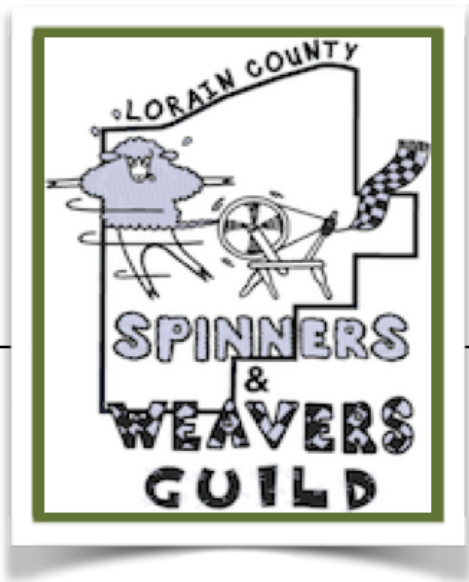


FEBRUARY 2015 LOCO NEWS



February 10th Meeting Tuesday 7pm at the Carlisle Reservation

Refreshments: Barb Enos, Cheryl Lesure, and Gina Talandis

February Meeting Program

In August 2012, Betsy Bruce traveled to Guatemala for two weeks as a representative of SEPA (Santa Elena Program of Accompaniment). It was certainly an eye-opening experience. Ellie Flessner and Clara Lincoln (two Oberlin College students) have traveled several times in support of SEPA's mission of solidarity with the people of Santa Elena and Copal AA, two rural villages of returned refugees of Mayan descent.

The three will share a brief history, stories and impressions, slides and a report from the January winter term delegation that has just returned from nearly four weeks in Guatemala.

Copal AA has a cooperative of nearly fifty women who weave on back strap looms. Come see a back strap loom and a variety of textiles from this weaving community. Yes, some of the textiles (acquired this past month) will be for sale.

(Editor's note: I am bringing my checkbook.)

JANUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

President Elizabeth Yasaki opened the meeting. Neither guests nor visitors were present. New members included Jennifer Arthur and Laurie Archibald. Elizabeth's new telephone number is (440)463-8553; no voice mail. She is able to access e-mail — eayasaki@gmail.com every third day unless she is scheduled to work, then every day.

Everyone should know about Phone Tree, for purpose of notifying members if meeting is cancelled, e.g. for bad weather. Cheryl Lesure sent out to members along with new directory.

Open (to everyone) committees include Dye Garden — see Betsy Bruce, if you are interested; and, Heifer Committee — see Beth Hines. Heifer meets at Beth's 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Beth Hines' house is at 10717 Lagrange Rd., Elyria (same driveway as Fox Vet Hospital and behind the hospital bldg. on the left across from the barn). Heifer Committee will announce new name at February meeting. For 2016, Committee is requesting fiber by February: 45% alpaca, 35% wool & 10% silk. Wool fiber length similar to alpaca. Doesn't have to be cleaned or processed. Last three (3) years have used Judy Keske's alpaca (\$25) mixed with Beth Hine's Columbia. Sarah Twining made motion to appropriate extra money for silk, about 16 oz. < \$100.; Karen Long seconded and motion passed w/o opposition.

Board Meeting will be held the end of January, either: at Beth Hines' on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. or at Huntington on Sunday, January 25 at 1:30. Purpose of meeting is for Board members have chance to discuss issues and the upcoming year.

Black Swamp's 30th Market Day & Fiber Fair will be held Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green. \$1 Admisssion. more detailed information at ! <http://bssgmarketday.tripod.com>. Vendor contact & information: Tina at BSSG001@yahoo.com. blackswampspinnerguild.org.

Original Sewing & Quilting Expo at the I-X Center March 26, 27 & 28 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). \$15 admission + parking. Go on-line for more specific information. March is Dye month. Requests to keep business meeting short & dispense with Show & Tell. Fashion Show for Betsy's workshop, From Yarn to Garment XIV, will be at 1 p.m. at FAVA, 39 S. Main St., on Sunday, February 1.

Nancy Kuhar — Fiber samples from workshop will be raffled: one each at February, April & May LOCO meetings.

Vice President — Karen Long announced 25% off of everything at Bead Paradise throughout January.

Treasurer — Betsy Bruce reported we have \$3,739.95 in treasury. Took in \$949. from raffle — we need to decide where, how to distribute this money. Karen Long motioned we add \$51 to = \$1,000; motion was seconded by Lynn Kopinski and passed w/o opposition. Last year \$200. went to Women to Women International (in war torn territory) to buy a loom & balance went to Heifer International. Funds distribution decision for 2015 deferred another month.

January Minutes Continued:

Secretary — Carolyn Borsini & Eboni Johnson asked meeting contributors to please include their names in comments, until we learn names.

Programs — Ed Rowe reported committee investigating opportunities to travel, e.g. Ford museum in Michigan, to see Jacquard loom. Have lots of feelers out to local folks. Polled group's preference, e.g. to travel 70 miles and have inn charge, or bring in Speaker. So far, Ed & Lynn Kopinski reported February program: Betsy Bruce speaking on Guatemala & March program: Dye Day. Program on coverlets has not yet been finalized.

PR — no report.

Library — Eboni Johnson reported that all five (5) Interweave Press magazines will be renewed at special Guild prices.

