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January 14th meeting will be at the Carlisle Reservation.

Refreshments

January - Karen Long, Marcee Stephenson and Cheryl Brice
February - Cheryl Lesure, Gina Talandis and Che' Gonzalez

January Program

We are going to discuss upcoming programs and finding a new program chair or perhaps a program team chair!
 Please come with ideas and thoughts and suggestions. I am told it is a fun job to choose what we do, and meet the speakers!

Distaff Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

“Distaff Day, also called Roc Day, is 7 January, the day after the feast of the Epiphany. It is also known as Saint Distaff's Day, one of the many unofficial holidays in Catholic nations.

Many St. Distaff's Day gatherings were held, large and small, throughout local fiber community. The distaff, or rock, used in spinning was the medieval symbol of women's work.^[1]

In many European cultural traditions, women resumed their household work after the twelve days of Christmas. Women of all classes would spend their evenings spinning on the wheel. During the day, they would carry a drop spindle with them. Spinning was the only means of turning raw wool, cotton or flax into thread, which could then be woven into cloth.

Men have their own way of celebrating this occasion; this is done through Plough Monday. It is the first Monday after Epiphany where men are supposed to get back to work.

Every few years, Distaff Day and Plough Monday falls on the same day. Often the men and women would play pranks on each other during this celebration, as was written by Robert Herrick in his poem "Saint Distaffs day, or the Morrow After Twelfth Day" which appears in his Hesperides.

Some modern craft groups have taken up the celebration of Distaff day as part of their New Year celebrations.”

LOCO Minutes for December 10, 2013

The December 2013 meeting started with abundant refreshments brought by our members and guests.

President Billman opened the business meeting with a call to approve the November minutes. Karen Long - motion, Patti McAndrew - second, vote approved.

Treasurer Betsy Bruce reported \$3711.95 in the treasury, with \$432.00 of that in the Heifer Fund.

Sunshine Chair Patti McAndrew sent out 6 birthday cards.

Newsletter: Gina Talandis requests that if you want any information included in the newsletter, please let her know by the 20th of each month.

Refreshment Chair Marcee Stephenson, said starting in January, she will start cleaning up refreshments during the program.

Heifer Project: Elizabeth Yasaki brought the shawls for the drawing. Beginning in January she'll bring the fiber for us to spin, plied and then dyed at our March meeting. She asked we think about a color scheme for the 2014 shawls.

Demonstration Chair Chris Strekely explained about our Guild's demonstration routine and the two available scholarships. Names are drawn from those of us who have attended demonstrations throughout the year.

Equipment Chair Julie Bragg requested that you let her know if you want equipment. There was also discussion about purchase price of a carder, etc.

Membership Chair Cheryl Lesure announced 2 new members - Michael and Diane Baird. We now have 54 members.

Workshops: March 4th Step Basket at Beth Hine's home. Contact her to sign up.

Old Business: Ann Hauser asked if there were any questions about the retreat in February. Please call her if you need any more information.

Shawl Drawing: \$432 in the treasury from ticket sales. Karen Long made a motion to add \$68 to make it an even \$500. Motion carried. Betsy Bruce made a suggestion that we divide the "Heifer Fund" to send \$200 to purchase a loom through Woman to Woman International. There was a motion to discuss from Betsy Bruce, with a 2nd from Marcee Stephenson. Discussion ensued. The motion carried.

The Shawl Drawing from tickets sold this year was then held.

1. Kate Horton, (Nancy Kuhar's sister)
2. Che' Gonzales
3. Wendy Bates from Kipton. Gina called her and will deliver the shawl.
Thanks to all who spun, plied, dyed, wove, bought and sold tickets.

Demonstration Scholarship Drawing:

1. Elizabeth Yasaki \$150
2. Julie Bragg \$150

Congratulations!

This was followed by our Ornament Exchange.

Another item of note is that Convergence is being held in Providence, RI. Look for details in this month's Handwoven magazine.

Guests: Judy Johns and Ray Owens

Betsy Bruce's Yarn to Garment Class will convene in January at FAVA. Come see the progress of her students from January 9th thru February 2nd, in the afternoons from 1 to 4 pm. Fashion Show of completed projects will be held on February 2nd, 1pm, at FAVA.

A good time was had by all, great food, and good visiting.

Sincerely,
LOCO Secretary,
Sara Twining



Yum



There was a lot of dancing around when this shawl was won.



