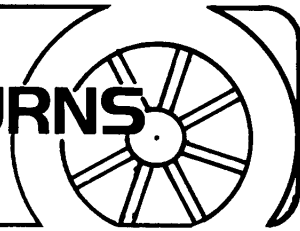


AS THE WHEEL TURNS



by Pat Boutin Wald

Our neighbor at the new guild, Noll Hardware, carries two kinds of cotton Mason's Line that make good drive bands for spinning wheels. Noll's address is: 789 Raymond Ave.

An article entitled "Protecting Your Valuable Handspun Yarn From Insects" can be found in the guild library collection of *Mother of All News*. It is of special interest to all of us who store quantities of wool products in our homes.

It was my pleasure recently to attend the Mid-State Spinner and Weaver's Spin-In at Wausau, Wisconsin. Events of the day included: sheep shearing, a handspun fashion show, raffle, and a discussion and display of coverlets by Ken Colwell. There was much to see and do. Antique spinning supplies available at commercial booths kept observers and shoppers busy. The enthusiasm of the spinners inspired many visitors to pick up a spindle and attempt spinning for the first time.



Sheepshearer Marvin Schilling PHOTO BY THE WAUSAU DAILY HERALD

Dear Karen,

Re: Advertisers

I will no longer have weaving time, but I will always have time to appreciate weaving. Currently I'm having 30 pounds of wool spun and woven for a hall runner. In order to indulge in these necessities I'll need you support. How many of you moved this year? How many did not have a particular realtor to turn to? How many noticed my ad? Please note: I am now with BARTON REALTY 920-6055. My home phone is still 544-0235. I can help in either city or suburbs. If I can answer any questions regarding real estate or help you with your move, please call.

(P.S. This is a paid ad)

LAEL EGINTON

My compliments and thanks to the organizers: Gen Stromme, Molly Pearce, Nancy Hessel, Sue John and Jeanne Walters. I hope that they will keep us notified of their future activities!

QUESTION:

I've heard of bushings on spinning wheels. What are they, where are they, what do they do, and what are they made of?

The Glaski's, spinning wheel builder from Unity, Wisconsin, have provided us with this answer:

A bushing is a little cylinder of material with a hole in it. A metal shaft turns in this hole. This metal shaft can be the drive wheel axle, the flyer shaft, or even the pins in the ends of the treadle bar.

Leather and rawhide have been used as bushing material for thousands of years and leather is still frequently used today. Bone and special hard woods were once common bushing materials on spinning wheels, but they have been largely replaced with plastics such as nylon and teflon.

Important reasons for using bushings in spinning wheels include reduced wear, reduced friction, and prevention of binding when there are changes in moisture or temperature. Leather has the additional ability of helping reduce vibration.

CORRECTION:

Last month we made an error in the question section. The first paragraph in the Glaski's answer should have read (corrected words underlined):

"The driven bobbin spinning wheel, with its flyer brake, has several general names. If the flyer assembly is large and the drive wheel small then the spinning wheel may be called a bulk wheel or Indian head spinner. If the flyer assembly is small and the drive wheel large then it may be called a swiss wheel."

We hope that this did not cause too much confusion.

If you have questions concerning spinning wheels or techniques, send them to me c/o *The Minnesota Weaver*.

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