

# MAY 2015 LOCO NEWS

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**May 12th Meeting  
Tuesday 7pm at the Carlisle  
Reservation**

**Refreshments: Etta Rowe, Beth Hines, Julie Bragg  
Please everyone remember to bring your own coffee/tea mug/plate.**

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## **MAY MEETING PRESENTATION**

### Triangle Loom Weaving with Sheryl Mandeville

Sheryl will show us how to weave a shawl using a 4' triangle loom. This method of weaving uses a continuous strand of yarn to create both the warp and the weft of your project. The weaving progresses from the corners to the center and from top to bottom all at the same time. You can use all types of yarn to create patterns and one-of-a kind projects. Sheryl will also bring other shawls that she has woven using larger triangle looms.

Join us to see this unique weaving process!

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### **A note from our President:**

At the April meeting we passed several motions that affect the Guild and members should be aware of them. PLEASE READ THE MINUTES.

I also think we need to sell tickets for a \$1 to those members who would like an additional chance or chances to win the fiber samples. If you read the minutes you will understand the reference. See you at the next meeting!

-Elizabeth Yasaki

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## April 2015 Meeting Minutes

### Opening

The regular meeting of the LOCO Spinning & Weaving Guild was called to order at 7:08pm on 4/15/15 at Carlisle Reservation by guild president Elizabeth Yasaki.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes: Karen Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Che Gonzalez. Approved with no opposition or corrections.

### Reports

- Treasurer:
  - o Betsy has \$15 reimbursement checks for the 5 guild members who attended the retreat
  - o \$67.50 per year for our website hosting & email
  - o Refreshment supplies to Anne Hauser.
  - o \$104 for processing and delivery of fiber for shawls (see below)
  - o Current bank balance is \$3601.66
- Librarian: Eboni brought recent issues of several magazines; feel free to sign them out if you'd like to borrow them!
- Workshops:
  - o Felting workshop on May 2, 2015 10am-3pm led by our own Gina Talandis @ Pittsfield Town Hall. Let Gina know TODAY if you want to sign up so that she can order kits. The project will be cute little finger puppets! \$25 for the day. Lunch will be provided, and additional snacks are certainly welcome. (UPDATE: this event is canceled as of April 15)
  - o Spin-in on May 3, 2015 also at Pittsfield Town Hall. Ed will have several wheels available to try: a great wheel, Canadian production wheel, pendulum wheel, drop spindles, Saxony flax wheel. Free! Bring your fiber, your wheel and your self! Snacks will be provided.
  - o Spinning workshop on May 29, 2015 10am-4pm with Pat Hilts in Orwell, PA. Price \$35 + \$10 materials fee. It's not a one-day trip!
- Programs
  - o No program tonight due to technical difficulties; it will be postponed
- Demos
  - o It's demo season, y'all. See Chris Strekely to sign up: Juneteenth festival on June 13 in Oberlin; County fairs – throughout the summer; Mill Hollow Sunday, July 19 1-4pm. Costumes desired. Guild will be paid \$50 for this; Colonial re-enactment @ Lake Ridge Academy on Thursday, May 21 9:30am-noon. Costumes required; Birmingham Oct 3 @ 9am-4pm, Oct 4 @ 10:30am-4pm
  - o Possibility of a bus trip through the parks. More information is forthcoming.
- Membership
  - o Dues are due in June (\$20!). One new member since last meeting.
  - o At renewal time, members will be able to indicate whether we prefer paper or PDF directory. Printing the paper directories has run about \$65 in the past.
- Sunshine: 1 sympathy card and a bunch of birthday cards.
- Newsletter: none
- Guild equipment: let Julie Bragg know if you need anything!
- Refreshments: we're all set for the rest of the year
- Historian: Nancy just got stuff from Betty and will work on organizing it.
- Service project: We delivered the wool, alpaca and silk to the mill (we will pick up at the Great Lakes Fiber show in May). This is our first time using silk! This fiber should last us 2-3 years. When we get the fiber back, Elizabeth will distribute 2oz portions and ask for volunteers to spin it up. Be sure to let her know how you like the fiber blend. Warps for current shawls are finished. In previous years we supported Heifer International, as well as Women to Women International. Motion by Nancy Kuhar 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Long to sponsor a young Guatemalan girl to attend high school through the SEPA. It costs \$750/year for such a sponsorship (boarding, tuition, books and helps supplement the girl's family while she's in school). All in favor, no abstentions, opposition. Motion passes. Motion by Sara Twining to send remainder of money in the service fund to Heifer. 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Long. All in favor, no abstentions, opposition. Motion passes. Gina will have more details next month about selling items at Birmingham, in support of the SEPA project.

