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April's LOCO Guild Program Speed Dating for Fiberartistas!

When you come to the April meeting you may learn new techniques from a wealth of talents within our very own membership. The more people who offer something to learn, the merrier it will be!

So don't be shy,
You may continue to volunteer to share a skill right up to meeting night!

Successful Tune-up with Ed

The comment from most of the folks that took the workshop was "I can't believe there was this much (junk, goo, fiber or stuff) built up on my wheel! Such a frenzy of activity once everyone found out where all the performance robbing "stuff" was hiding.

Ed Rowe



Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild March 2010

President Yasaki opened the meeting with the Treasurer's report from Dee Martin. The ending balance for the month was \$2,563.00 with \$47.00 in the Heifer Fund. We received a thank you from Heifer International acknowledging our gift as in memory of Katie Farr.

Under workshops Beth Hines had a sign up for March 20th basket workshop.

Program – Holly announced some volunteers for April's program "A Membership Skills Sample Night" (AKA Speed Dating for Fiberartists!) You may continue to volunteer to share a skill right up to meeting night! Please contact Holly Whiteside by phone at (440)775-0352 or email at Kilin81@hotmail.com.

Heifer Committee is still looking for a wool fleece to blend with alpaca fleece. Contact Elizabeth Yasaki.

We enjoyed great refreshment and proceeded to the dye tables for the rest of the meeting time.

Guest for the evening were Lindsey Felice, Glennys (Gay) Weiss, Anna Williams, Pat Leimgruber, and Sue VanArsdale. Some became members at the meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Twining
LOCO Secretary

A BIG **thanks** to Karen for Dye day..... And here is her follow up!

Well, I hope everyone had a good time at our dye night on Tues. the 13th. I look forward to seeing what everyone did at the next meeting! Several folks asked for specific details/instructions on mixing the dyes, so here they are.

We used Procion MX dyes that were purchased from Pro Chemical and Dye Company at www.prochemicalanddye.com. These are 'fiber reactive' dyes and can be used on either animal or plant fibers.

When mixing the dyes and activator, the first thing you will need is rubber gloves and a facemask!! Remember to prepare your animal fiber by soaking in vinegar water, or your plant fiber by soaking in the activator solution. [4 TBL plus 1 1/2 tsp soda ash in 2 gallons of warm water]

Next, on to the urea water. (I have gotten urea from the garden supply places) You will need to mix 9 TBL of urea per quart of warm to hot tap water. I use old plastic juice containers for this and mix up several at a time.

In a small cup using a plastic spoon, mix 1-2 tsp of dye powder with a small amount of the urea water to make a paste. Then dilute with an additional 8-12 ounces of urea water. The more dye powder you use, the stronger the color will be. (For our dye evening, I used approximately 3 heaping tsp of dye for 2 quarts of urea water) The idea is to completely dissolve the powder and have no lumps in the dye solution.

That's all there is to it. After you have mixed the colors you want to use, go to it!

WET FELTING CLASS WITH DEBORA GALAZ

Instructor: Debora Galaz from Lana de flor. Check out her outstanding work at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/lanadeflor>

Location: Criation Station Alpaca Farm, 13790 Quarry Road, Oberlin, OH 44074

Date: Saturday, April 28th

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$45.00

Projects: Felted Rope Necklace and Felted Bead Bracelet. You will make both pieces during the class and be able to show them off to your friends the next day!

The class is limited to 9 participants.

If you are interested, please mail a check for \$45.00, made payable to Marcee L. Stephenson, to 13790 Quarry Road, Oberlin, OH 44074. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at Marceels@aol.com or call Marcee Stephenson [440-774-2451](tel:440-774-2451).

LOCO Guild Programs

May - Quilting with Julie Bragg and Dee Martin

June - Small Looms with Janet Vizkelety and Chris Strekely

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 1-6 --annual Quilt Show Sauder Village, Archbold, OH www.saudervillage.org

May 13 -July 29 FAVA's 15th Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Quilts
<http://www.artistasquiltmaker.com>

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/>

June 15-17 Knitters Connection Columbus Converntion center, Columbus, OH
http://www.knittersconnection.com/aws/KC/pt/sp/home_page

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>

Websites and Information:

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild - <http://locoguild.com/>

Interesting websites ... from Jan/Feb. 2012 issue of Handwoven

Great selection of pins for fiber art - www.theshawlpinstore.com

International group of braid makers - www.braidsociety.com

Oldest reed company in the world - www.gowdeyreed.com

Gatlinburg, Tenn. Shop - www.smokymountainspinnerv.com

Missouri History Museum - www.mohistory.com

Non-profit weaving art studio - www.weavinghand.com

League Artists Natural Design - www.landgallery.org

Color Wizard application I study color - www.colorontheweb.com

Color theory tutorial - www.worgx.com

Color Palette Generator tool - www.cssdrive.com/imagepalette

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 it 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.

NORWOOD LOOM AND SUPPLIES FOR SALE -----asking \$750.00

Contact Darlene Lippert by email at darshegoes@aol.com

[she's the woman who has done several programs for the guild on bead weaving]

(will try to get pictures posted on the LOCO website)

Weaving width is about 22"

Height 35"

Width 28 3/4"

Depth 32 3/4"

4 harnesses/4treadles

6 Spools of Yarn

1 Winder

2 Shuttles

1 Warping Board

11 Bobbins

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