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July's LOCO Guild Program by Sally Vourlojanis

I attended a rare wool breed workshop with Deb Robson at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. Deb and Carol Ekarius wrote the Fleece and Fiber Source Book in 2011. Over 2 days we learned about and spun about a dozen different one-ounce fiber samples. Sue Black from the UK also gave a presentation about the work she and her husband do to increase shepherds' and farmers' income from the fiber their animals grow. The topic of rare breeds is also one of her interests.

Information and samples of both fibers and yarns from these workshops will be shared.

Look at these wonderful colors from our dye day that are being warped onto a Harrisville for use at demonstrations.

When the weaving is done this will be Our shawl to raffle for the Heifer Fund.

Thanks to all who helped dye and will help demo!



Changes for guild bylaws voted on at the May meeting

All officers, whether elected, volunteer, or appointed shall hold two year terms. All positions shall be filled by current members. 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 every other year:

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| President | Vice President | Refreshments | Samples |
| Secretary | Treasurer | Guild Equipment | Sunshine |
| Demonstration | Historian | Program Chair | Workshop |
| Librarian | Newsletter Editor | Co-Program and Co-Workshop (as needed) | |
| Membership | | | |

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild June 2012

Treasurer's Report – began the month with \$2,452.46 (\$47/H); ended the month with \$2,492.46 (\$47/H); Heifer Tonight had an additional \$100 donated to the Fund!

Committee reports:

Nancy Kuhar – workshops – Towel weaving workshop 3rd weekend of October at the Lorain County Ag Offices. A sheet was passed around for those interested in all steps of the chemical dye process. Looking for 8-10 people.

Kathy Webb – fiber samples- At the Great Lakes Fiber Show, Kathy watched the championship for Blueface Leicester and brought samples of fine, lustrous, 6" staple.

Holly Whiteside- Programs-Sally Vourlojianis attended a workshop on rare breeds by Deb Robeson and will be July's program.

Chris Strekely – Demonstrations – Benjamin Bacon House Demo, July 8, Sunday 1-4. Call Chris if you sign up and want more info. Pioneer Experience Days have been changed to Tuesday and Wednesday September 18 & 19. Note the change. All were encouraged to participate at demonstrations—be a talker, a fiber prep person, knit, crochet, weave, drop a wheel and spin, quilt... NOTE: Chris Strekely new email address: cjstrek1949@yahoo.com Remember each time you demonstrate for the Guild, your name goes in for December Drawing for two scholarships. Betsy Bruce moved we continue this. The motion was 2nd by Karen Long. Voted- all for; no against. If you win, you are not eligible for the drawing for two years.

Lynne Kopinski- Membership- Dues for the year of \$20 are due in June. Please be prompt so we can compile a correct membership book.

Etta Rowe – Sunshine – 7 birthday cards, 1 sympathy

Mary Carmosino – Newsletter – Deadline each month is the 20th. Mary also commented on our great guild library which is housed at Ginko Gallery, 19 S. Main St., Oberlin, Ohio.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to Ginko Gallery Kittens Rescue Fund and Advertising space in our newsletter. Motion by Karen Long and 2nd by Patti McAndrew. Vote – All yes.

Last year we allotted a \$200 to the librarian for magazine subscriptions and book. We'll ask Guild librarian Eboni Johnson if that amount is good for this year.

Sheryl Billman – refreshment – said there are more sign-ups needed for September and October this year. Sign up or please call her at 440.926.3114.

Under Old Business – need 200 tickets printed for the Raffle of Gloria Hood's donated quilt. Lindsey Felice volunteered to do that and get them to Karen Long to display with the quilt to sell.

Elizabeth Yasaki said Heifer wool/alpaca blend is back from Zellingers. She will hand out bags to spin in the fall.

Dye Garden at Mill Hollow is dry, has been mulched. Volunteers to water need to be at the park between 10am and 4pm for Park Employees to get the hose, etc. Betsy and helpers have planted coreopsis, yarrow and neatened up the bed.

Nancy Kuhar is investigating a permanent sign for the Dye Garden and will need to talk to Park about regulations.

We discussed changes to the Guild By-laws as printed in the newsletter. Do we want officers to begin terms in June or January? Consensus – Stay with January. Motions made to have all officers hold two-year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Karen Long moved all officers, volunteer or appointed will start their two year terms in January, 2nd by Patti McAndrew. Vote – All yes. This will NOT be staggered as stated in last month's newsletter.

Reminder – Nominating Committee need to start in August. Look over the list of jobs and think which ones you might like to try for two years. Talk to the current jobholder and be ready with a well thought out yes when asked.

