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Upcoming LOCO Guild Programs

March Program for LOCO Meeting

Our own illustrious Karen Long will chair an evening of dyeing - roving, yarn, textiles, etc. See page 3 of the Newsletter for how to prepare!

March 20, 2012 from 9am-1pm - Basket Workshop with Laura Weinkamer

Beth's Studio (behind Fox Vet. Clinic); 10735 LaGrange Road
 Bring towel and tools.
 Call Beth with you reservation and basket-style request.
 (440)458-4049

Heifer Committee Announcement 2012

We are looking for wool fiber to mix with the Alpaca we purchased from Judy Keske last year (Thank you Judy for the great price and beautiful fiber). It doesn't have to be cleaned or processed but it should be well skirted. We are offering \$25 and need a minimum of 7-8 pounds. It should be white or light and fairly fine because we intend to mix it with the alpaca and dye it. The fiber length should be around 4-5 inches because is will be easier to spin if the fiber length matches that of the alpaca. I will try to bring a sample to the meeting. We do have a couple of options but we wanted to open this up to the guild. This announcement will be in the Feb AND March newsletter. The fiber will be sent off to Black Swamp to be processed & mixed at the end of the month. The plan is to spin & ply it au natural and dye it March 2013.

From the Librarian, Eboni Johnson

I am really excited about the new DVDs that Holly arranged to be purchased for the LOCO library (thanks again, Holly!). I know that some folks were interested in borrowing them already, and one of those people signed them out at the meeting. If you have one of our brand new DVDs but did not officially sign them out on my list, please PLEASE let me know who you are and which DVD(s) you borrowed so that I can update my list. It is important that we know who has our materials so that we can get them back! More info on page 4.

President Elizabeth Yasaki opened the February 2012 Meeting with Karen Long explaining next month's Annual Dye Day including handout. See elsewhere in newsletter for info. Karen will be setting up by 6:30PM. Come help if you can. We will dye our own projects as well as leftover yarns from Heifer projects in blues and greens.

Treasurer Dee Martin reported a beginning balance of \$4,041.27 with \$1007.00 in the Heifer Fund. After other expenses and paying \$1,000.00 to Heifer International, the ending balance was \$2,634.87, with \$7.00 in Heifer.

Judy Keske asked for more people to turn in questionnaires of ideas for workshops and programs. Nancy Kuhar passed them to members at the meeting. Beth Hines announced basket workshops at the park are full/closed, but if you contact Beth, a LOCO basket workshop could meet at her house some Tuesday 9-2, price \$20-\$30.

Fiber Samples will be looked far at the Bowling Green Fiber Fair by chair Kathy Webb. Note: A \$1.00 admission fee this year.

Programs: Holly and Sally explained idea for April program explaining: We'll take advantage of talents within the Guild. Sign up for a skill you can teach in 1-10 minutes, set a table and we'll go around to learn from each other. See pre-registration forms elsewhere in the newsletter. (Page 3)

Librarian Ebony got in Interweave Knits Spring 2012 and found book Principles of Knitting. The Guild urged her to purchase it. Holly had found a deal on spinning, weaving, knitting etc. DVD's. Elizabeth made a motion we reimburse Holly and put these in the library. Motion passed.

Demonstration Chris S. presented a plea for demonstrators at Benjamin Bacon Museum. We chose July 8 and passed a sign-up sheet. **Membership** Lynne Kopinski is still tracking down the last few members and then will proceed with directory and phone tree. **Sunshine**, Etta sent 7 birthday cards and 3 get wells. **Newsletter** items need to be to Mary Carmosino by the 24th of February. Please share any info you come across of interest to our guild. **Refreshments** are covered for the month, but Sheryl need someone to do her job of supplies etc for April. Sewing Expo on March 29-31, \$10.00 admission at Expo Center.

President Elizabeth and Karen Long presented proposed changes to our By-laws concerning office terms and election rotation. We had some discussion. More to come before we would vote.

Heifer interested parties meet 4th Tuesday of the month at Beth Hines at 7pm. We still need a nice white fleece (4-5" staple) to mix with an alpaca fleece for future project.

Meeting will be in the large room except May in smaller room and December at Wellington Reservation.

Patti McAndrews showed new screens product and asked if we are interested in work aprons or tote bags with the logo. Some interest in aprons.

Note: An email from Donna Holmes said she is getting settled in Pittsburgh and found a Knit Shop☺

We had guest: Marilyn Kobulnicky and Sandra.

Show and Tell: Betsy Bruce – Notebook from Yarn to Garment 2012 and purple tencel shawl; Renne Brown – necklace; Janet V - one skein wrap; Eboni Johnson – socks; Holly Whiteside – (1) framed lace swatches as gifts, (2) thrummed & fair isle mitts, (3) Duet-convertible hat and cowl, (4) Butterfly garden socks; Mary Carmosino – Woven cotton shirt she made at Yarn to Garment 2012; Chris Bruce – three quilts.

