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Basket Workshop
with Laura Weinkamer

April 16

9 AM - 2 PM

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*Beth Hines & Etta Rowe will have catalogs
at the next LOCO meeting

SPINNING WORKSHOP ANYONE ?

We are thinking of having a workshop for intermediate spinners with instructor, Faye Evans. This would be 3 days or condensed to 2 days and one, 3 hour evening.

Instruction would be on spinning tune up, color theory, to spinning a variety of fiber types. Samples would be in addition to the instructor fee.

Nancy and I need to know how many would be interested and when you would prefer to see this offered. May - Oct. 2013.

Upon scheduling we would require a down payment for Faye to order fiber samples. It would be your commitment. Contact one of us with further questions.

Please email Nancy Nancyjk52@hotmail.com or Judy slowandeasypacas@yahoo.com

with your interest and preferred date by our next meeting, 3/12/2013. We can then decide if we want to proceed scheduling this workshop.

Thank you - Workshop Committee
Judy Keske Nancy Kuhar

Refreshments for Meetings	Programs and Place
March - Renee Brown, Lynne Kopinski and Mary Carmosino April - Judy Keske, Nancy Kuhar and Betty Roll	March is for Dye Day! See info on page 4

**Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild
February 12, 2013**

President Sheryl Billman opened the meeting with adoption of the minutes from the last two meeting as seen in the newsletter. Betty Roll made a correction: she is about half done taking photos of LOCO members.

Treasury was the same at the beginning and ending of the month with balance of \$2,910.72.

Program in March - Dye Day, Karen Long gave verbal and written instructions. Look elsewhere in the newsletter. If you can, please come around 6:30 to help set up.

Sunshine Patti McAndrew sent 10 birthday cards.

Refreshment Chair Marcee Stephenson asked for donations of cups, plates, and forks. We said buy them.

Heifer Project, Elizabeth Yasaki is calling in all fiber, spun or unspun. Please deliver to Bead Paradise in Oberlin so it can be spun, plied, cashed before out March Dye Day.

Workshop Judy Keske asked for anyone definitely interested in an Intermediate Level Spinners Workshop with Faye Evans. It would be three days, around \$125 - \$135 plus fiber fee, probably May-October date range. Many who have had her workshops for beginning spinners have thought it very worthwhile. If you're interested email or call Judy Keske soon so she can finish planning. It may be open to other guilds. Looking for 12-15 in the class. If, instead, you are interested in a beginner class, also let Judy know.

Demonstrations discussion - probably not participating in Balloon Fest this year.

Old Business: LOCO Fiber Retreat is coming along under Ann Hauser's leadership.

New Business: Pat Geisler brought information about Mid West Weavers Conference and Ohio State Fair.

Elizabeth had info on Great Lakes Fiber Show in May in Worster. Etta Rowe brought up a Mission Project that is asking for any type or amount of fabric to be donated to the Wellington Methodist Church to be passé on for projects at the Grafton Prison facility. Contact Etta with you stash to share. There were four participants in the coffee cup swap. Great products were exchanged. Look for the next swap project!

We had two guests: Debbie Boss and Gina Talandis.

Show and Tell: Holly 3 hats: Fresco Slouch hat, Thistle Hat and Kate Gilber Syncopated cap; 2 pairs fingerless mitts. Ann Hauser - rainbow cowl; Kathy Webb - Guatemalan scarf, Pen and table scarf and samples of her carded alpaca. Kay Mangione - hand painted silk scarves, knit dresses and crocheted scarves. Che - 2 alpaca scarves woven at Betsy's winter term class. Marcee - her roving package that will be carried at Smith's in Oberlin. Nancy Kuhar - 4 hand woven towels. Ed - boat shuttle and story. Eboni - knitted ski mask pattern "Anti-freeze".

Refreshments were enjoyed by all. Program was a video on color - We want to finish another time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Twining
LOCO Secretary



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Recycle and help a member!

Recycle your shopping bags to me. Looking for unusual colors: purple, beige, gold and silver (not too stiff), and pastels. Call me to arrange a pick-up or delivery --- [440-774-4914](tel:440-774-4914). Thanks all. Audrey Kolbe

Ann Hauser is sharing this about a Merinos Shepherd

Just gleaned this off the YahooGroup called Shedders_Sheep:

American Delaine Merino Record Association, Connie M. King, Secretary, 59419 Walters Road Jacobsburg, OH 43933. Phone: [740-686-2172](tel:740-686-2172)

The Kings have some of the best fleeced Merinos in the country. She also is the breed secretary so could direct you to other breeders.

Not sure if anyone might be looking for some nice Merino to buy direct from a shepherd. I did once, in Ashland County and it was good stuff. Ann

This was sent by Diane Schrader; a member of the Algonquin Guild. She raises Shetland Sheep, is an avid spinner, does exquisite crochet work too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2FX9rviEhw&feature=youtu.be>

Can't imagine the work that went into this project - and the Mona Lisa picture at the end is awesome!