We had show and tell. Karen Long – Dyed scarves and silk fiber; Cheryl Lesure- Crocheted baby booties; Kay Mangione – dyed scarves, yarn; Betsy Bruce – skeins of wool/silk yarn hand dyed for a jacket; Shelle Shephard – send her empty peanut cans and lids for her "sugar" from sheep. Mary Carmosino – double weave; Kathy Webb – single ply wool hand spun and Shelby Museum of History and book Dating Fabric; Gloria Hood – twister quilt top; Chris Bruce – crochet tote bag; Lindsey Felice – knit Shetland shorting shrug.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed as was the program on small looms, projects and books by Janet and Chris. Thanks ladies!

Visitor Libby French who found us on the website!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Twining
LOCO Secretary

Thank you to Lori Summerville for the great books she found and donated to our library at Ginko!



Pat Giesler has filled in the blanks on the “Member of the Month Guide”.

Thanks Pat for sharing many parts of your life with the LOCO Guild!

Is your interest in your fiber craft mainly for fun, hobby, business or teaching others?

Just for fun. It's been a lovely hobby. I returned to my long-disused knitting interests when my children grew and started to leave home and later attended a “barn sale” where I saw unspun fiber in roving. I was absolutely smitten with the beautiful stuff and tried to find somebody to spin it for me. I saw Fae Evans shearing sheep and weaving and I was terribly impressed by her talent. I asked her if she knew anyone who could spin some of that fiber for me and she said it would take a long time to get done if anyone would agree to do it and by that time I could learn to spin it myself. She gave me the name of a woman in Grafton (who has since moved away) who taught me how. It was wonderful.

What type of fiber do you use (i.e. natural, home grown, recycled, store bought)?

I'll use anything if it's the right color and the right texture that I need but I prefer my own handspun, of course. I think I have spun about everything around—dog hair, buffalo, quiviut, rabbit, camel, goat, yak, llama, alpaca and a wide array of sheep. I've also done some cotton and linen, but decided they weren't really much fun. I like sox I've made from superwash wool yarns I buy simply because they go in the wash with my regular clothes. Most everything else starts out with handspun yarn. I tend to have a sock project routinely available to work on in doctors' offices, auto mechanic shops and other time-wasting spots.

Future plans involving your craft.

Now that I'm getting old I can't work fast enough for all the projects I still want to do. My goal is to use all the yarn up before I die but it looks like that means I'll have to wait until I'm about 342 if I do.

Classes you have taken or would recommend for your interests.

Gosh, anything the guild offers is worth trying. I've done it all, too. That's how you learn what you like the best and what's the most fun. I've got a stash of baskets, and felted hats and dyed yarns and more. I still like spinning and knitting the best.

What was your first or biggest/smallest or most challenging project?

I love to spin. Years ago I could sit and spin all day, but I can't do that anymore. I still enjoy it, however. I don't think I'm a very good weaver. I do just fine on the triangle loom and I was OK making a couple scarves on a regular loom once, but the last piece I wove in one of Betsy's classes turned out so badly I hid it in an unused room until it rots away and I can burn the results. My hardest work, and the most rewarding, has been original design Nordic sweaters for my children out of my handspun. I love color work and adore Fair Isle knitting designs.

Was there any particular event or person that inspired you?

Yes, a workshop by Kaffe Fasset on multi-color knitting that really cranked up my interest. I made his Persian Poppy design sweater (with several personal modifications) with about 150 different colors. There was also a trip to Iceland for a wool camp that was terrific. So many talented spinners and weavers and knitters have inspired me over the years that it's hard to choose any single one.

Where would you like to go, see, or visit? (i.e. studio, factory, farm)

I'd love a tour of the Nordic countries. I've gone to so many workshops and places, though, that I'll have to be satisfied with those. Health concerns have begun seriously limiting my travel.

Tell us something you do that we may not be aware of... chef, fly-fishing, swimming, singing, or anything you enjoy.

Beth Hines and I learned to spin at the same time from the same teacher and we are the only two original members of LOCO still around. I did the guild newsletter for about 12 years and was President for one term. I've been a professional astrologer since 1969 and finally retired from consulting last year, though I still lecture and am working on a book.

I collect endless volumes of fantasy and science fiction and have everything Dick Francis ever wrote. I am a retired journalist with many awards. I have a collection of American Brilliant Period cut glass that I have acquired over the years and I play a good game of Scrabble. I play bridge regularly but manage to keep my status as mediocre with flashes of competence.

What are some of your past hobbies?

I used to play rather lousy golf and did a lot of gardening before old age and decrepitude sneaked up on me. I adored swimming and fishing back in the day and could fillet a bunch of Lake Erie perch in short order. There was a splendid bit of white water rafting one year and I took some flying lessons when I was younger. I followed Formula One racing for several years and attended races in the US. I used to be a Browns fan but I kept falling asleep in my chair during the televised games, so I guess I wasn't destined to be named fan of the year.

Welcome to our new members!

