

December 2013

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December meeting will be at the Wellington Reservation.

Refreshments for Meetings	Programs
<p><u>December</u> - Holiday Party Pot-Luck 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>January</u> - Karen Long, Marcee Stephenson and Cheryl Brice</p> <p><u>February</u> - Cheryl Lesure, Gina Talandis and Che' Gonzalez</p>	<p><u>December</u> - Christmas Party, Ornament Exchange, Potluck, Show and Tell, Heifer Project Drawing!</p>

LOCO Minutes for November 12, 2013

1. **President** Billman opened the meeting with an approval of the October minutes.
2. **Treasurer**, Betsy Bruce, reported a balance of \$3708.31.
3. Patti McAndrew, **Sunshine Chairman**, sent out 3 birthday cards.
4. **Refreshment**, Marcee Stephenson, needs someone to take over or share the position for 2014. Please contact her.
5. **Heifer Project**: Karen Long has more tickets available to sell. Give the sold tickets and money to Betsy Bruce.
6. **Workshop Chairs** Judy Keske and Nancy Kuhar are working towards a spinning workshop when Fay Evans comes to Ohio again.
7. **Chris Strekely**, the Demonstration Chair, was contacted by the Parks. There will be an open to the public demo at Mill Hollow. We chose the date of May 17th. Costumes if you like. We need 4 to 6 people for this demonstration. Please contact Chris if you are interested.
8. **Equipment Chair** Julie Bragg stated that we are still interested in another carder for finer fiber, like alpaca. Kathy Webb is investigating. Beth Hines suggested purchasing a Work Mate table to go along with it.
9. The **Membership Chair**, Cheryl Lesure, has the membership books and the new membership update lists.
10. **Librarian** Eboni Johnson will renew our LOCO magazine subscriptions for the library.
11. The **Newsletter** is now being done by Gina Talandis. Contact her with items and questions. ([505-250-9431](tel:505-250-9431)/darzas@juno.com) Gina thanked Donna Holmes and Mary Carmosino for helping her with the newsletter, website and email information. Members agreed when she asked if she could put in a classified section of fiber related ads pertinent to the Guild.

Old Business:

1. Folks need to keep aiming towards a spring dye day.
2. Kevin, the scissor sharpener, may come to a future LOCO meeting. 5\$ for regular scissors, and 10\$ for pinking shears. We'll need a certain number of members committed and permission from the parks. Sheryl will continue working to set it up.

New Business:

1. Ann Hauser proposed the 2nd annual LOCO retreat in Milan. Sign-up with Ann. There was discussion about LOCO subsidizing each participant \$15. Ann made a motion to do so with a 2nd by Chris Strekely. The vote passed with 11 yes, 7 no, 7 abstained.

Show and Tell:

1. Eboni Johnson: Everything Nice Hoodie
2. Holly Whiteside: Victorian Lace with hand dyed yarn, Estonian technique coffee mug warmer, window pane coffee mug warmer, repair job, and hand dyed yarn cardigan.
3. Gina: Small loom and bookmark.
4. Kathy Web: Crocheted baby blanket and small scarf.
5. Chris Bruce: Doll ponchos and hats, three afghans and a layette set.
6. Ann Hauser: 2 sets of leg warmers in different knitting styles.
7. Chris Strekely: 6 crocheted doilies from 1 pattern book.
8. Carolyn Borsini: Wool scarf from Chautauqua Workshop.
9. Beth Hines: Report on Fae Evans in Colorado.
10. Kay Mangione: Several Ice dyed scarves.
11. Betsy Bruce: Four tencel scarfs, a hat, and a Nuno felted Ruana shawl in peacock colors, silk and merino, done at the Eastern Great Lakes Conference at Chautauqua.

Guests: Liz Mahok was the guest at this meeting.

Refreshment break

Program: Holly Whitesides and Betty Roll did a program about various methods of button making. It was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Sara Twining, LOCO Secretary



Checking out Show and Tell



Holly brought button inspiration.



Betty had even more button ideas.

**From Betsy Bruce: A short write-up from the Easter Great Lakes Fiber conference
Oct. 11-14 Chautauqua Institution.**

What do 62 participants and five instructors do over a full fiber weekend? Meet others with that same enthusiasm for fiber arts, learn lots and have fun.

On Friday evening, we were introduced to the five instructors. Following was a meet and greet gathering where each participant had a piece of a children's jigsaw puzzle and was to find the person in the crowd with the exact same piece. Great way to start mingling....

Laura Fry from British Columbia was lined up to teach "The Efficient Weaver". A production weaver, all her skills are tight and tidy - wasting no effort. Ergonomics and tricks of the trade were the gist of her workshop.

Jean Gauger from Port Lucie FL presented her nuno felted Butterfly shawl and tunic version. Each person in class spent three full days producing a one of a kind colorful, extremely lightweight, drape-able garment of silk and wool. Ooh, la, la! It was labor intensive, yes, but with extremely rewarding results.