### Old business

- Fiber samples (3 big bags: mohair, silk, merino, nylon, vicuna, alpaca ...). Everyone who pays their membership dues in June will get entry into the drawing. Names will be drawn at July meeting. How's THAT for incentive?

## New business

- New drum carder. We've been using Gay Weiss's drum carder, and have offered to buy it from her for \$375. Motion: Karen Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Kuhar. All in favor, no opposition or abstention. Motion passes.
- Medina Guild meeting May 19, 2015. It's a fashion show! Will be held at the Medina Presbyterian Church, 5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd., (off Route 18)
- Great Lakes Fiber Show May 23-24, 2015 at Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster
- Dye garden needs some work this year. Karen and Betsy will pull up the madder root first. May 2 is the garden work day, and it needs to be tilled (Ann H will bring her tiller) and fertilized with manure. Be in touch with Betsy to decide a time
- Thanks to everyone who helped push Audrey's car out of the mud last month!
- Show & Tell
  - o Renee Brown - Shawl / Cheryl Lesure - Dye Day Scarfs / Missy Merrill - reflective yarn / Patti McAndrew - 2 baskets / Sheryl Billman - quilt / Holly Whiteside - pink cardigan / Chris Bruce - quilt, pillow top / Alexis Young - Dye Day Thread / Cheryl Bruce - tank top and culottes.
- Announcement:
  - o Adopt-A-Raptor Parents Gratitude Day on Sunday April 19, 2015 10-11:30am @ Carlisle Visitor Center
  - o Betsy has given Julie Bragg eleven 13-gallon bags of acrylic yarn for the prison project

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by guild president Elizabeth Yasaki. The next guild meeting will be on May 12, 2015 at 7:00pm, at Carlisle Visitor Center.

Minutes submitted by: eboni johnson

## Happenings:

### **A note from Betsy Bruce about our wonderful Dye Garden:**

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a small crew of Barb Enos, Ann Hauser and Nancy Kuhar joined Betsy Bruce prepping the dye garden for planting. In about an hour and a quarter, we weeded out TOO much volunteer wild garlic/onion, spaded and rototilled (thanks to Ann for bringing and running her Mantis!), transplanted and watered madder, bronze fennel, tansy and woad.

It sure felt good and the garden looked quite good in the end of our stint there.

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Carolyn Borsini and Betsy will plant and sow seeds for other dye plants -- black eyed susans, coreopsis, marigolds and perhaps another species and then spread mulch. Wanna lend a hand? Starting at 8:30a outside the Bacon House at Mill Hollow.

We're looking for folks to volunteer over the summer to check in on the garden, to water if necessary and weed a bit. At the May meeting, we could make a schedule for once-a-week coverage.... only 15 minutes north of Oberlin.

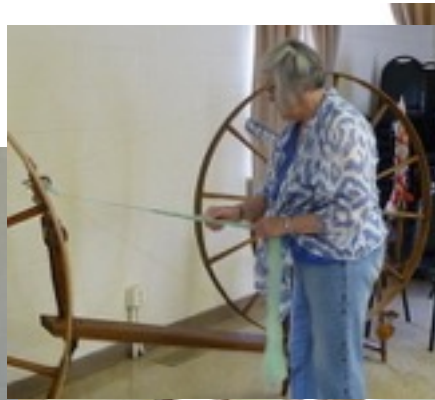
Please consider stepping up!



## More Happenings:

### Spin-In a big success!

I dropped in on the spinners on Sunday afternoon. They were everywhere! All sorts of different wheels, from several different walking wheels to all sorts of new ones. Everyone was showing each other wheels and different fiber, and in general having a good time! It was a perfect place to exchange ideas and learn new things! Thanks Ed and Etta! (The snacks were really good too).



## Current Demo Schedule:

Thursday, May 21, 9:30am to 12pm Lake Ridge Academy

Saturday, June 13, 10am to 4pm Juneteenth in Oberlin

Sunday July 19, 1 to 4pm Bacon House, Mill Hollow

Friday August 7, 9am to 3pm, Medina Fair, Fairgrounds

Thursday, August 13, 10am to 4pm, Berea Cuyahoga Fairgrounds, Kids day

Sunday, August 14, 6 to 9pm, Berea Cuyahoga Fairgrounds, Sheep to Shawl

Sunday, August 30, 9am to 3pm, Lorain County Fair

Tuesday, September 15, 9am to 1:30pm, Pioneer Days, Mill Hollow

Wednesday, September 16, 9am to 1:30pm, Pioneer Days, Mill Hollow

Saturday, October 3, 9am to 3pm, Birmingham, Country Harvest

Saturday, October 4, 10:30am to 4pm, Birmingham, Country Harvest

**For more information and to sign up please check with Chris Strekely**

## Goings on.....

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### Romanian Point Lace (RPL) Workshop

