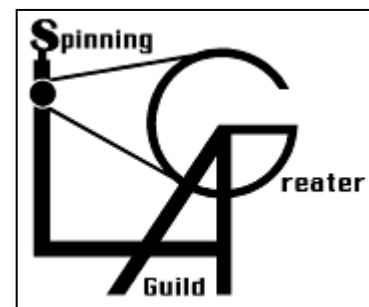


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2013 MEETINGS

January 25	February 22	March 22
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July 26 Meeting—A Textile Adventure in Peru with Ercil Howard-Wroth

The July 26th meeting will feature Ercil Howard-Wroth's presentation on her trip to Cuzco, Peru and her time at the Tinkuy de Tejedores: A Gathering of Weavers conference where she learned about natural dyeing, cultural knitting and the weaving/spinning techniques of the Andean peoples.

An extra added treat, she has arranged for a private trunk show of items from ClothRoads in Loveland, CO. ClothRoads calls themselves 'A Global Textile Marketplace' and specializes in items from South America, India, Asia as well as North America.

GREATER LOS ANGELES SPINNING GUILD Proudly Presents Beth Smith August 22nd through August 24th

Friday August 22 thru Sunday August 24

Location:

Westside Pavilion (Friday and Sunday)
Community Room - Third Level
10800 West Pico

St. Andrews Lutheran Church (Saturday)
11555 National Blvd
LA, 90064

GREATER LOS ANGELES SPINNING GUILD
Proudly Presents Beth Smith
August 22nd through August 24th

Intro:

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 it's 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.

GLASG will be hosting three half day workshops and one full day workshop. Schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 22nd 2014 – AM

Working Toward Consistency - 3 Hours

In this class I will show every trick I know to spinning more consistent yarns.

We will explore how drafting, twist and ply effect a finished yarn and how to manage each one for a consistent yarn.

We will talk about how twist can effect the yarn thickness just as much as drafting.

You will learn how to get an even amount of twist throughout the skein. We will also work on tweaking our drafting techniques to help even yarns out, and you'll learn how to keep your plying consistent. I'll give you lots of tips and tricks for keeping your yarn consistent throughout an entire project.

I will show examples of my own inconsistent yarns to demonstrate the points being made. You will have an opportunity to play "What Went Wrong" a spinners game that diagnoses the specific problems in finished yarns that aren't quite right.

Please Bring: A spinning wheel in good working order, 3 empty bobbins, lazy kate, and note taking materials.

Spinning Level: Students must be able to spin a continuous thread.

****Class Fees: \$55/ \$70 Non-Guild Member** Plus Materials Fee: \$15 Maximum students: 20**

Friday, August 22nd 2014 – PM

Finish that Skein - 3 Hours

Do you spend time deciding what drafting and plying method you will use to get a specific yarn? Then do you use the same one finishing method you always do?

There are many ways to finish those freshly spun skeins. It can be a bit confusing and overwhelming deciding how to choose the finishing technique. Some finishing techniques work beautifully with certain spinning techniques to get exactly the yarn you want. At other times, that tried and true finishing method is not the best.

In this class I will teach you 4 different finishing method and talk about what the benefits and drawbacks are of each method.

I'll show you how to choose which finishing method is best for the type of yarn and type of project you are spinning for. We'll spin different yarn and different fibers and see what works beautifully and what doesn't work at all.

You will leave this class with a new set of ideas and information about finishing your skeins.

Please Bring: Spinning Wheel in good working order, at least 3 bobbins, lazy kate, note taking materials.

Spinning Level: Must be able to spin a continuous thread.

****Class Fees: \$55/ \$70 Non-Guild Member** Plus Materials Fee: \$10 Maximum students: 20**

Saturday, August 23rd 2014 –AM

****Free to PAID Guild Members/ \$15 Non-Guild Members****

The Importance of Sampling - 90 minutes (Lecture)

Your knitting teacher will tell you to swatch, your weaving teacher will ask you to sample and your spinning teacher will tell you take your wool from yarn to fabric. It feels like such a waste of time when we just want to get to the fun part. Let me show you how to make sampling fun and the things you can learn just by taking that bit of extra time and fiber. We'll also talk about making a sample library so that future sampling can be cut down as the same fibers are used again and again.

Maximum class size: Unlimited

Materials Fee: \$0

Saturday, August 23rd 2014 – PM

Spinning and Finishing Downy Luxury Fibers – 3hrs Cashmere, Qiviut, Yak, Bison and others like them are the fibers from which dream projects are made of. They can seem a little daunting and they can be a little pricey. Come with me and touch and play with several of these fibers. We will learn the best ways to spin them and finish the yarns to get the most beautiful end results. Let me help you move past your fear of these fibers. We will look at how much twist they need to make a strong yarn, drafting methods that work best with these shorter stapled fibers, plying methods and how to get more bang for your buck and a surprising way to finish the yarns that brings out all of their glory.

Students should be able to spin a consistent thread and have a spinning wheel in good working order.

Woolee Winders are not the best option for this class.

Maximum Class Size: 20

****Class Fees: \$55/ \$70 Non-Guild Member** Plus Materials Fee: \$25**

Sunday, August 24th, 2014 – ALL DAY

Breed Study

Why would a spinner want to spin Southdown? What is the best way to prepare a Longwool for spinning? Why is Merino such a fussy fiber? This class demystifies the what, why and how of sheep breeds.

