

**The February meeting is at the
Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, FEB 13th, 7:00pm

Please remember to bring a tea or coffee cup.

**Snacks: Sara Twining, Barb Enos, Sheryl
Billman**



February Program

RECYCLED MONSTERS - Dianna Phillips

Repurpose, upcycle, recycle - ever wonder what you could do with wool sweaters that no one is going to wear again? Learn how to reconstruct them into mittens, hats, scarves, toys, and more. It's quicker than knitting!

President's Perspective

It is late afternoon on Saturday and I just came back from an enjoyable day at Mill Hollow representing our guild at a demonstration. I am not a spinner, but yet I sat and listened not only to the rhythmic sound of the spinning wheels, but to all my guild colleagues "spinning" their knowledge, skills and friendship with visitors and each other. I took it all in! I am just starting to feel comfortable volunteering for demonstrations and I don't know why I waited so long.

So I asked, "Why do we do demos?" Just as fast as those wheels were spinning I received numerous responses:

It's an outreach program.

A time where people can learn what we do.

A time people can get interested in the art and our guild.

It's a time to share our skills and how fiber is used.

It might inspire someone to pick up their own creative outlet laying dormant.

Involves kids and adults.

Teach someone else.

I then asked, "What do YOU get out of participating in demos? And again, I received numerous responses:

We get to teach each other.

Chance to do our art.

The company/camaraderie.

A time to learn from each other.

To get inspired.

It's relaxing.

Networking.

And especially from Irena, "A time to show off!"

I mentioned I had a hard time as a new member taking the risk of participating and once again their ideas were "spinning" in my head. So, here are some ideas for new members (and seasoned members who don't normally do demos). Go for it! There are never too many demonstrators. The room today was packed and we all squeezed together to make it work. See what your comfort zone is at the demo. If you feel like sharing - share. If not, be an observer. Ask questions. I learned more about fiber today than I have at any guild meeting. When visitors pass through, share what you are doing and if you cannot answer their questions I am sure someone else can. Worried about a costume? The guild can help. I know a great place to purchase aprons.

My goal as your fearless leader (did I say fearless? How ironic!) will be to encourage more members to participate in demos this year. When the sign-up sheet goes around, sign up. Talk to the people who have signed up to help with the expectations of the day. AND, if you have any questions or are anxious about a demo, see me. I am a good example of someone who was intimidated and waited too long to participate. AND, EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!

LOCO GUILD January 2018 MINUTES

LORAIN COUNTY SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2018

President Barb Enos opened the meeting and welcomed one guest, Amanda Hyde. Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were approved as sent in the newsletter: motion- Chris Bruce; 2nd Irena Talandis; motion passed. Barb thanked everyone for coming out in the weather. Treasurer Missy Merrill reported \$4419 in the treasury.

Workshop- nothing current. April 13,14, and 15 FAVA is hosting a Double Weave workshop taught by Mary Carmosino and Betsy Bruce. About eight had registered.

The Program was cancelled for this night due to illness and will be rescheduled. Program instead was a brainstorming session for all to give input on guild; then a spinning video from our library was shown. The February program is planned to be Recycled Monsters. March will be our Dye Day; April fiber relocation and May a program by Nancy Page. Ideas were put forth for a Challenge for 2018.

Chris Bruce sent 4 birthday cards in December and 2 so far in January. Ann Hauser said we still need more members to sign up for refreshments for the year. Chris Bruce had a book to donate to our library. Chris Strekely said the Parks asked if we would demonstrate at Mill Hollow Winter Days Saturday Jan 27 from 11-3 Remember we pay for our use of rooms at the parks with our demonstration even though they do pay us for special ones like this.

