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June's LOCO Guild Program

The June meeting will be about projects that can be woven on small looms. This includes projects on potholder and frame looms, projects for the Martha Stewart loom and stick loom weaving.

Reminder: Dues are due in June & Need someone to print tickets for the Quilt Raffle!

Message from the President

Proposed Changes for the LOCO Guild bylaws:

All officers, whether elected, volunteer, or appointed shall hold two year terms. Current members shall fill all positions. Other than the Treasurer, elected officers shall not hold the same position for more than two consecutive terms. Volunteer or appointed officers may be appointed consecutive terms with the general consent of the membership.

Nominations will be staggered every other year:

- President Vice President
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Co-Workshop Chair (as needed) Co-Program Chair (as needed)

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild June 2012

Vice President Karen Long called the meeting to order. Etta Rowe reported sending five birthday and one thinking of you cards. Treasurer Dee Martin said beginning balance was \$2,663.37 with \$47 in Heifer with and ending balance of \$2,452.46 with \$47 in the Heifer Fund.

Please send information for the newsletter to Mary Carmosino by the 20th of each month for the next month's letter.

Holly announced program plans: Small Weaving Looms for June and possibly Sally V with rare breeds report and samples.

Vicki Hauff would also like to bring some samples of her work processing fibers locally.

Nancy Kuhar on workshops: 1. Betsy Bruce Weaving Workshop in October there are choices to make for Weekend of October 19, 20, 21 OR October 26, 27, 28; weaving towels or weaving a shawl. Watch you email for sales about weaving threads and yarns. 2. Ed Rowe is willing to do another Spinning Wheel Tune-up Workday. Please contact Nancy, Betsy, Ed with your questions and interest level.

Equipment, Julie Bragg said lots of equipment is out. If you are finished with what you have borrowed plan to get it back to Julie so it can go out to someone else.

Chris Strekely passed around the sign-up notebook for demonstrations. Check your calendar so you can volunteer for at least one demonstration this year. Remember each time you do your name goes in for our scholarships.

Under old business we discussed options for raffling and displaying the quilt Gloria Hood donated to raise money for the Heifer Fund. Much discussion. Sara Twining moved and Patti McAndrew 2nd a motion to sell the tickets for \$5 each and \$20 for 5 tickets and for the quilt to be mostly displayed at Oberlin Ben Franklin. The motion passed. We also voted to have the drawing at our December 11th meeting. Someone is needed to print tickets. Nancy Kuhar was checking that out. The plan is to move the quilt itself or a nice picture and explanation from place to place during "Artist as Quilter XV" events, fairs and demonstrations.

Other old business discussed was the Memorial Day Garden at Mill Hollow Park. Karen Long still has a desire for a poster explaining natural dyes and plants and showing colors received. Betsy Bruce proposed a garden workday Saturday May 19th with May 20th as a rain date. Six to eight people will be needed to dig and separate old plants, re-till the soil and replant the garden. Call Betsy for information or show up 8:30AM at the Bacon House, Mill Hollow Metro Park, Vermillion, Ohio.

Dues are due in June. Please bring to meeting or send to Dee Martin, Treasurer or Lynne Kopinski, Membership Chair.

Show and Tell: Kathy Webb – baby blanket in progress and bought a Herald Loom; Beth Hines told about Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival and Jewel's rug loom; Betsy Bruce – table runner with towel, two sets of towels, baby blanket, notebook from Ruby Leslie 3-D Weaving Workshop; Janet Vizkelety – Dye Day yarns; Sue VanArsdale – reported on antique Singer Sewing Machine exhibit; Beth Weil – baby blankets for American Girl dolls; Holly Whiteside – knitted lace from Nancy Bush's "Leaf and Nupp Shawls."

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed. Dee Martin and Julie Bragg gave us an excellent program on the history of quilting, their personal quilting histories, with a wonderful display and explanation of their quilts.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Twining

LOCO Secretary

The Artist as Quiltmaker XV --- FAVA's 15th biennial exhibition of contemporary quilts

Click on the link to view full details about QuiltConnection 2012, the summer-long celebration of quilts and creativity in and around Oberlin: <http://www.artistasquiltmaker.com>

On our LOCO Website there are the details in flyer form for all that is going on at FAVA!

