

# The Circular



*A Newsletter for the Genesee Valley Sock Machine Club  
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**Stella Robison demonstrates her Master Machine to a guest at the Old Fashion Farm Days; Babcock Museum  
May 28, 2006**

<http://interprez.org/GVSMC>

## *From the Editor*

Your Editor has not kept pace with this quickly passing summer. There is so much to do and little time to spare.

There are two events listed that are ideal for our Club participation. It is important to know how many of our GVSMC will attend. Please send me your commitment to attend both these events and I will be sure that the right people know we are going to be there.

Carol Bonczek will be calling all members personally to get names signed up for the Hemlock Festival.

Sherry Wheatley will coordinate the event at Medina.

Thank you Carol for writing up Secretary notes for this newsletter.

*By Fred Hauck*

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## Upcoming Events; 2006

### **September 16 & 17, 2006 12th Annual Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival**

The GVSMC has been invited to demonstrate our sock machines at the Festival. Please read the email from Denise Syed. (page 3)

Call Carol at 585-359-3213

Fest@gvhg.org

<http://www.gvhg.org/festcontacts.html>

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### **October 14 One day Festival at Medina Stone Farm Read article on page 5.**

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

Call Sherry at 585-798-3358

## Old Fashion Farm Days

Evelyn, daughter of Stella Robison, demonstrates a special type of weaving on her loom. A computer program generates a weaving pattern incorporating a prayer that is woven into the fabric.

Evelyn shared the area where the GVSMC demonstrated sock machines at the Babcock Museum on May 28, 2006.



## 12th Annual Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival

Hello Fred

On behalf of the Genesee Valley Hand spinner's Guild, and the Fingerlakes Fiber Festival Committee, I would like to formally invite the Genesee Valley Sock Machine Club to participate in the Festival again this year. As you know, we have an area of the Festival devoted to fiber related guilds and we would love it if your club would like to join us again. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate your craft to the public and advertise your club to potential members.

Please confirm your club's anticipated participation and let me know how many tables and chairs you need. Please understand that should your club decide to participate, you are responsible for securing your own volunteers as well as supervising your table and equipment during the Festival. Volunteers will be given free admission for the days that they volunteer but in order to secure tickets for them, you must send me a list of volunteers and an address where I can send the tickets.

Please feel free to email me with any additional questions that you might have.

Thank you,

Denise Syed  
Fingerlakes Fiber Festival  
Guild Liaison

## APRIL/MAY 2006 SECRETARY NOTES

*by Carol Bonczek*

Dear Folks,

I have been a little derelict of my duties as secretary (I guess I might not get paid this month). Jack and Sherry hosted the April meeting at their lovely country home in Middleport. It was a great turn out for our first meeting. In attendance were Donna, Stella, Sherry and Jack, Fred and Lea, Carol, Cathy Heinz, Kathi Lutz, and her daughter, Amanda Lutz, Doreen and husband David.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 after much chatting and catching up with a great potluck luncheon following. It was decided at this point we would not collect dues because we had no expenses as of yet. Instead, we chipped in a few dollars and put it toward the host house.

Most of us have gotten more acquainted with our machines, and some have made their first socks. We are all learning very quickly !!!!

May brought us to the Old Fashion Days in Caledonia. Participants joining the festivities were Fred, Sherry, Sue, Carol, Doreen and her husband, David, and Kris, our newest member. Kris was presented with a refurbished machine from Fred. She is Sue and Carol's sister-in-law.

The day was pretty much a day of demonstrating and educating the public as to the history of sock making and how the machines came into production. Fred discussed the mechanics of the machine, which the men were fascinated with. All age ranges of people attended the festival. Sue and Carol discussed the history of the machines and sock making years ago. Sue is an avid spinner so she spun her roving while Carol made and demonstrated the use of the sock machine.

Sherry set up a flax demonstration and discussed the processing of flax. Sherry is also multitalented. She has a great knowledge of the fiber arts. She weaves, spins, and also dyes her own yarns. Cathy Heinz set up a booth displaying and selling her alpaca goods; socks as well as other garments. Cathy is a great sock maker as well as a knitter. She uses alpaca yarn for her socks and clothing. Cathy and her husband raise their own alpaca.

At the end of May, Stella, Jean and Fred attended and demonstrated their sock making machines at the Old Fashion Farm Days on the grounds of the historic Babcock Museum in Barker New York. The day consisted of demonstrations of old time trades and farm equipment. Fred is such an asset to our guild with vast knowledge about the history of the many makes of the circular sock machines. He is also our acting mechanical engineer.

Fred has also refurbished many machines for our guild members and helped them get started in sock making. A special thanks to Fred (and also Lea for her patience in sharing her husband)

Our members have been very active in spreading the word of our new found hobby and demonstrating their knowledge of the sock machines. Sherry offered to host a garden sock making get together in June, but with the business of schedules this summer she thought we could schedule something in July or August.