How to Get Ready for Dye Day

By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on March 13th. The preparation for cotton/tencel/rayon/silk/other plant fibers differs from wool/alpaca/angora/silk/other animal fibers. Yes, silk can be dyed using either the cotton method or the wool method!

Be sure to remember the basics:

Dyes, cups, syringes, and sponge applicators will all be supplied by the guild. If you have a different favorite application method, please bring whatever you need for that. If you are **dyeing skeins**, please tie them loosely, so the dye can penetrate all areas of your skein. If you are dyeing a **premade warp** -these are the most fun to weave later- be sure your choke ties are not too tight. If you are dyeing an item of **clothing**, please be sure to wash it at least once first. If you are dyeing **unspun fiber**, be sure it is clean.

You will need: rubber gloves, paper towels, plastic wrap, something to carry your dyed items home in [plastic bags and/or buckets], and wear old clothes. A small pile of old newspapers would be useful. If you can help with the set-up, come at 6:30 or so. We will cover the tables with plastic drop cloths and newspaper. **For cotton:** soak the items to be dyed in tap water overnight. Wring out and bring to the meeting damp. **For wool:** soak the items to be dyed overnight in a glug or two of white vinegar diluted with tap water. Wring out and bring to the meeting damp.

General dyeing procedures: If you are dyeing cotton/rayon/tencel/silk/or other plant fibers, you will soak the items to be dyed in activator [sodium carbonate and water] at the meeting for 30minutes before the dye is applied. Wring out well before dyeing. If you are dyeing animal fibers/silk DO NOT soak in the activator. You will then lay a piece of plastic wrap on the table and spread your skein out on it. After selecting and applying the dye [more about that at the meeting], you will wrap the dyed item in plastic and take it home to 'set' the color. Cotton and wool use two entirely different procedures for the final setting of the color. For cotton: take your wrapped item and put it someplace that is at least 70 degrees [or warmer] for 4 hours. **IMPORTANT!** If you use turquoise, you **MUST** leave your dyed item to 'batch' for at least 24 hours. Unwrap, and rinse gently in warm water until it runs clear. *Admire as it hangs to dry.* For wool: Take the wrapped item home and steam it for at least 30 minutes. You can wait until the next day to do this, but sometimes that leads to a muddying of the colors. Please use an old pot for this as the plastic wrap can leak. Remove from the pan but watch out, it can be **VERY** hot. [I sometimes let it cool down in the pot, or in the washbasin before unwrapping] Unwrap and rinse gently in warm water until it runs clear. Take in the beauty as it hangs to dry. If you need color ideas, look at magazines, calendars, photographs, fabric, etc. for inspiration.

If you have any questions, contact me.

Karen 440.775.0201

March 16-17, 2013 - Cotton Spinning Workshop Taught by Joan Ruane

Workshop Location: Village of Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3909 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH 44286
Cost: \$125 for Members, \$145 for non-members (plus \$12 materials fee payable to Joan Ruane).
16 students maximum. For more info contact Media Spinning and Weaving Guild; Jean Ohlenbusch
4037 W. 157th St., Cleveland OH 44136 (216) 671-4531. kali@nls.net

March 21-23, 2013 - Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Cleveland, Oh - I-X Center

March 23 - [9 - 4] BSSG Market Day and Fiber Fair. Jr. Fair Bldg. of Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green.
<http://bssgmarketday.tripod.com/> \$1 admission

**April 20-21, 2013 “Organic Indigo Vats” w/Catharine Ellis at Canton Weavers & Spinners Guild
in Minerva, OH \$180 + \$30 material fee
Contact: Lisa Youngman, 3746 SR 800 NE, Dover, OH 44622**

May 3rd - Sunday, May 5th, 2013 - Warp-It! Paint-It! Weave-It! a workshop by Kathie Roig
See our LOCO website for more info at: <http://locoguild.com/>

**May 4 & 5 - Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, 2210
Fairgrounds Rd., W. Friendship, MD 21794-9604**

May 18 [9 - 5] & May 19 [11 - 4] Upper Valley Fiber Fest, Troy.
<http://www.uppervalleyfiberfest.org/>

May 25 & 26 - Great Lakes Fiber Show. Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster
<http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com/LR/schedule/>

June 22 - [10 - 5] Focus on Fiber Arts, at Sauder Village in Archbold, OH
<http://consumer.discoverohio.com/searchdetails.aspx?detail=77330>

June 22 & 23 - Woolfest. Lake Farm Parks, Kirtland. Vendors, demonstrations, and classes.

July 19,20, 21 United Quilt Show; Salem Community Center, Salem OH
www.unitedquiltguild.org

August 14-18 - Michigan Fiber Festival at Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI
www.michiganfiberfestival.com 269-948-2497
For: classes, demos, animals, 120 vendors, herding, shows

September 21 & 22 - A Wool Gathering, Yellow Springs. Vendors and demonstrations and ice cream.

October 11-14 - EGLFC conference – Chautauqua Institute - information eglfc.org

October 19, 2013 - 10-5 2nd Annual Autumn Fiber Festival at Ashland County Fairgraonds
www.autumnfiberfestival.com

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