

# Spinners' Quarterly

Unravelling modern handspinning

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### *The Newsletter*

*Spinners' Quarterly* is a newsletter available four times a year in print, providing a forum for discussing how the ancient craft of spinning fits into our modern lives.

Spinning means different things to each of us: for some, it is an artistic pursuit, for others it is a practical craft, and for others it plays a spiritual role. Perhaps you can identify with all three of these aspects in your own approach to—or curiosity about—making yarn. SQ takes a closer look at how we use spinning in our lives, the questions it raises and the answers it provides.

While delving into spinning's intellectual riddles, practical information and instruction is also provided. Each issue includes colour photos and a pattern or dye recipe that is easy for you to try out at home.

### *The Publisher*

I have been spinning since the early 1990's, and am mid-way through the six-year Spinning Certificate program offered by the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners (OHS). In the summer of 2003, I travelled from Toronto to Victoria with a support spindle, and met with many spinners and fibre artisans along the way. I am a member of two Toronto-area

spinning & weaving guilds, as well as the Downtown Knit Collective. I have written for various fibre publications, including *Spin-Off*, *Fibre Focus* and *Knitters News*. I also volunteer at the Textile Museum of Canada, teaching school groups about textiles.

I enjoy the creative process that is spinning as much as I love writing about it and connecting with other spinners. I hope you will find the coming issues of *Spinners' Quarterly* inspiring—let me know what you think. Happy spinning!

**Lorraine Smith**  
Publisher & Editor

### In upcoming issues...

- ✿ Witty folks like Stephanie Pearl-McPhee and Shirl the Purl spin their funny yarns;
- ✿ Grad student Emily Blakelock explores the role of guilds;
- ✿ Teenaged boy spinners crawl out of the woodwork;
- ✿ Patterns for garments that spin and knit up quickly, dye-recipes, and more!

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