horticulture Displays, Cooked to Order Kiwanis Club BBQ with Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers and Hotdogs, Community Information Displays, and Much More! Great fun for toddlers through active seniors. More information to follow. TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please call Farmwalk Coordinator Noosha Kohandarvish at 818-719-6463. Like us on Facebook at Pierce College Farmwalk.

## May

- 3-4 Maryland Sheep and Wool, <http://www.sheepandwool.org> Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival.
- 13-18 Interweave Knitting Lab, Manchester, NH [http://www.interweaveknittinglab.com/ehome/index.php?even...;](http://www.interweaveknittinglab.com/ehome/index.php?even...)
- 17-18 Neal Brand, spindle maker extraordinaire, is planning logistics for a 2- day spindle making workshop the weekend of in his hometown of Denton, Texas. Cost will be between \$200-\$250, plus hotel and airfare/ air miles.22-26 Sacramento County Fair Wool Show, Sacramento, CA <http://www.sacfair.com/>
- 23, 24, 25 Guild Cotton Workshops with Stephanie Gaustad.

## June

- 7-8 Flagstaff Fiber and Wool Festival, Flagstaff, AZ <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fiber-and-Wool-Festival-At...>
- 20-22 Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene, OR. This is a one of the best West Coast shows with lots of vendors and lots of affordable classes. <http://www.blacksheepgathering.org/>

## July

- July 11-Aug 10, 2014 Orange County Fair
- July 30-Aug 10, 2014 Ventura County Fair

**August****September**

11-14 Knit 'n Camp, Prescott, AZ

<http://www.ravelry.com/events/knit-n-camp-2014>

21 Griffin Dyeworks Fall Frolic, Monrovia, CA

<http://www.griffindyeworks.com/?q=retreat>

27-28 Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival, Canby, OR

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-Flock-and-Fiber-Fes...>

27-29 Newton's Fall Festival, Anaheim, CA

<http://www.newtons.com/index.html>

28- Sept 2 Monterey County Wool Show, Monterey, CA

<http://www.montereycountyfair.com/annual-fair>

**October**

4 Lambtown USA Festival, Dixon, CA

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

4-5 Yarnosphere, Long Beach, CA

<http://yarnosphere.com/>

4-6 Wool Festival at Taos, New Mexico

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

6-12 Spinzilla

<http://www.tnna.org/page/SpinzillaHome/>

11-12 Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta, Vista, CA

<http://vistafiberartsfiesta.com/>

18-19 Fiber Fusion Northwest, Monroe, WA

<http://www.fiberfusion.net/>

**November**

4 - Southern California Handweavers' Guild Weaving & Fiber Festival, Torrance, CA

<http://www.schq.org/festival>

<p>Reminder: Dues for the 2014 year are now due. Be sure to pay at the January meeting or via PayPal. Application is on the last page of this Newsletter.</p>
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:editor@glasg.org) your information for the ad. These ads are not for commercial ventures.

### For Sale

Mid 1980's era custom Norwegian stlye wheel. Solid Teak.

- 22 inch diameter wheel.
- Scotch brake or double drive.
- At least 6 bobbins (still finding them). Each bobbin has 4 whorls on each side for more ratios.
- 4 different flyer speeds.
- Built in holder for match orifice hook.
- Two sizes of orifice (insert style). Tensioned lazy-kate with interchangeable distaff and yarn skeiner.

Spins everything for gossamer fine to bulky.

Email [gwen@mresource.com](mailto:gwen@mresource.com) for more information.



### For Sale

1970's Sharples Indian Bulky Spinner  
Solid Walnut. One bobbin, 1 inch orifice, one speed. That is how they were made back then.  
Great for Novelty yarns, rope and other bulky or soft spun yarns  
**\$250, Email [gwen@mresource.com](mailto:gwen@mresource.com)**

### Destashing after 34 years!



## February 2014 Minutes of the Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild

Meeting Date 2/22/2014

Call to Order: 10:06 Vice-President Nan called the meeting to order.

Introductions: 30 attendees

Minutes of January 2014 Meeting approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Virgadean came late but did give the Secretary the following balances: Checking: \$1,832.20 (\$2,829 expenses) and Savings: 4,327.55 (\$3,657 entries)

### Committees Reports

### **Programs**

The February Program was presented by Lo An who showed the members how to spin woolen yarn. The 2014 year schedule is attached. Please refer to it for monthly GLASG meeting programs. March Program will be presented by Eileen and will involve Ravelry Literacy: members are invited to subscribe, choose a Ravelry name and bring their tablets, laptops, smart phones to the March meeting to learn about that wonderful forum.

### **Events/Outreach**

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

March 15      Fibershedla.com wants volunteers to demo. Please check the Ravelry page for more info or speak to Nina

April:        YarnCrawl L.A. (TBA)

4/27 Pierce College will hold its Farm Walk. Spinners wanted to demo but be aware it is going to be a long day. Bring water and sunscreen.

### **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. Cones of yarn were donated and are available on first-come basis.

### **Library**

Ann reported new books, e-book and DVDs on fleece, supported spindles and yarn design. If you borrow library items, please sign on the card of wanted item, write your email and bring them back at next meeting. Reservations are accepted. A subscription to **Ply Magazine** has been made.

### **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.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Workshop on Cotton with Stephanie Gaustad will be held in May on Memorial Day Weekend; Friday will be dedicated to all kinds of spindle spinning. Sunday will address cotton spinning on belt-driven wheels. Saturday is a regular meeting day and there will be classes available. Please sign up online. Friday and Sunday workshops will be held at Gwen's home and lunch will be included. Saturday is shaping out as a potluck lunch and **SOMEONE IS INVITED TO COORDINATE IT. TV TRAYS ARE NEEDED FOR FRIDAY SPINDLE WORKSHOP.**

**AUGUST WORKSHOP (BETH SMITH) ORGANIZER IS NEEDED.**

Shyralyn reported that retreats can't be done for less than \$300-350 just for the lodging. Camping alternatives can be explored, such as Green Valley Cabin rental; or Gilboa in Big Bear is a Kosher camp and members would have to bring their own vegetarian food. Hostels can be an option as they are very reasonable, especially in the winter. Also, Concordia may lend dorms and a gym.

### **Announcements :**

A 72 TPI carder by Ashford is available for sale (\$325.00).

### **Show and Tell**

Judy dyed and spun cotton and highly recommended taking at least one of the May Cotton workshops to learn about this fascinating fiber. There is a DVD available in the library on the subject.

Mary Frances also has spun cotton and says that the fibers are easy to spin but to make sure to have the same color from the batches to avoid having to grow it again to finish a project. She has spun cat hair previously washed with baking soda.

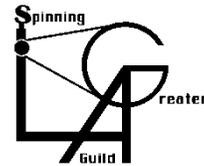
Amy: oil your wheel with this combo: 70% mineral oil and 30% STP (automotive) additive. The liquid mixes up cloudy but once it settles, it is clear and the wheel will spin faster.

Caty bought plastic bins for fiber washing at Marukai. She also bought small ceramic bowls for her supported spindles. Andrea noted to make sure the bowls are smooth otherwise the spindle will get worn out.

Nan spun and crocheted soutache to make a lovely backpack. She used lava yarn to make a beret and she made 2 pair of socks two-at-a-time and from the toes up using sock blankets ordered from KnitPicks.

**Meeting adjourned** at 11:00

Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild  
2014  
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.*

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Renewal:*  Please correct the Roster as shown above.

*Roster Correction Only:* My dues are paid through 2013, just correct the Roster as shown above.

**Membership Committee use only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date dues given to Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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