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What a way to go Donna; wrapped in a Heifer Shawl!
We'll miss you!



A note from the board to ponder until the January Meeting

At the January meeting, Tuesday, January 10' 2012, the agenda for the evening will be an open general membership meeting with the board presiding. Realize that we individually "own" LOCO and collectively we can generate "our" vision for the future.

What suggestions do YOU have for LOCO's future? If you are unable to make the January meeting or if you don't want to make your comments/questions or suggestions publicly in front of members, please call or email one of our elected officers: Elizabeth, Karen, Sara or Dee.

Please consider the following questions/requests for suggestions as a starting point for our discussions. Come prepared to share your concerns and suggestions. We look forward to another enthusiastic discussion using your constructive and creative ideas.

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1) What do **YOU** like about the Guild?

- a) refreshments
- b) socializing
- c) show and tell
- d) hands on programs
- e) mini-lectures/slide shows
- f) demonstrating
- g) workshops
- h) learning new skills/techniques
- i) service project
- j) dye garden
- k) newsletter
- l) website
- m) field trips
- n) library
- o) scholarships for workshops
- p) other....

2) How often shall we meet?

- a) monthly throughout the year
- b) every other month
- c) not during the summer
- d) not during winter (Jan., Feb., Mar)

3) There are 16 officer positions. Is this too many?

- a) yes
- b) no

4) If yes, which positions should be maintained?

Elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

Appointed: Demonstrations, Guild Equipment, Historian, Library, Membership, Newsletter, Programs, Public Relations, Refreshments, Fiber Samples, Sunshine, Workshops

5) Realistically, how many workshops per year should we try to organize?

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

6) What type of workshops might you attend:

- a) beginning spinning
- b) intermediate spinning
- c) beginning weaving
- d) intermediate weaving
- e) advanced weaving
- f) basketry
- g) dyeing
- h) needle crafts (knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc.)
- i) other: tatting, felting, nuno felting
- j) other: _____

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7) Who would you like to see as workshop instructor(s)?

8) What type of 45-60min. programs would you like to see at meetings?

9) How often should programs be scheduled?

- a) each month
- b) every other month
- c) every third month

10) Who do you suggest lead these programs?

Other suggestions:

Some other Guild formats to consider:

- 1) monthly meeting, officers, yearly dues, monthly newsletter
- 2) monthly meeting, officers, yearly dues, quarterly newsletter
- 3) monthly meetings, no officers, no dues, no set program most months, voluntary minutes distributed electronically
- 4) quarterly meetings with large group, study groups meet more frequently to work on a particular chosen topic, trouble-shoot, etc.
- 5) other.....

Note: If there are changes needed as decided through discussion resulting in motions and associated voting, we'll need a small group to review and revise the by-laws.

(last page so put on your thinking cap and see you in January)

Our two scholarship winners for 2011:



Dee

and

Karen



LOCO December meeting was held at the Wellington Park building. Guests this evening were Barbara Dittmer, Che Gonzalez, and Kay Grisafó. Welcome. At least one of these ladies found us through the web site.

Next month during our program time we'll discuss ideas for our guild's organization. Does our format fit us, is our current pattern of selecting and keeping officers working, do we need to make changes?

Sunshine chair Etta sent 1 sympathy card and 4 birthday cards.

Refreshment sign-ups needed for 2012. Sheryl thanked all for the wonderful refreshments in 2011.

Etta showed the brown bag exchange that was intended for Katie Farr. It will be given to her family. .

Other brown bag exchanges were completed. Wonderful results.

Treasurer Dee Martin reported a beginning balance of \$3479.66 with \$409 of that designated for the Heifer fund. Ending balance was \$3531.27 with \$557 in Heifer. Then \$330 was added from tonight's ticket proceeds. Karen Long made a motion we donate enough from the treasury to make that a total of \$1000. Betsy Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dee has been working with the bank to waive the \$3 bank fee .She also ordered checks and needs a new stamp for the checks.

New business, Ed Rowe offered a class for a workshop on spinning wheel tune up. Some interest was expressed so he will do a proposal in the newsletter.

Donna Holmes is moving to Pittsburgh after Christmas. She is still willing to man the web site for the Guild and stay in touch. Her new email will be in the newsletter. Karen Long proposed we give a free guild membership to Donna as long as she maintains the web site. It was approved.

Election of officers Karen Long moved we accept the slate of officers as printed in the newsletter. Donna Holmes seconded it and the motion passed.

Heifer Project Shawl Drawing Results:1- Jean Bruce 2- Patti McAndrew 3-Jen Potter (friend of Donna Holmes from Chicago).

Demo Scholarship Winners are Karen Long and Dee Martin!

There was also an ornament exchange with many wonderful gifts exchanged.

Show and Tell Betsy Bruce six cotton towels and two tencel scarves; Mary Carmosino 2 towels from Weaving 108 workshop; Jewel Cowan lambs wool scarf she purchased from a weaver in China; Dee Martin Santa basket and crocheted slippers that looked like Mary Jane shoes and socks, athletic shoes etc; Sally Vourlojanis scarf and dish towel; Sheryl Hillman re purposed apron made from a reusable grocery bag; Holly lace knit shawl' Barbara Dittmer hand spun and knit shawl; Sara Twining Krokbrad mug rugs that look like piano keys.

Wonderful, abundant refreshments were provided by and enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted Sara Twining

WORKSHOPS AT LOCAL GUILDS

Fiber Frenzy Retreat

February 17th, 2012 7:00pm - 9:00pm

That'll Do Farm, as part of the Ohio Natural Fiber Network, will be teaching and vending at the [Fiber Frenzy Retreat at Park Mammoth Resort](#). It's a weekend full of fiber and friends. Make plans to join us.

Feb 24 -26 Fiber Retreat at Milan Villa, Milan, OH. A weekend of spinning, felting, fiber and fun! Reservations due to Deb Yeagle. Cost \$100 for 2 nights

SPRING SPINNING WORKSHOP WITH KATE LARSON

Saturday and Sunday, March 24&25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fellowship Hall in the Village of Richfield, OH

HGA's annual *Small Expressions* exhibit. Entry deadline February 1, 2012, for US entries <http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=HGASmallExpressions.html&loc=3-13-00&loc=1-61-00>

July 15-21 - Convergence 2012, Long Beach, CA
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