Kate Larson from Indiana focused on spinning for knitting with an emphasis on Eastern European sheep, and patterns from Estonia and Lithuania.

Betty Vera from North Adams MA taught Color Surprises in weaving, focusing on using variegated yarns for pizzazz. Her sample books were amazing and participating weavers were challenged and stretched to use color with pattern while sampling for three days.

Jan Hewitt Towlsey taught fourteen beginner weavers all the basics with two scarves as the finished projects on rigid heddle, table and floor looms. Jan prepared all the warps according to color requests so all had a good head start. Five participants successfully modeled their first scarf at Sunday evening's fashion show!

Party favors at each meal, a non-wearable exhibit, vendors on Saturday and a fashion show of wonderful accessories and garments on Sunday were other highlights of the conference. Never a dull moment!



Betsy modeling her shawl

For more observations, corner Caroline Borsini and Betsy Bruce, LOCO members who attended the 2013 EGLFC!

Get ready for the 2014 LOCO Unfinished Fiber Projects Retreat

When: Feb 20 - 23, 2014

Where: The Milan Inn - See their website, (<http://milaninn.net>), for pictures and directions.

Cost: Depends on how many people stay each night. No daytime use allowed; overnight participants only. Estimate for 10 people staying 3 nights is around \$675. The Inn may give us a discount for multiple night stays.

What to bring: Snacks and beverages, we may decide to loosely organize a few meals so that we can sit together at the large dining room table.

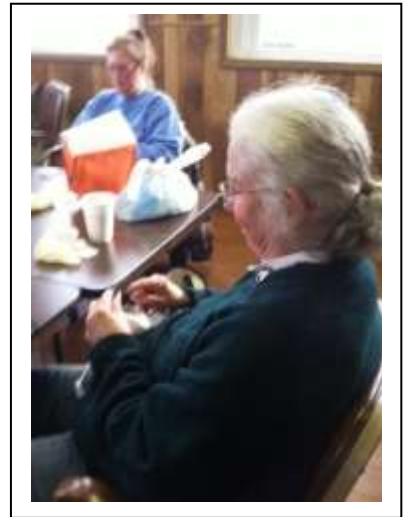
There is bedding enough for 12 people, but be forewarned that the Inn has only two bedrooms and two very nice bathrooms. They provide roll-out beds and airbeds that can be set up in the dining room and large living room.

Who can participate: Until we know for certain how many people commit to the retreat, it will be closed to the LOCO membership only. If we have room for more fiber artists, then it will be offered to people outside of the LOCO membership, but that will be determined in January or early February. A deposit is required and is non-returnable. If you cannot come to the retreat, then you must find your own replacement. Partial payments will be required by dates to be determined, plan on making your total payment by Feb 1, 2014.

Questions go to Ann Hauser - meandruffy@yahoo.com

Monthly Spin and Knit Gathering

Anne Hauser sent in pictures of the last gathering. Every month on the last Sunday, from 1:30 to 4:00pm, some of our members meet at Huntington Township Hall. It is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Routes 58 and 162. It provides a place for people to come and work on their fiber projects while talking about anything that comes to mind. Those who come really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere because there is no formal meeting involved. There is plenty of room for a lot of people. The windows are large and let in plenty of light. Bringing snacks to share is welcomed but not required. Entrance to the room is off the fire escape steps in the rear of the building, at the second floor level. There is also an elevator located on the north side of the building that opens directly into the room. The meeting is held every month unless it interferes with a holiday or township business. Etta Rowe sends out a reminder to the general LOCO email list about a week ahead of the date.



Classified Ads

36" Harrisville Loom - I would like to donate to a nonprofit group. It would be great if I can get a receipt to use on my income tax. Is there someone who knows of someone who can use it? Thank you, Sylvia
ohio_gramma@yahoo.com

Ashford Wheel for sale.
 Milan 419-499-2461
 Cathy Weilnau

I wonder if perhaps a member of your weaving group would be interested in a Glomakra counter march loom of 5 foot weaving width. It stands 6' by 6' by 6'. My wife procured it originally in 1984 from Diane Tramba of Rocky River after finishing a beginner's weaving class with Diane at her store. The loom has been idle for 23 years. It is in very good condition. Call to discuss price.....
 Robert and Faye Denman
 5925 Myrtle Hill
 Valley City, OH 44280
 330-483-4839

Note from the Editor

Thanksgiving is just a few days away and so with gratitude in the forefront I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to work on this newsletter and be a member of this guild. My plan is to get better at including additional items such as events from other guilds and fiber related happenings from other guild newsletters and fiber magazines. I also plan to add even more items to the online calendar. Including reports and pictures from events and demos our membership has done may encourage more folks to attend. (They really are a lot of fun). I am looking forward to the classified to sell, look for or swap fiber related items. And please keep telling me what you all would like to have here. So thanks again and see you at the next meeting! Gina.

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