Demonstrations — Chris Strekely announced Demo at Mill Hollow, January 31st, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. <http://www.metroparks.cc/events.php#winter-days> — we are listed as "Spinning and Weaving Demos in Benjamin Bacon House." Bring your fiber art, dress up & have a good time! If you are interested, please let Chris know — 330-416-8195 or cjsrek1949@yahoo.com. February retreat scheduled for February 19-20 & 21 (1/2 day on Sunday). Holly will be presenting mini-workshop on blocking; atypical cast-ons & bind-offs. Look for write-up in February newsletter.

Newsletter — Gina Talandis will check further on Phone-Tree. Goal is to release newsletter by end of each month.

Historian — Nancy Kuhar requested that we all continually screen newspapers, etc. and funnel information to her.

Huntington meeting every month on last Sunday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., at Huntington Township Hall, located on South East corner of intersection of Routes 58 & 162. Provides place for folks to come and work on fiber projects while discussing whatever comes to mind. No formal agenda. Great natural light! Bringing snacks welcomed, not required. Entrance to room is off fire escape steps in rear of building, at second floor level. There is also an elevator located on north side of the building — opens directly into meeting room. Meeting held each month unless it interferes with a holiday or township business. Etta Rowe sends out reminder to LOCO e-mail list about week ahead of meeting date.

No Old Business

New Business:

Sunshine — Patty McAndrew sent out seven (7) cards in December. Christine Bruce, new Sunshine person; contact info. (440) 458-8092, christybspinall@yahoo.com.

Holly requested flesh tone, purple & teal fiber for mending.

Show & Tell: Betsy Bruce — seven (7) 8/2 cotton towels; rec scarf for Valentine's Day; tencel yardage for shawl & top; acrylic baby blanket; sock basket from basket workshop day @ Beth's. Sarah Twining — 2004, I painted a picture of our milk house & the cats — gave away to silent auction. Two weeks ago, friend bought it at a resale shop & discovered Sarah's name on it & returned it to me!! Laurie showed washed wool, she had brought along to card.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Borsini

ODDs and ENDS

Join the Fun at EGLFC 2015!

What workshops will you take at Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference 2015? It may be tough to choose! This October 9-12 conference at the Chautauqua Institute in beautiful Chautauqua, New York has a great line-up of workshops. Teachers include Connie Lippert, Rosalie Neilson, Mary Hettmansperger, Amy Tyler, Chad Alice Hagen, and Anita Luvera Mayer. Complete workshop descriptions and instructor bios are at www.eglfc.org.

The prospectus and registration form are also available at www.eglfc.org. Registration opens on April 1—no fooling! All registrations received before April 1 will be processed on opening day, giving you the best chance of getting the workshops you want. Cost for three days of workshops, all events and nine meals is \$355. Lodging options start at \$110. The biennial conference includes a banquet plus a fashion show and fiber exhibit. Come show off your accomplishments!

EGLFC organizers would like to thank all who have provided past Conferences with table favors and goody bag items. This year we would like to offer a few larger items as door prizes. Please consider getting together with a group of friends, perhaps your entire guild, to create a gift. We will announce the makers' names and guild affiliation as we award each gift so that everyone can appreciate your artistry. Questions about door prizes? Contact Suanne Pasquarella at nyhgarep@yahoo.com.

We hope to see you Columbus Day weekend 2015. Learn more about all the fun we have planned at www.eglfc.org. Questions about registration? Contact Kim Witherow at registrar@eglfc.org.

LOCO Guild Retreat

Our 3rd Annual LOCO Guild Retreat is from February 19-22. Overnight guests will be there at the Milan Inn the nights of the 19-21. Daytime visitors are welcome but must be guild members. Contact Chris Strekely at 330-416-8195 for more information or to let us know you're planning to visit. There is one overnight space remaining!

The retreat will include the following workshops: On February 20th at 10 a.m. there will be a demonstration on **How to Block Knitted or Crocheted Garments** to fit well and look sweetly finished. If you will be attending the retreat and would also like to block a knitted or crocheted item during the retreat, please contact Holly Whiteside at 440-775-0352 or kilin81@hotmail.com to find out what you need to bring. The second workshop will be on February 21st at 10 a.m. where Holly will demonstrate **5 Different Ways to Cast On in Knitting**. On the 21st at about 11 a.m. she will demonstrate **5 Different Ways of Binding Off**. This is a good opportunity to learn new ways to suit a piece's particular needs, like a cool looking and stretchy ribbed cast-on, a stretchy bind-off for lace so you can open it up, or a bias bind-off for easy and neat sweater seams with professional looking shoulders.

More Odds and Ends

An invitation from Etta:

Ewe & Beth's Studio (next door to 10717 La Grange Road, behind Fox Veterinary Clinic), will be open for crafts and fellowship each Tuesday during the month of February. The sessions start at 10 AM and go into the afternoon, depending on the other things we have scheduled. [In 2014 I was able to complete 86 projects, mainly because I worked on them regularly at Beth's Studio.] PLEASE JOIN US!

MILL HOLLOW DEMO!

It was a wonderful afternoon at Mill Hollow. Ed Rowe, Ann Hauser, Missy Merrill and myself spent the afternoon playing with fiber and answering all sorts of questions from a good number of visitors. We were in the Bacon House, in the main room, it was warm and cozy and we had lots of fun.



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