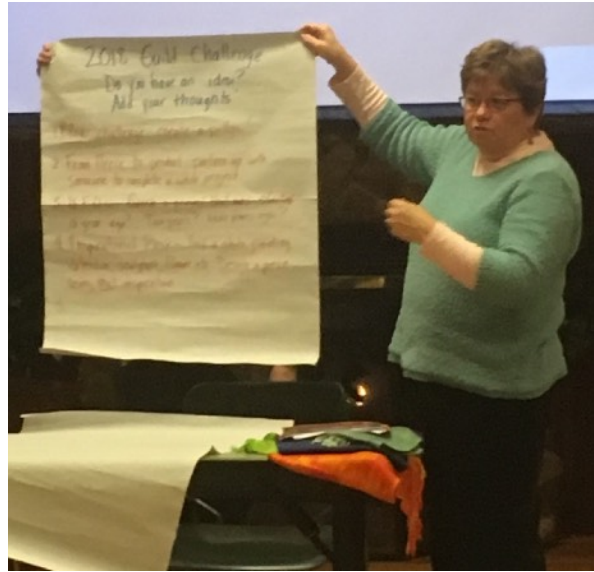
Announcements- 1) Nancy Page said Medina Guild is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Medina County. 2) Don't forget the Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Show May 26 and? They still need people to help with registrations.3) Flyer for Medina Guild Nuno Felting workshop. 4) FAVA January Opening fiber related show 2-4 and weekly 11-5 any day but Mondays. 5) Metro Parks Garage Sale Jan 27 8-4 at Carlyle Visitors Center. 6) New pricing sheets for our LOCO logo shirts, sweatshirts and bags. The fleeces can only be embroidered with our logo as the printing doesn't work as well on those.

Show and Tell Barb Enos- 3 bamboo scarves and 1 tencel scarf; Sara Twining- 10 red crocheted hats to be donated to preemies born in February, National Heart Association month, hand dyed block weave samples; Betsy Bruce- variety of scarves; Mary Carmosino- double weave mug rugs; Gina – kitchen towel; Nancy Page- snow dyed scarves and hand-woven basket; Chris Bruce- scrubby dish cloths; Irena Talandis- weaving on her new loom; Alexis Young- ceramic dog head and small baby blanket.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed as we brainstormed ideas for the guild.

Respectfully submitted, LOCO secretary, Sara Twining

JANUARY Meeting



MILL HOLLOW DEMO



LOCO Weavers and Spinners 2018 Challenge

Be Inspired!

What inspires you when you are working on a new piece?
Here is the 2018 Challenge

Find something that will inspire a project. It can be a photo, painting, sculpture, something from nature or an everyday object.

Use the color, texture, or pattern your inspirational piece offers to create a fiber project.

Results of the 2018 Challenge will be shared at LOCO's November 13, 2018 meeting. Make sure you bring the inspirational piece along with your project.



CLASSIFIED

1 spinning wheel made by a cabinet maker. It is hard to spin with maybe with Ed Rowe's help it would work better. It is a pretty wheel and I'd like \$100.

1 Ashford Traveller which is about 30 years old. I'd like \$300.

1 Skutt kiln and manual. It is at least 30 years old, but I never got to use it. I believe it is a model 231, it is a large floor model and a cord for 220 electric. It has an automatic turn off with cones. I'm asking \$300. There are also many molds including the complete Christmas village and a nativity and many more molds. Some first fired items. I'll work out a deal.

Chris Bruce 440-458-8092

April 2018 FAVA Doubleweave Workshop A FEW MORE DAYS TO SIGN UP!!!!!!

What: Weekend Doubleweave Workshop and Open Studio

Who: Instructors: Betsy Bruce and Mary Carmosino

Where: FAVA (Firelands Association for the Visual Arts), 39 S. Main St., Oberlin

Phone: (440)774-7158

When: Friday, April 13 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday, April 14 9:00a-5:00p

Sunday, April 15 9:00-3:00p

How much? \$150/\$165 for non-FAVA members, plus ~ \$40 materials fee

Contact info: favaweaving@gmail.com or

call FAVA (440-774-7158) leave your name and number for a callback.

Class Limit of 15 persons

Registration deadline with color choices: February 15th with a March 1st pick-up of materials and helpful warp and threading handouts. Participants will be responsible for bringing their loom, dressed and ready to weave on Fri., April 13th.

Learn to easily weave two layers of cloth on a 4-shaft loom in a variety of techniques: tube, side opening, center opening, double wide, pocket, stuffed or not and more. Weave a 9" wide sampler and then a wall hanging for your shuttles and other small weaving equipment in a weekend. This workshop is designed to help adv. beginner and intermediate weavers learn how a simple threading and tie-up makes weaving double weave a dream. And FAVA will be available during the following week for open studio hours.

Tuesdays with Beth Hines....

The location is Beth Hines' studio, and there are people who come most Tuesday's to work on their fiber art and basket making projects. Beth Makes a very nice lunch for all of us.and the cost is only \$5.



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