<http://locoguild.com/>

Really who is LOCO member Ed Rowe???



When Ed retired as Director of Manufacturing for a plastic container company, he planned to spend his newfound free time bicycling, doing causal woodworking, and unwinding from the rat race of working. Soon he found that he couldn't just sit back and spend all day reading the paper and sipping coffee. Having been involved with toy trains for over 50 years, it seemed that to manufacture restoration parts for toy trains was the ideal way to expand his interests and fill his time.

When Ed and Etta relocated to Pittsfield, they planned to continue in that endeavor. That is until Etta found that there was an area spinning and weaving guild. Thus began a whole new direction for Ed in support of her newfound interests. What happened next was totally unexpected. After a LOCO meeting one night, Sara Twining asked Ed if he could repair her grandmother's wool winder. And here began another area of intrigue. As LOCO members found this new source of mechanical assistance, they began bringing ailing spinning wheels for help. Ed became interested in the mechanical aspects of antique fiber equipment. He also discovered that the owners of repaired spinning wheels usually asked, "Did you spin on my wheel after you repaired it?"

While fixing a spinning wheel was a doable task, the actual art of drafting fiber and treadling was like chewing gum and walking, always a challenge for Ed. After repairing a great wheel for Katy Farr, Ed reasoned that he could draft fiber and he didn't have to turn the wheel until he was pleased with the product. Before returning the repaired great wheel to Katy, he asked for copyrights, and soon completed a brand new great wheel for himself. This initiated a whole new direction and appreciation for fiber tools and the creative mechanical genius of the folks who built them in a time when hand tools and a pencil dominated construction methods.

Soon folks began to seek Ed out for demonstrations in addition to repairs. As a team, Ed and Etta usually exceed 120 hours of demonstrations per year at venues such as Lyme Historical Village, local events, fairs, libraries, and area schools talking about spinning and how important spinning has been in the history of our country. They also work into their talks the role children would have played in preparing fiber and helping their families process the goods into clothing.

Ed has developed a line of fiber-related products (shuttles, niddy noddies, slewing stands, threading hooks, yarn gauges, drop spindles, and lease stick tamers) which are vended at fiber fairs.

In order to share some of his accumulated knowledge, he is now offering spinning wheel workshops. The first workshop was a success and a second is under development. There will be more to follow if there is an interest.

Thanks Ed! Looking for the next MOM to step forward with a little or a lot of who you were/are☺

LOCO Guild Programs

June - Small Looms with Janet Vizkelety and Chris Strekely

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

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

June 23 -- Focus on Fiber Arts Sauder Village, Archbold, OH www.saudervillage.org

June 23 and 24 Woolfest at Kirtland, OH Lake Metroparks Farmpark
There are classes, vendors, and children's education, National Champions Alpaca Fleece show... as well as a Fiber Art Show open to all participants and the Western Reserve Rug Hookers show.
<http://www.lakemetroparks.com/programs/woolfest.shtml>

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

September 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Yankee Peddler Festival www.yankeepeddlerfestival.com

August 15-19 Michigan Fiber Festival Inc., Allegan MI, for vendors, workshops, animals.
www.michiganfiberfestival.info

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>

October 20 StashBuster Swap Meet and Fiber Show, Ashland County Fairgrounds, Mozelle Hall
<http://www.stashbusterswap.com>

October 27-28 Fiber Expo near Ann Arbor at Washtenaw County Fairgrounds www.fiberexpo.com

Bacon House Garden Report from Betsy Bruce:

Saturday morning- early - 8:00-9:20 or so -- Nancy Kuhar, Julie Bragg and I cleared the garden of lots of overgrown plants (including weeds) and one sumac sapling (yeah, Julie!)

We've the following growing: tansy, hollyhocks, bronze fennel, golden margarite (sp?), black eyed susan, lots of madder and one more whose name escapes me. (Karen identified by smell)

Sunday morning - Karen Long and I returned and planted a flat of marigolds along the front. Will likely return again and plant some coreopsis in the vacant spots and mulch the entire stretch with hopes of keeping the weeds at bay.

May call some of our alpaca raisers and request some "sugar", ie. manure. Hoping for some rain soon!

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