Does anybody know what this is?



Granny Squares....

Just for the joy of it.



Happy Ornament Exchange!



As a result of the "Heifer" Shawl raffle, we sent out two end of the year donations in late December: \$300 to Heifer International for two alpaca and \$200 to Women for Women International for a loom. Check out either or both organizations' websites for further a better understanding of the charitable work that each accomplishes: www.heifer.org and www.womenforwomen.org

Sure feels good to assist others with fiber related animals and gear!

Your treasurer.... Betsy

From Yarn to Garment

During the month of January, Oberlin College's Winter Term, Betsy Bruce will be teaching the 13th annual "From Yarn to Garment" class. And you're invited to drop in any weekday afternoon, 1:00-5:00p starting Thursday, January 9th through Wednesday, January 29th at FAVA (the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts), 39 S. Main St., Oberlin. We're "Artists in Residence" in the first floor Main Gallery. Parking is available at the rear of the New Union Center of the Arts building. Handicap ramp is at the back door.

The Style Show and Exhibition Opening is Sunday, February 2nd at 1:00p sharp. Come see what rookie weavers design, weave and then sew over the month. The garments will be displayed in the South Gallery through Sunday, Feb. 9th. FAVA hours are 11:00-5:00p, Tuesday through Friday, 1:00-5:00p Saturday and Sunday.

Also at Oberlin College, in the Science Center (corner of W. Lorain and Woodland), first floor display case, is an exhibit titled "From Fleece to Garment". It will remain until mid-April to be replaced by an exhibit of Sue Copeland-Jones' surface design pieces, connected with Artist as Quiltmaker through July.

Come visit Oberlin on a sunny winter day!

Betsy

Classes at the Grainery!

Sat 1/11/14

10 am to Noon. **Ed the Wheel Healer**- basic maintenance and wheel tune up class. This is not about making repairs, but regular spinning wheel maintenance. He will go over the parts and tell you how to clean and oil and things like that. This is to get your wheel ready for spinning for the year. \$10

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Tentatively Vickie Hauff- **Basic Wheel Spinning**, learn or brush up on your skills. \$15

Sun 1/12/14

10 am to Noon. Vickie Hauff- **Learn to Spin on a Drop Spindle**. \$15

12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Lee Ann King- **Navajo Ply/Plying techniques/using beads in your yarns**. This will include (roughly) Navajo Ply, other plying techniques, using beads in your yarns, etc. This is a fun class. I took it a few years ago and really enjoyed it. \$25

Contact: Vickie Hauff
ragworks@rocketmail.com

The Grainery address is:
 18359 Rowell Rd
 Wellington, OH 44090
 440-653-1377

Step Basket Class

Baskets, Baskets

Ewe and Beth's Studio will host two basket workshops this spring. Lunch will be provided for a nominal fee, (\$3). So sign up, gather your tools, and come create beautiful baskets for yourself or for gifts.

March 4 (weather permitting) will be a step basket with instructor Mary Brook. Kits will probably cost about \$30. Many color schemes will be available. This class will run from 10 until 3 or 4.

April 15 from 9 to 3 will be a class with Laura Weinkamer. We will have her new catalog at the February or March LOCO meeting so we can choose a basket design.

Call Beth Hines if you have questions or to register for the classes. 440-458-4049

Monthly Spin and Knit Gathering

The meeting is every month on the last Sunday, from 1:30 to 4:00pm, 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.

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

The Great Lakes Fiber Show will be held May 24 & 25, 2014.

Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover St., Wooster, Ohio

I am seeking workshop suggestions and instructors that would be interested in teaching. Also last year fiber related lectures/talks were presented that were free to the public. I am looking for people who would be interested in doing this too.

Please send you suggestions to me. Instructors can request a workshop proposal form. I would like to have the workshops ready to put on the website by January 1.

Linda Reichert
info@greatlakesfibershow.com

Classified Ads

For Sale by Sherri Chavez

sx2@windstream.net

For Sale: Spinning Wheel, one owner, solid cherry. It is a 19th century reproduction. The artisan it was purchased from said it can be made functional, but it has only been used for decoration.

If a buyer lives in the county the seller would be happy to deliver. If the buyer lives outside Lorain County we would be happy to meet them at Ginko Gallery, Oberlin.

We also have a Northern Industrial Tools Magnifier Lamp for crafters.

Seller doesn't know what a fair price would be, please call to discuss. 440/463-6065

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