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They say a picture is worth a thousand words so check out what our members have been up to lately...



Join in on the fun!

Sign up to earn a chance on the scholarship by demonstrating as a LOCO Guild Members at the following Fairs this summer/fall! For more info contact Chris Strekely at (330) 416-8195 or cstrek49@yahoo.com

**Pioneer Days - Wed - Sept 14 9:30 - 1
Thurs - Sept 15 9:30 - 1**

Birmingham - Oct 1 and 2



August Minutes submitted by Sara Twining

President Elizabeth Yasaki opened the August 9, 2011 Meeting.

Karen Long reported about **programs** to come. September, Sheryl Billman will give her scholarship reports; October, Janet Vizkelet will talk on her South America trip and that evening will start with our Feed America Potluck - details to follow.

Treasurer, Dee Martin reported a beginning balance of \$2,899.90 with \$115.00 of that Heifer Friends; ending balance was \$3,141.68 with \$259 in Heifer.

Beth Hines had six people signed up for Basket Workshop on August 18th with room for more.

Weaving Workshop 108 will be the end of October - towels, color, looms available to borrow. See Betsy Bruce for details.

Demonstration - Chris Slackely and Beth Hines encouraged many to sign up for demos at Fairs - the Guild gets paid \$100.00/day for these. So Participate! Just spin, weave, prepare fiber, knit, crochet, felt, talk to onlookers, have fun! September 14 & 15 Pioneer Experience for School Kids is from 9:30 - 1:30 each day. This demo pays for our monthly use of the Metro Park Buildings. (Only a couple hours of your time to compensate for 12 months of meeting time.)

Sunshine - 7 birthday cards were sent from LOCO to you!

Refreshments still need one more person for September and October.

Patti McAndrews continues to have LOCO logo items for sale for the guild.

Betty Roll announced Paula Nadelstern Quilt Exhibit at Akron Art Museum through October 2nd.

Show and Tell

Gloria Hood had made and showed us a quilt of that style: Kaleidoscope Quilt. Betsy Bruce had beautiful scarves by Alucci and Betsy. Sara Twining had the guild inkle loom dressed for guitar straps and had made several inkles; one of which became the waistband and ties for an apron. Katie Farr had brought one nylon hose rug and one 9 ft. rug made from white sheets. Sally Vouriojianis had a wonderful skein of yarn and the Rows announced that their granddaughter Dria's-Ed-made-spinning wheel is featured in The Spinning Wheel Sleuth.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

Mary Louise VanDyke presented inkle weaving including about a dozen DRESSED Inkle Looms for us to try. She was very interesting and encouraging.

New member/guest Ray LeGrand was introduced from Kendal. He does rugs, spins and weaves. Welcome!

Respectfully Submitted by Sara Twining, Secretary

Meet our Member

**Do you know who the 2011 Holstein Woman of the year is?
None other than our own Secretary, Sara Twinning!**

She started her career as a teacher in the school system that she and her husband Ray had graduated from in Black River. But life took a turn away from the school system after a couple of years and into raising a family of six children. In the midst of taking care of the family, Sara found time for one of her early passions, painting with watercolors. Some of her work can be seen on milk cans that are auctioned each year to raise money for the Lorain County Dairy Youth who exhibit in the 4-H show at the country fair. The milk cans have often been top sellers over the past nine years, earning as much as \$1200 annually for the 4-H'ers. Over time, Sara developed another interest involving the wool that her mother-in-law's sheep produced. She learned more about the art of weaving with a visit to the Lorain County Spinner's and Weave's Guild (lovingly named LOCO). There she found interesting ways to put a room full of wool to good use. First skill learned was knitting, from dishcloths and scarves to mittens, booties, and shawls. Her talent with the spinning wheel has been enlisted by LOCO often over the years for demonstrations at county fairs, Lake Farm Park, Lyme Village, Lorain County Metroparks and many schools in Lorain and Medina Counties. For several years Sara with a group competed at the Ohio State Fair in the Sheep-to-Shawl contest. During that event a team of four people clean, card and spin and weave raw wool until they achieve a finished product, a shawl.

After using a borrowed loom and weaving for a few months, Sara was inspired! She was able to convince Ray that they should purchase a secondhand loom. It now resides in the corner of the dining room and is now proficient at woven shawls, vests, sweater, placemats, rugs, and a series of pulpit cloths for her church.

