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Upcoming LOCO Guild Programs

February Program

The February Meeting will be "Movie Night." A variety of fiber-related videos will be available to show. The membership can vote on meeting night what interests them.

March Program

Our own illustrious Karen Long will chair an evening of dyeing - roving, yarn, textiles, etc. Before the March meeting, Karen will provide a list of materials to bring as well as how to prep your fiber (e.g., protein or cellulose).

YARN TO GARMENT XI

FAVA will again host the Fashion Show for Yarn to Garment on February 5, 2012 at 1:00pm sharp!

Please join us and see what was created with these fabrics and more...

Come grab a chair; seating is limited.



Lorain County Spinners and Weaver Guild

The January 2012 meeting opened with Treasurer Dee Martin. Our beginning balance was \$3,531.27 with \$577 in the Heifer Fund. Through donations and raffle proceeds we had an ending balance of \$4,041.27 with \$1007 of it Heifer Fund. Dee was able to get new checks and order the stamp needed. The checks for Demo Scholarships and the Heifer Fund still need to go out.

Patti McAndrew has a new vendor for LOCO logo items. Each item is about \$2 less expensive for the same quality. The embroidered bags are not included so there will be a limited number of bags left for sale. See Patti to order.

Julie Bragg, equipment lady, said she will be gone a few months this year so see her soon if you want to borrow guild equipment.

Ed Rowe announced his Spinning Wheel Tune-Up workshop will be March 10th, Saturday 9:30am at his Toy Box, 45485 Hughes Road, Oberlin. It will be limited to eight people; \$5 fee includes snack and lunch and will be donated to the Heifer Fund. Bring a chair, wheel, rags and your favorite fiber to spin. If there is more interest than eight people he's will to do another workshop and/or one on Wheel Drive Systems, history, difference between antique and modern wheels.

Workshop – Nancy Kuhar, passed out a sheet for workshop ideas.

Programs, Sally Vourlojianis, said next month's program will be movie night. There are many great videos related to our interest in our library, in our personal libraries and for sale through Handweaver Guild of America. Let's share.

Demonstrations, Chris Strekely would like to see new faces this Year at demos. First will be Senior Day in May. Stay tuned.

Fiber Samples, Kathy Webb, showed us a great resource Fleece and Fiber Source Book. We may purchase for library.

Newsletter, Mary Carmosino, Asks that you please send her information you'd like in the newsletter, preferably by e-mail before Jan 24th for the February Newsletter. Information about upcoming events or anything pertinent to our group will be published, including pictures.

Refreshments sheet was passed to sign up for a month.

Old Business: Dee Martin asked us to decide how we'd like to honor Katy Farr: book, etc. Etta Rowe had told Katy's family we would probably purchase a book in her memory. Other suggestions: A perennial in the dye garden; designate our Heifer Fund donation in her memory. We will check it out.

Dye Garden – Betsy Bruce – Do we want to put in a plaque, in the Bacon House nearby, a stone in the garden with names of who we are honoring with it?

Karen Long made a motion that we designate our Heifer Fund donation: 1 – To be kept in the US. 2 – Be in honor of Katy. 3 – Be two knitting Baskets with the remaining money given where it is most needed. Shelle Shepherd seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dee Martin will take care of it!

The phone tree needs to be updated and published.

President Elizabeth Yasaki would like the Heifer committee to keep going. Sign-ups happened! We are looking for about 6 lbs. Of 3-3 ½ inch long fine wool to blend with the alpaca we have to ready to go to processors in March. Let Elizabeth know.

Betsy Bruce will update member tags when she receives the current member list.

Betsy's Yarn to Garment Class has 10 college students and two adult women. They've ordered yarns, began warping and went for a field trip to Kent State University's new complex that has 40-60 looms, and industrial "dye" kitchen and two Jacquard looms. LOCO may want a field trip there!

We had show and tell next – Beth Hines – snowman basket made at a Park Workshop; Che' Gonzalez knitted mohair sweater with crystal buttons; Nancy Kuhar – four woven cotton towels; Ed Rowe – drop spindle to give away; Katy Webb – knitted hat and scarf and four woven towels; Andrea Wargo – alpaca/llama ruffle scarf; Marcee Stephenson – Alpaca rug yarn (looking for uses); Holly Whiteside – felted slippers by Holy and Oslo Walklace shawl and lace sampler scarf; Sara Twining – cape sewn from Kenya cloth; Dee Martin – quilt.

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After refreshments we worked our way through the question in the newsletter to help us discuss LOCO's future. We will discuss the like and dislike offered by the members and suggestions for workshops, officer training, programs and website at a board meeting hopefully in January yet. Then we'll bring the discussion back to the whole guild. If you were not at this meeting and have ideas to offer, please contact Elizabeth Yasaki. The guild is only as strong as we all are together. Great discussion!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Twining



Vegetable, Animal, Mineral-
Dyeing with natural dyestuffs on animal fiber.
Karen Long shares part of her collection.

If you haven't seen this display better hurry it's only up until Sunday, February 12, 2012.

Oberlin College Science Center
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Knit Michigan 2012 - 5th Annual

Saturday, February 4
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Bring a chemo cap or comfort item to donate (instructions on our website) and get a discount coupon redeemable February 5 through 28 at our market vendor's stores. The more items, the bigger the discount (up to 20%).

go on a field trip ☺

Thought maybe some of your guild might want to

February 4th 2012 (next week) at That'll Do Farm +++Spinning+++

Lee Ann King from Midwest Fiber Company is coming to That'll Do Farm in Grafton on Saturday, Feb. 4th to teach a few techniques to advance your spinning skills.

The class is from 1 - 4 p.m. and is \$30 per person.

You must already know how to spin and ply and have your own wheel.

Lee Ann will teach how to Navajo ply and explain the advantages of plying this way. She'll also teach you how to ply from a wound ball and how to add beads to your yarn.

You'll also learn how to spin and ply short samples using your wrist.

But it's not all fun and games. You do have pre-class homework. Please bring two bobbins partially full and don't forget your wheel.

You will go home a spinning diva!

Registration and payment at the time of registration is required in order to reserve your space in the class.

Register at www.ThatllDoFarm.com or by calling Andrea Wargo at [440-829-3644](tel:440-829-3644)

Spinning Wheel Tune-Up, *hands on,* Workshop

With: Ed the Wheel Healer - Ed Rowe

Date: March 10, 2012

Time: 9:30

Where: **The Toy Box**, 45485 Hughes Road, Oberlin, Ohio

Cost: \$5.00 with proceeds going to the LOCO Guild Heifer fund.

Bring your wheel, some sacrificial rags, and some of your favorite fiber and

we will learn how to tune up your wheel for peak performance. Necessary tools will be available.

In addition to learning what to do for improved spinning wheel performance, we will talk a little about different drive systems and their good points and their weaknesses, lubrication requirements of different wheels, the history of spinning wheels, and differences between antique and modern wheels.

Class size is limited to 8 participants.

Snacks, lunch and restrooms will be provided.

Call 440-774-3210 or 216-269-5413 or email erowe132@aol.com to register

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



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