Delicious refreshment we enjoyed. The program was a selected new DVD.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Twining, LOCO Secretary

Two Quilts
by
Chris Bruce
presented
during
Show
&
Tell



How to Get Ready for Dye Day

By Karen Long

What to Wear: Old clothes that can get stained with dye including shoes.

What to Dye: You can dye animal fiber -wool, alpaca, angora, mohair, silk. Please soak overnight in tap water with a glug or two of white vinegar. Or, you can dye plant fiber - cotton, tencel, linen, silk, and some rayons. Please soak overnight in plain tap water.

What To Bring: Latex gloves to protect your hands, rubber bands for tie-dyeing, plastic bags to carry home your dyed yarn and other items, and old newspapers for helping cover the tables to protect them. If you have an extra roll of paper towels, please bring them to help clean up spills - it's better to have too many than too few.

When To Arrive: Karen Long will be arriving at 6:30 to begin setting up - the sooner we're set up, the sooner we can start, so if you can come early to help, please do.

SOMETHING NEW FOR APRIL 2012!

A Membership Skills Sampler Night (AKA – SPEED DATING FOR FIBERISTAS!)

We have such a wealth of talents within our very own membership. The Membership Skills Sampler will be an opportunity for us to share a specific technique with others and to sample skills within our own membership. Here is how it works:

When you come to the April meeting, you may learn new techniques OR you may both offer a technique and get a chance to learn new techniques. In other words, you don't have to teach something but you can. Members who wish to share a skill are asked to register so we can make an announcement in the next newsletter of some of the skills being taught at the April meeting (you can hop on last minute, too). To register just send information by email or phoned in to Holly Whiteside by March 12th. If you wish to share a skill, please think of a specific technique that can be shown in just one to ten minutes, preferably hands-on, as we all enjoy that and are more likely to remember how to do it! You will be responsible for materials for your demonstration. You will repeat the demonstration several times. We'd like to encourage hands-on opportunities more than skills we can only watch, but either is acceptable (in some cases sampling won't be possible). We should get at least half a dozen people offering techniques such as: Fair Isle knitting (I will offer that), drop spinning, building a cereal box loom, quilt piecing, casting on and binding off in knitting, felting, beading, warp painting, cutwork, etc. I'm sure you can think up a gazillion more possibilities.

When you register, I can let you know if someone else has signed up to teach the same skill and you can work together. Skills can be basic or advanced – really whatever you'd like to share! Some of us don't know the basics or perhaps you know something not widely known in a field – either is good. The more people who offer something to learn, the merrier it will be! It would be too cool if most of us offered something, but if we only get six people teaching that would also be good. At the April meeting we will set up at tables and rotate around the room, perhaps think of it as Speed Dating for fiber artists! You might just go home with a new fiber-love. Everyone teaching will get a chance to walk around the room as well.

Please contact: Holly Whiteside 440-775-0352 or kilin81@hotmail.com by the end of February.

Welcome to our newest member Che Gonzalez
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Oberlin, OH 44074

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chegonzalez@oberlin.net

She likes to weave and knit!

New Acquisitions to LoCo Library

We have 17 exciting dvd additions to the LoCo Membership Library on a variety of weaving, spinning, and knitting topics. Eboni, our librarian, is in the process of receiving these into our collection. The dvd's will be available as soon as she is able to process them. As demand is high, I would like to suggest that for the next couple of months we borrow just one out at a time and return it quickly, OR, we might have small viewing parties to see the dvds together. As soon as the knitting dvd's become available I would like to offer to host a viewing party at my home on some weekend in March. I could accommodate about six guests. Please contact me (Holly Whiteside kilin81@hotmail.com 775-0352) if you would like to come. I'll set a date and time as soon as i know when the dvd's become available.

For your drooling pleasure, a complete list of the new dvd's is below:

With Eboni and soon to be available:

- Getting Started Basics and Beyond / Eunny Jang
- Start Spinning: the video / Maggie Casey with Eunny Jang
- Popular Wheel Mechanics / Judith MacKenzie
- Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom / Jane Patrick
- A Spinner's Toolbox / Judith MacKenzie
- Respect the Spindle : the video / Abby Franquemont
- Handspinning Rare Wools/ Deborah Robson
- Drafting: The Long and Short of It / Abby Franquemont
- Spinning Cotton / Stephenie Gaustad
- A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color / Laura Bryant

Currently checked out:

- Sock Techniques
- Sock Techniques (it's a different one)
- Lucy Neatby
- Knitting Essentials
- How I Spin (Rita Buchanan)
- In Praise of Cloth (Rita Buchanan)
- The Gentle Art of Plying (Judith MacKenzie)

Equipment for Sale

Contact Gail Dixon at dixon5258@sbcglobal.net

Rigid heddle loom 20" weaving width 8 dent reed includes instructions and stick shuttles \$50	7 foot triangle loom with easel \$100
Nilec 2 harness table loom made in Canada by Leclerc 15" weaving width 15 dent reed	18" wide 4 harness(stick) loom could be used for inkle, tapestry or Navajo weaving includes shuttle and wooden block for rya weaving \$50

This info was shared by Holly:

I've had a curiosity lately to learn more about sheep varieties, husbandry, and other factors that effect the character of wool and yarn in particular. I stumbled upon a great but longish article about the yearly cycle of yarn sheep in much of America, and I think our sheparding and other wooly friends may be interested in reading it, too.