The workshop will consist of 4 sessions, each will last about 2.5 hours. The workshop starts June 6 at 10:00AM. The following sessions will be **June 13, June 20 and June 27** at Elyria Art Works Gallery and Center located in downtown Elyria 336 Broad St, 44035 (former Brandau Jewelry store building). The cost is \$100.00 per person and the fees include:

- Mercerized cotton #10 ecru (for basic cord)
- Mercerized cotton #20 ecru (for needle lace)
- Crochet hook #12 (1mm)
- Tapestry needle (blunt) #24
- Printed instructions
- The pattern design on muslin



**In the first session** we will learn how to do the basic cord. This is the most essential item needed in RPL because it is used to build the design of the piece, and the needle lace will fill the empty spaces created in the design for the lace. In between the first and the second session we will have to do some homework. You will have to crochet enough cord to complete the piece we're working on.

**In the second session** we will baste the cord on the design (provided) and we'll learn to make the basted cord one piece. Then we'll stabilize the cord by building "bridges" between them to be able to do the lace without distorting the design

**In the third and fourth session** we'll learn needle lace patterns, finish the piece, learn how to take off the doily from muslin, and how to care for the piece over the years.

**Please contact Doina Cracium - [rplm2012@yahoo.com](mailto:rplm2012@yahoo.com)**

## More Goings On.....

**The Central Ohio Weavers Guild is trilled to be bringing Franklin Habit to Columbus in May. Please join us for his free lecture "Five Women, Five Shawls"**

Friday, May 15; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Westerville Community Center, 350 N Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43082. The lecture is free but registration is required. In partnership with Westerville Public Library, this event is open to the public and is free of charge, however space is limited and attendees must register in advance. Please register at <http://host4.evanced.info/westerville/evanced/eventsignup.asp?ID=21120>

**Additionally, COWG is offering workshops for \$55/class for COWG members and \$75/class for non-members.** Registration is required for these classes.

### **Photographing Your Fiber**

Saturday, May 16; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bring your own camera and a project or two, and learn the basics of lighting, exposure, and setting up a shoot. This introductory-level class will also tackle common fiber-photography problems like capturing true color, capturing stitch definition and photographing lace. We will also learn how to make a light box at home, cheap! No prior knowledge of photography is necessary. The emphasis will be getting the best possible shots using your camera. Take your camera to class.

### **History Methods and Styles of Lace Knitting**

Saturday, May 16; 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

In this three-hour class, we'll examine the fundamental principles and techniques of knitting's grandest tradition. Students will learn about the history of lace knitting, and the development of the art in three parts of the world (Russia, Estonia, and the Shetland Islands) in which the craft was developed to the highest level of artistry. We will not only discuss, but practice and play with some of the methods and motifs that distinguish each of these traditions.

Prerequisites: Participants must be fluent in the basics of lace knitting, including working from charts

### **The Beautiful, Humble Art of Plain Sewing**

Sunday, May 17; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Plain sewing, a collection of stitches and related hand-sewing techniques was once considered a pillar of a woman's education. In our day, these skills are useful to all, but known by few. We will study and practice a select group of plain sewing methods that are most useful to knitters working with hand-knit fabrics, including useful and decorative stitches, attaching buttons, and finishing buttonholes.

Prerequisites: Fluency in the basic techniques of knitting; completion prior to class of a simple homework assignment.

Materials fee: \$5 to be paid to the instructor on the day of the class.

### **The Knitted Plaid: A Color and Pattern Workshop**

Sunday, May 17; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If the prospect of mixing colors gives you the fidgets, but you've dreamed of putting together your own complex color schemes for projects, this class is for you. We'll begin by learning a simple but strikingly effective method for knitting plaid fabrics, a method that can even be used to recreate family or school tartans. Then we'll use the framework of the plaid as the point of departure for a practical, hands-on lesson in color selection. You can learn to design your own color schemes and all it takes is a little knowledge, a little practice, and a little playfulness.

Prerequisites: Fluency in the basic techniques of knitting.

## **Classified:**

### **Schacht 25" Weaving Width Table Loom with Floor Stand with Accessories.**

There are a number of accessories included such as a warping reel, flat shuttles, books....

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### **Editors Note:**

**There was just too much in the newsletter this month. I will include the "Where do you like to get your supplies?" survey results next month.**

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