<p>Lindsey Felice 634 ½ Perry St Vermilion, OH 44089 440-775-5102 (w) 440-415-2064 (c) lfelice@oberlin.edu bday - 2/10 crochet, embroidery, knit, quilting, sewing, spin, weave</p>	<p>Faith Hoffman 43785 Middle Ridge Rd Lorain, OH 44053 440-320-6465 faith.hoffman@oberlin.edu bday - 11/11 knit, spin, felting, fiber arts</p>	<p>Paula A Senghas 6308 State Route 18 New London, OH 44851 419-929-6066 (h) 216-346-1924 (c) psenghas@ncwcom.com bday - 6/19 basketry, dye, knit, quilting, rug making, sewing, spin, weave</p>
<p>Glennys (Gay) Weiss 177 Shipherd Circle Oberlin, OH 44074 440-774-4342 (h) glennys.weiss@gmail.com bday - 8/29 spin, knit, rug making, dye</p>	<p>Anna Williams 408 Annis Rd S. Amherst, OH 44001 440-986-5335 (h) 440-988-5723 (w) 440-281-0814 (c) williamsannawilliams@gmail.com bday - 1/24</p>	<p>Bring A Friend</p>

Refreshment List for Upcoming Guild Meetings

July: Kathy Webb, Andrea Wargo, Kay Mangione
 August: Betty Roll, Barbara Dittmer--we need one more here!
 September: Mary Carmosino, Deb May, Anna Williams
 October: Elizabeth Yasaki, Chris Bruce, Lori Summerville
 November: Holly Whiteside, Faith Hoffman, Lindsey Felice
 December: Christmas party: everyone!

Betsy Bruce Weaving Workshop Info

The dates for the Weaving 109 workshop have been changed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20, 21 and the Russia Rd. OSU Extension office building on Russia Rd. I'm looking forward to have a good number of folks join in.

While towels are recommended, participants are welcome to plan other projects (scarves, double weave shawl on the fold).

I'm suggesting towels for several reasons:

- 1) reasonable number of ends to thread for a workshop
- 2) endless possibilities to patterns to thread and weave from plain weave to twills to rosepath to.....
- 3) 30 inches for a towel and then you can change your treadling for the next towel(s) (a scarf is 60-72 inches, a shawl is 72-up to 108 inches in length!)
- 4) think color, stripes, plaid... look at Handwovens for suggestions-- use your calendars for color inspiration!
- 5) you'll have several hospitality gifts when you visit others or for the Holidays if you wish.

Please let me know if you are interested in the October weaving workshop and what your plans are for your project(s).

Help Water!!!

Help watering the Dye Garden at Mill Hollow (Vermilion River Metroparks) is always appreciated. Please let me know if and when you might be going so we can coordinate coverage. W: [440/775-8504](tel:4407758504), H: [440/774-7036](tel:4407747036). Planning to be out of the country Aug. 4-18th.

You'll need to go when the office is open (weekdays 10:00-4:00, not sure of weekend hours). Request hose (2 lengths together) will reach from the back of the Carriage House across to the Bacon House. Soaker hose connection is right in the front corner of the left hand garden by the Bacon House door. Set it up, turn it on and go for a pleasant walk. Or bring a book and find a spot to read while the garden gets watered. THANKS.

Rug Hooking Class at That'll Do Farm

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

McGown-certified rug hooking teacher Katie Allman is coming to That'll Do Farm to teach a free-spirited, no rules type of rug hooking class in the style of Canadian Artist Deanne Fitzpatrick.

Katie has been hooking for the past 20 years and teaching in her Ashland, Ohio home and area guilds since 2006.

Katie and her sister, Laura Fitch, own [Kidl-de-Divey Woolens](#).

Students have their choice of two 12"x16" patterns: Poppies on the Edge of Town or Boat & Shacks.

Class fee is \$50 and includes instruction & color planning, your pattern on burlap, lunch and a talk/slide show by Katie on her rugs and her adventurous trip to Nova Scotia. Please bring your own frame, hook and scissors. Add \$15 if you would rather have a linen pattern.

Katie will bring some wool and various fiber packs for sale (\$10 each), in addition to other wool for your rug.

Please feel free to bring any of your own wool you would like to use. A variety of wool strip cuts can be used, anywhere from a 3 to torn wool.

For more information and to see the patterns, go to www.ThatllDoFarm.com. You may register for the class on-line.

Don't miss it!

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

Click on the link to view full details about Quilt Connection 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/>

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June-July 14th *Process as Partner* at Ginko Gallery and Studio 19 S Main St. Oberlin

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JULY 15-21 HGA Convergence in Long Beach, CA for workshops, classes, juried shows, gallery exhibits, tours, lectures, and vendors. www.weavespindye.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 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Yankee Peddler Festival www.yankeepeddlerfestival.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>

September 27, 2012, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rug Hooking Class at That'll Do Farm
www.ThatllDoFarm.com

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

from our June Guild Meeting

Color Inspiration



One for herself!



Demo on "small looms"



At our next guild meeting the tickets will be distributed to sell for both the Heifer Shawls and the "Hood Donated Quilt".

(Please contact someone if you need to have them sent to you!)

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