<http://www.twistcollective.com/collection/index.php/component/content/article/35-features/210-yarn-farm-from-sheep-to-skein-part-1-shearing>

For the Quilters, History Buffs and more... thanks to Sally V

You are cordially invited to attend our Quilters' Fling Luncheon and Antique Quilt Presentation on Sunday, March 18 at the historic GAR Hall ,1785 Main Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. Door will open at 12noon with lunch served at 1 PM. The cost of the event is \$29 which includes the quilt show and presentation, welcome gift and lunch, beverage, and dessert.

In the Fall of 2011, Quilters' Fling held our annual "Jingle Bell Quilt Shop Hop." Participants were given chapters to a story that was based on the life of area resident, Carol Chamberlain. The story, "Snowbound at Grandma's," written by Ronnie Rajkovich, owner of theThe Polka Dot Pincushion, brings the family's antique quilts to life. This historic look at quilts made by six generations of women and memorabilia from their historic home will be fascinating to quilters as well as history and genealogy buffs alike. There will be a reading of the story as well as historical information about the quilts. In addition to the antique quilts, there will be a display of challenge quilts from the Hop and a viewing of the Shop quilts made by each of the quilt shops involved. It is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon!

Please RSVP to Beth Safick at Cottonpicker's Quilt Shop to reserve your spot for the luncheon. Seats are on a first come basis and are limited to 100.

Cottonpicker's Quilt Shop; 209 Center Street; Chardon, OH 44024; [440-279-0610](tel:440-279-0610)
email: cottonpickersquiltshop@gmail.com

This information was shared by Sally V and a friend Patti:

I wanted to share with those who have a Lendrum spinning wheel or know someone who has one that I have a source to have quality bobbins made for your Lendrum spinning wheel. If you are tired of waiting to get the standard or large bobbins from Lendrum I can place an order with a local Amish gentleman who has made bobbins for my Lendrum. And I just love them!

These look and act just like Lendrum bobbins and are made from maple wood just like Lendrum bobbins. They run about the same price as a Lendrum bobbin but you won't have the long wait!

If you are interested please contact me via email:

fieldsofgracealpacas@att.net or give me a call on my cell and leave me a message. [440-477-8856](tel:440-477-8856)

Patti Zebrowski; Fields of Grace Alpacas; Garrettsville, Ohio 44231

LOCO Guild Programs

March - Dye Day with Karen Long

April - Speed Dating for Fiberistas!

May - Quilting with Julie Bragg and Dee Martin

June - Small Looms with Janet Vizkelety and Chris Strekely

February 15 – March 19, 2012 Material Matters

Exhibition of fiber works by members of Visual Voices: Liz Burgess, Si-Yun Chang, Linda Grashoff, Sue Copeland Jones, Ruta Butkus Marino, Kathleen Van Meter Beck Center for the Arts, Jean Bulicek Galleria 17801 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107

27th MARKET DAY & FIBER FAIR

Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$1 Admission / Public is Welcome - Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds on W. Poe Rd.; Brim Rd. entrance, 13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

March 20, 2012 9am - 1pm Basket Workshop with Laura Weinkamer

Call Beth with your reservation and basket-style request.

[\(1-440-458-4049\)](tel:1-440-458-4049)

MARCH 24-25 Medina Guild Workshop: "A Spinner's Eye View of Colorwork Knitting Traditions" with Kate Larson
More info at medinaworkshops@gmail.com

APRIL 20-21 The Fiber Event at Greencasetle, IN
for vendors, workshops, competitions www.TheFiberEvent.com

April 28 Sheep and Wool Day Springton Manor Farm Glenmoore, PA www.chesco.org/ccparks

May 19 & 20 Upper Valley Fiber Fest Troy, OH www.uppervalleyfiberfest.org

May 26 & 27 Great Lakes Fiber Show Wooster, OH <http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com/LR/>

JULY 15-21 HGA Convergence in Long Beach, CA for workshops, classes, juried shows, gallery exhibits, tours, lectures, and vendors. www.weavespindye.com

August 18 & 19 Mid Ohio Fiber Fair OSU Newark, Reece Center Newark, OH <http://midohiofiberfair.weebly.com>

September 15 & 16 Midwest Festival of Fibers "A Wool Gathering" Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs, OH
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/index1.htm>

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