

# LOCO Newsletter



## 2011 Slate of Officers

Old	Office	New
Elizabeth Yasaki	President	Elizabeth Yasaki
Karen Long	Vice President	Karen Long
Sara Twining	Secretary	Sara Twining and Linda Koch
Dee Martin	Treasurer	Dee Martin
Chris Strekely	Demonstration	Chris Strekely
Julie Bragg	Guild Equipment	Julie Bragg
Heather Durdil	Historian	Sandra Lingler
Rachel Stowers	Librarian	Eboni Francis
Ann Hauser	Membership	Ann Hauser & Lynne Kopinski
Katie Farr	Newsletter	Katie Farr
Mary Beth Derikito	Programs	will do; can we find someone?
Mary Beth Derikito	Public Relations	Donna Holmes
Sheryl Billman	Refreshments	Sheryl Billman
Beth Hines	Samples	Beth Hines
Etta Rowe	Sunshine	Etta Rowe
Beth Hines	Workshops	Beth will do in 2011, then we need a replacement

The November 9th meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner, with a \$1 donation toward the Feed America program. Any money collected will be matched by Macy's. Bring a dish of food to share and your own table service. We will start at 6, meeting will be at 7.

Remember this is the meeting to vote on next year's Officers.

The Dec. meeting is at the Wellington Reservation and is the Christmas Party with a handmade ornament exchange, and the Heifer drawing.

The Jan. meeting program will be a dye event.

## Address Change:

My new email is: loomshed@frontier.com

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It might be nice if the Guild sent him a Thinking of You card.

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## Calendar Events

**Every Tuesday:** Open Spinning and other crafts at Beth Hines' Studio. Baskets the 1st & 3rd Tues, 4th Tuesday is Weaving. There will be NO Beth's Studio

11/9; 11/16; and 11/23

**11/9** LOCO Meeting 7pm Carlisle Reservation

**11/28** Huntington Gathering 1:30 -4 pm

**12/14** LOCO Meeting 7pm Carlisle Reservation

## Report from recent trip to the National Coverlet Museum in Bedford, Pa:

Recently we went to The National Museum of the American Coverlet in Bedford, PA. I took two classes and they were both fascinating. The first class was on The Flax Process. We received a hank of retted flax and proceeded to work on it to make it spin-worthy. First we ripped/broke it - that involves beating it in a tool with multiple boards to break down the fibers and eliminate the chaff. After that we scutched it on another tool and beat it with a wooden flail. Then we ran it through three hackles/heckles, until it was very soft and fine and had almost no chaff. Then we made it into a "flax hat" which is the term for a unit of fiber ready to be spun. The picture is of the flax hat I prepared. After that we learned how to load a distaff and then spin the flax into linen thread. One of the other participants carded some of the tow [waste from the heckles] and then spun it on her great wheel. The tow was used to make twine, bags, and other rough items, since it was too harsh for clothing. Fascinating and fun.

The other class I attended was a presentation on the restoration of the Jacquard Loom at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Richard and Christine Jeryan spent over two years restoring and rebuilding the loom and learning how to weave on it. Their presentation was very thorough and totally amazing. They also had many examples of coverlet weaves and patterns. They work at Greenfield Village and offer tours and workshops on Jacquard looms and patterns. This would be a wonderful field trip for our guild...maybe next spring??? The Village reopens on April 15 and the Jeryans have said they would be happy to arrange a personalized tour for our guild, if anyone would be interested. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about an awesome process from people who are really knowledgeable.

Etta Rowe



Etta's  
"Flax  
Hat"

I also took two classes at the Coverlet Museum. The Jacquard presentation, which Etta has described very well, and the workshop/lecture on Double flier spinning wheels. With these wheels you are actually spinning onto 2 bobbins, one with each hand from a distaff. It was very close, fast work.

Cyndy Donohue showed how to dress the distaff with both flax and wool. She didn't make spinning on the 2 bobbins look easy but she did it very capably. Several of us tried it, I had the wheel going for about half a minute. My foot kept wanting to turn the wheel the opposite way from what she was spinning. If I ever find another 2 flier wheel, I will try it again.

Thomas Firmin illustrated a double flier wheel in 1681 so the idea is quite old.

Katie Farr



Double Flier wheel with flax on distaff, Cyndy at the wheel.

## Minutes from LOCO Oct. 12,2010

President Elizabeth Y called the meeting to order. Guests for the evening were Sam Roberstson, Marcie Stephenson, Che Gonzalez and new member Beth Weil.

Nominating committee is working on a slate of Officers. Please consider taking an Office! We need you.

Treasurer Dee Martin reported an ending balance of \$3716.57 with \$366 belonging to Heifer.

Beth Hines brought samples of Targee, Silk and Shetland. She said we are sometimes asked to co-host a workshop as it is very expensive. She will keep us updated.

Next month's program will start with a Feed America Potluck at 6 pm. Come earlier if you can to help set up. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Our donation of monies will be matched when sent in. The business meeting will be at 7. Bring recipes to swap if you like.

Remember our Dec. meeting will be at the Wellington Reservation on Jones Rd. Bring cookies and snacks. There will be a handmade ornament swap for anyone interested. This is the meeting for the Heifer items/shawls drawing. Sell your remaining tickets and be ready to turn the money in. Beth has more tickets if you need them.

Our new LOCO trifolds have the web site on them. Be sure and see Patti McAndrew to order LOCO shirts/sweat shirts and bags.

Anyone with fiber related travel & workshops please get a article to Katie for the Newsletter. Etta sent 5 Sunshine cards and is distrubiting the new phone tree list. It is for contacting all members if the Guild meeting is cancelled for weather or other reasons.

Heifer Notes: we need another couple 4 oz balls of roving spun toward being dyed in Jan. We are planning on winding the yarn from dye day as warp for shawls.

Beth Hines reported on last month's motion to replace the Babe wheel. She is checking on other wheels.

Betsy Bruce reported 15 students for her weaving workshop in Oct.

The window at Smith's has been well received. See Kathie Skrabanek to retrieve your items from the display.

After refreshments Donna Holmes gave an excellent program on knitting socks with hand around samples and lots of examples. Her handouts of hints will be very helpful. I believe they are posted on the Guild web site.

Respectfully

Sara Twining

Thank You to Sandra Lingler; With your help a box of 14 scarves was sent last week to Operation Gratitude to be sent to service people overseas.  
Katie

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