Luxuriate in 12 (1 day) different sheep breeds and learn how to choose the best breed for any project you have in mind. You'll also learn the best preparation and spinning method for the type of yarn you want to make from the breed you choose.

We'll start with an overview of sheep breeds and their 5 categories. Then you'll get your hands wet learning to wash raw wool to maintain the lock structure, washing lock by lock as well as washing in small batches.

Next, you will try a variety of processing tools - handcards, flick cards, combs and even just your hands, to learn which methods work best for which breed types. Now it's time to spin! We'll use different spinning techniques, to create yarns for specific types of knitting and we'll spin some weaving yarns.

There will be lots of time for you to experiment with different processing tools and spinning techniques, to see what works for you and your style of spinning.

When you finish with this class you'll never look at a sheep breed the same way again!

Please Bring: Hand Cards, Flick, Hand Held Combs (if you don't have them a few will be available to lend) Spinning wheel in good working order or a spindle, pen, one empty bobbin, a lap cloth is useful for flicking.

Spinning Level: Students must be able to spin a continuous thread.

****Class Fees: \$105/ \$120 Non-Guild Member** Plus Materials Fee: \$45 for 1 day Maximum students: 20**

Please note that class fees are based on expenses to cover the instructor, her class fees, transportation (flight and car), lodging, meals, etc. GLASG does not profit in hosting a workshop.

If interested in participating, please email directly at Cajan_2002@yahoo.com

June 2014 Meeting

Our June program focused on getting ready for the LA County Fair! Members were given a brief tutorial on proper skeining techniques, labeling, etc. Each person entering a skein had to not only estimate yardage and describe their yarn but also give an explanation as to how they intended to use. Although it may not have been expected when spinning, the yarn's intended use is a factor to help judges with their process.



Los Angeles County Fair Entries 2014

Jen Foti also presented a speed-spinning technique for use in the very popular competition to be held at the Pomona fairgrounds on September 21st at 6pm in the Barn. Several members remarked she should write about it and present as an article for Spin-Off or Ply magazines. By the end of the meeting 11skeins and 5 knit/crochet items were collected for a mass drop off to the Fair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & OUTREACH

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!

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.schg.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>

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.

For Sale

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

- 22 inch diameter wheel.
- Scotch brake or double drive.
- At least 6 bobbins (still finding them). Each bobbin has 4 whorls (2 on each side) for more ratios.
- 4 different flyer speeds.
- Built in holder for matching orifice hook.
- Two sizes of orifice (insert style). Tensioned lazy-kate with interchangeable distaff and yarn skeiner.

Spins everything from gossimer fine to bulky.

Email 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

\$200, Email gwen@mresource.com

Destashing after 34 years!



GLASG Monthly Meeting 28 Jun 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. The minutes from last meeting were approved with no changes or corrections

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Currently there are 55 paid members with \$2340.00 in our checking account and \$3288.00 in our savings account. 3 memberships per month are needed to pay rent for monthly meetings.

Program: Jen Foti will present a program on spinning for competitions including skein preparation, skein presentation and a novel technique for speed spinning on a wheel.

Raffle: many great items were donated, tickets are 2/a dollar.

Library: Several new videos and library items have been returned OK

Events: OC Spinners will demonstrate spinning at the OC Fair July 19, 2014. Ranch of the Oaks will have an open invitation day for GLASG members to see their mill, llamas, sheep and alpacas coming up at the end of summer, details forthcoming. LA County Fair spinning contest date will be available closer to Sept, 2014. Entry to contest costs \$2.00 and entitles entrants to admission and free parking.

Beth Smith Workshops

August 22nd through August 24th

Aug 22, 23 Half day workshops, 2 on Friday and 1 Saturday afternoon

Aug 24 full day workshop

Reserve and pay for class and materials via check or via PayPal (please add 3% surcharge)

New Business

Several very fine items were donated to GLASG including an Ashford Traveler and an Ashford electric drum carder. Also donated were multiple tools, lazy Kate, hand carders and other items in nearly new condition. After much discussion it was voted to have Andy M. research fair prices for the barely used items. GLASG members will be notified of a minimum bid and can enter a silent auction bid for items and if unsold, items will then be offered to public sites (Craig's List, Ravelry) for sale (local pick up only).

Dye Day - Sept 20, 2014. Dye day will be a mini workshop on using/preparing natural dyes for a limited amount of fiber. A prep day will be held on July 12, 2014 at 9:00 am at Gwen Powell's home to mordant/prepare fibers to take natural dyes.

Show and Tell

Sonya travelled to Catalonia and brought samples of a rare breed from that region: xisqueta yarn. She purchased a kilo and passed our samples to members in attendance.

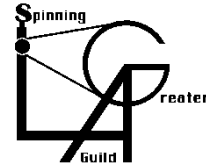
Jan Larsen traveled to England and returned last night. She piloted a river barge in the Midlands and saw a few sheep farms. She also shopped at a Spinning/weaving store in London, the only fiber shop open on the Monday she was there. Jan picked up yet another supported spindle.

Judy showed off her ebony supported spindle, she recently received from Texas Jean.

Karen returned from 40th Black Sheep and Wool Gathering with some lovely socks decorated with spinning wheels, sheep shaped soap and goat soap.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

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.*

**Omit from
Published
Roster**

Name: _____

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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/ _____