To name a few of Stella's many talents, she is a veteran spinner and dyer. Stella has knitted for many years and has successfully mastered the basic sock making techniques on her Home Profit Machine refurbished by Fred.

## Medina Stone Farm

Sherry Wheatley has invited the GVSMC to demonstrate sock machines on October 12, 2006 at **The Medina Stone Farm**. This historic site along the Erie Canal has a web site you may want to visit. <http://www.medinastonefarm.com/index.html>

The Medina Stone Farm is operated by a couple known as **Ron & Nancy OneSong**. **See the photo and article taken from the Web site.**

In addition to a full day of entertainment, there is scheduled a barn dance beginning at 7:00 pm, featuring **The Lonesome Willow String Band and the dance caller, Will Herzog**.

Sherry sent us the schedule for October 14 on page 6.

Lea and I plan to be there for the day and at the square dance in the evening.

*Fred Hauck, Editor*



Ron & Nancy OneSong specialize in traditional American music, including country, bluegrass, western and gospel, with a repertoire encompassing many styles and eras. Performing as a duo since 1994, they have combined their talents to create a sound reminiscent of the past.

The name "OneSong" is a reference to music being the "universal language"- "uni" means one, and "verse" means song.

MEDINA LIONS CLUB SCARECROW FEST  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AT MEDINA STONE FARM B & B

SAT. OCT 14<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 - 6:00

CHILI CONTEST- SENIOR CITIZENS

APPLE DESERT CONTEST- SENIOR CITIZENS

PUMPKIN PAINTING

HORSE DRAWN HAYRIDES

SQUARE DANCING ONLY FROM 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

FACE PAINTING- STACEY KIRBY

METHODIST CHURCH- KIDS GAMES

BUILD YOUR OWN SCARECROW

MAKE IT - AND TAKE IT

TEAM SCARECROW CONTEST

SCARECROWS FOR CANCER - GCASA & MEDINA CENTRAL SCHOOLS

FARM ANIMALS

FLYWAY FARMS - MAPLE PRODUCTS

FLEA MARKET

LIONS CLUB FOOD TENT

FARMERS MARKET

LILLYS SCONES

CORN HUSK DOLL CLINIC

KNITTERS UNDER A SHADE TREE

ANDES DANDYS ALPACAS FARM FROM MEDINA & SPINNING DEMO

NANCY BERGER- DRIED FLOWERS

CIVIL WAR REINACTMENT

CHICKEN BBQ

ACOUSTIC FLAT PICKERS JAM OFF CONTEST - 15 MIN. OF FAME

CAMPFIRE SMORES

50/50 RAFFLE

GO FISHIN & CATCH A FISH- LIONS CLUB

GO THRU THE TOWN OF MEDINA & NORTH ON RT 63. IT'S LESS THAN ¼ ONCE YOU GET OVER THE CANAL BRIDGE ON LEFT SIDE OR TAKE RT. 104 & GO SOUTH ON RT 63 & ITS APPROX. 3 MILES SOUTH OF RT. 104 BEFORE YOU GO ACROSS THE CANAL BRIDGE ON THE RIGHT. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE THE CLUB COME. MEDINA STONE FARM IS SO COOL. ITS COUNTRY AND QUIANT. THERES A HUGE LAWN WITH LOTS OF TREES. THIS IS GOING TO BE A HUGE EVENT. THE LIONS CLUB IS HAVING A SCARECROW CONTEST FROM SEPT. 29 - OCT. 15<sup>TH</sup> WHERE THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY PUTS SCARECROWS OUT FRONT OF THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESS. IT WOULD BE COOL IF THE CLUB COMES AND MAKES A SCARECROW TO PUT OUT FRONT OF THEIR SPOT.

## **Knitting Machines for Sale**

Murray Clark, a friend of mine from North Woodstock, New Hampshire, has three knitting machines for sale. The three can be purchased for \$900. If I have time to go there, I would pick them up if I had committed buyers here in Rochester. I would need to sell them for \$600 each to pay for the travel and new needles plus labor to make them ready to work.

Does anyone in the Club plan a trip to central New Hampshire this fall or spring? If so let me know if you could pick up the machines.

Fred Hauck

# Officers

President	Donna Mellander
Vice President	
Secretary	Carol Bonczek
Treasurer	Lesley Darling

The *Genesee Valley Sock Machine Club*, (GVSMC) was founded in January 2006.

The purposes of this club shall be:

**SECTION 1** To provide an organization for owners and operators of antique knitting machines or sock machines.

**SECTION 2** To encourage the preservation, restoration, and use of antique knitting machines.

**SECTION 3** To aid in the education of members and the public about the history of antique knitting machines through shared teaching experiences and demonstrations at various fiber arts shows and festivals or at regular meetings planned by the members.

**SECTION 4** The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan.

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Address Correction Requested

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