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Bunnies for the May Meeting!!!

Thanks to Michael Romanoski and Erica Kuntz there were some bunnies at our last guild meeting. We were given an informative session about raising animals in a sustainable way while being able to use their hair for spinning. I learned so much about these lovely creatures, along with other animals, and how the process works for creating a quality fiber to harvest. Thank you both, and your daughter, for taking the time to share your knowledge and experiences with us all!



Because of a swift and enthusiastic member of our group the first "Meet Our Member" is in this issue. May have to recruit her to help do this column for our paper:) I will be handing out the Info/Starter Sheet to a few people a month so there will be more members to meet in the future. So, get ready to share what you would like to and maybe we'll all learn something from/about each other. Thanks in advance!

Meet our Member
Andrea Wargo

My "addiction" to fiber started innocently enough, years ago, with a beginning knitting class at JoAnn's. I used really ugly acrylic yarn and had a terrible time learning, but I was hooked. Luckily I have a good friend (former guild member Stacey Allen) who was an excellent knitter and encouraged me along.

Quickly I was consumed with knitting, to the point where my "day job" is now fiber farming, raising alpacas and angora goats with Marilyn, stepsister, in Grafton. Soon we will add sheep. The farm's name is That'll Do Farm. (www.ThatllDoFarm.com) It came from a sheepherding term. When you are done working sheep with

May Minutes submitted by Sara Twining

Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild Minutes

President Elizabeth Yasaki called the meeting to order. Treasure Dee Martin reported beginning balance for the month was \$2,496.04 with \$100 in the Heifer Fund. Ending balance was \$2,479.90 with \$100 in the Heifer Fund.

Beth Hines brought samples of the Champion Boden Leiste fleece from the Maryland Show.

Program for June will be announced later. Demonstrations Chair Chris Streckley reminded us of June Balloon Fest spinning demo.

Membership – Lynne Kopinski reminded us June is Membership renewal month. The dues are \$20.00 for the year in cash or a check to LOCO.

Etta Rowe announced she sent three birthday cards and one get well card in March and six and one in April.

Newsletter – Mary asked us each to fill out a LOCO Meet Our Member sheet when asked so we can learn about each other and our interests beyond the guild. The info can be as little or as much as you like and in any form.

Julie Bragg reported on equipment. If you have a piece of LOCO equipment out let her know. Also if you would like to borrow something get in touch with her. The Guild Spinning Wheel, Lady Bug is available.

President Yasaki announced we'd vote in June about our donation scholarship drawing details. Also next month we'll consider our annual donation to Ginko Gallery for hosting our library.

There was a report from the Heifer Committee on plans for this year's projects and ideas for 2012 & 2013. Under old business, Betsy Bruce encouraged members to visit three fiber arts displays in Oberlin. She also reported plans for working in the Dye Garden May 21.

Some workshops and opportunities for fiber lovers were announced.

Remember ****Keep working on your Brow Bag Project****!

Karen Long is looking for help designing and making a poster for the Bacon House at Mill Hollow to explain and illustrate the natural dye process. Chris Bruce offered what she has to help with that.

We retired for refreshments and a great program by Michael Romanowski and Erica Kuntz,

Respectfully submitted,

Meet our Member
 Andrea Wargo
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your dog, you tell the dog "That'll Do" and they are called off the sheep. Both Marilyn and I have border collies we work in sheepherding trials. We will soon offer sheepherding lessons at the farm and thought the term "That'll Do" fit our all aspects of our fiber business.

We offer knit-ins, spin-ins, hook-ins (for rug hooking), and a variety of classes. There are 20 alpaca on the farm, with 10 babies due this summer and fall. We have four Angora goats and a llama that watches over them.

This summer, if it ever stops raining, we are putting in a dyers garden at the farm. The idea of growing our own fleece, hand processing it and then dyeing it from our own plants is fascinating to me. What our ancestors did as necessity we are now doing as a business.

I love to knit with farm yarns from local farms. If they are hand-dyed, that's even better! As president of the Ohio Natural Fiber Network (www.OhioFiber.blogspot.com) one of my main concerns is promoting Ohio fiber. Ohio has so many quality fiber farms, but no organized way to let the world know about our beautiful wool and fleece. Through the network, we are working to brand Ohio yarn as a quality product and make people aware that they can buy local yarn.

I am a new spinner who wishes there were about 12 more hours in every day so I could fit in more spinning time! I learned to spin at the John C. Campbell folk school in North Carolina. I would

Call to Fiber Artists

Wearable Art Show, a Crooked River Fiber Fling event

This looks like a good place to sell or show your work and enjoy what others have to offer. If anyone participates or just goes for the show please send me a note about it to post in our newsletter!

WHAT: Wearable Art Fashion Show & Sale

WHEN: Friday, Aug 5, 2011

WHERE: Days Inn & Suites Ballroom, Richfield Ohio

ENTRY FORM DUE: July 21, 2011 (submit form with \$10 entry fee)

DROP-OFF: July 21-24 at Peninsula Art Academy

Questions? Email us at wearable_art@fibercafe.org

recommend the Campbell folk school to be on everybody's bucket list of places to take a class. Beautiful setting. Wonderful people. And uninterrupted time for working on your craft. Believe me, if they could teach this big-time over-twister to spin correctly, they can teach anybody!

My most challenging project so far was an enterlac scarf. In fact, it still remains undone. When it was explained to me that enterlac resembles a math project, I knew I would never get it! Bring on the intarsia. Give me short rows. But don't give me math/enterlac! Knitting is supposed to take me about from everyday worries and concerns, not create them!

We have a LibraryThing account!!!

<http://www.librarything.com/>

name: LOCOLibrary password: l0c0library (Those are zeroes)

Our book collection is still in the process of being added to LibraryThing. Keep in mind that the site will only let you know whether the guild OWNS an item, not whether it is available to be borrowed.

2011 Upcoming Events

6/11 - Natural Dye Day and Rust on Silk Dying at "Ewe & Beth's Studio"
10717 LaGrange Rd. Elyria, OH 44035 Phone:(440) 458-4049
9am to 3pm so bring a bag lunch and fiber to dye (#1). Will have silk.

6/24-25 - Woolfest at Lake Metropark Farmpark
8800 Euclid Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH

There's an opportunity to enter the Fiber Art Show, try your luck in the Chinese Auction... and the whole event is family friendly with kids hands-on crafts, demonstrations etc.

Here's the link for more information -

<http://www.lakemetroparks.com/programs/woolfest.shtml>

6/25 - Sauder Village "Focus on Fiber Arts" in Archbold

7/2, 3, 4 - Fine Arts Fair Invitational Event

Old Stone Sanctuary in Crestline, Ohio -Rt. 61

Saturday - 10:00 - 5:00 pm; Sunday - 1:00- 5:00 pm;

Monday - 10:00 - 5:00 pm

8/17 - 20 - Rug Hooking Week - Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio
Exhibits, vendors, workshops - call 800-590-9755 for info

8/4-7 - The Crooked River Fiber Fling in Peninsula

Website: www.fibercafe.wordpress.com

8/20-21 - Mid-Ohio Fiber Fair in Newark,

Website: www.midohiofiberfair.weebly.com

Could use some input here from members

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