Since all of the children have left the nest, Sara helps with regular milking chores, has fed calves, killed horseflies, and kept up on all the farm bookwork. She has also taught piano lessons to as many as 29 students each week for many years.

After typing this up for Sara I now understand why I have to call and remind her to send me the minutes from the last LOCO meeting every month. She has been involved with many organizations and is always available to help when called upon; therefore having a profound impact on the lives of those around her. Happy to have her as a LOCO member and providing us an insight into her busy life as our September MOM! Most of this info came from an article about Sara for being the Ohio Holstein Woman of the Year!

Congratulations on all of you accomplishments Sara!

Shawls for Heifer Project

- One done
- Other in the making...



Silk worms at the Ginko Gallery and Liz Burges present
Holdings
An environmental collaboration between humans and nature.

Stop in soon and see how they spin...

The show comes down when
the last moth emerges.



Kaleidoscope Quilt by Gloria Hood

Washable Wool Treatment now in the USA (Farm & Dairy 6-9-11)

The Sheep Venture Co, in association with the American Sheep Industry Assoc., has reintroduced manufacturing equipment to the United States that allows wool products to be machine washed and dried without shrinking. This treatment line, sometimes know as superwash, is in production and processing order.

The continuous wool-top chlorine/polymer shrink-resistant treatment equipment line alters the fiber in wool products, allowing them to be washed and dried without shrinking and will meet "Total Easy Care" standards for consumers. This type of processing is the most reliable shrink resistant treatment for wool available on the market. It will not only help fill domestic commercial wool orders but will also maintain and expand the use of American wool in the U.S. military. "By getting this equipment up and running, the Sheep Venture Co. has filled a void that has been in the U.S. wool-processing sector for some time now," explained Margaret Soulen Hinson, SVC president. "No longer do textile manufacturers have to go overseas for this treatment as they now have the ability to develop washable wool in the United States."

The equipment is housed in Chargeurs Wool USA in Jamestown, S.C., the one remaining top making facility in the United States, which allows various companies to apply the washable treatment to many different U.S. wool products and is available for spinners and knitters.

"This is a big opportunity for us and the U.S. wool indudutry. Superwash will open new markets and create more demand for American wool," said Diego Paullier, Chargeurs commercial manager. He said some textile manufacturers want to work with American wool and would like to have everything done in the United States.

In addition, having this process available in the United States increases the number of washable wool product that U.S. military can pruchase as the Berry Amendment requires all textile processes and products be entirely of U.S. origin.

Ohio Natural Fiber Network

Farm Tour 2011

September 24 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 25 Noon – 5 p.m.

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"Ohio Natural Fiber Network - Our Homegrown to Your Handmade"

INKLE LOOM WEAVING August Demo at the LOCO Meeting

'What's the price of this inkle?' Nothing and it's already warped thanks to M.L.VanDyke



Judy Keske and Nancy Kuhar taking a turn on a couple of the many inkle looms.

Upcomming Events at the LOCO Guild Meetings

Sept. - Sheryl Billman will talk about how she spent her scholarship money.

Oct. - We will have our annual 'feed the hungry' pot-luck dinner. Please bring a dish for 10-12, and your own plate and silverware. If you can, come at 6:00 pm to help set up the room; we'll begin dinner at 6:30. Last year, all the money donated was given to a food shelf in Wellington, I believe. After dinner, we'll listen to Janet Vizkelety talk about her recent trip to Honduras.

Nov. - still up in the air

Dec. - Holiday Party, drawing for the Heifer shawls, drawing for the two scholarship winners [to get your name into the kitty for this drawing, simply participate in one of our many demonstrations, there are at least 2 more, and every time you do, your name goes in the pot!], and more. Don't forget, this meeting takes place at the new Wellington Metropark on Jones Road.



2011 Upcoming Events

9/10-11, 17-18, 24-25 - Yankee Peddler Festival

9/14-15 - Pioneer Craftsmen's Experience at Mill Hollow; Vermilion River Rsr. v.
- spinning and weaving demonstrations for 4th grade classes
- will be weaving the 2nd Heifer Shawl at the MetroPark
- Karen Long and others demonstrating natural dyeing over a wood fire for the 30th (or so) year

9/24 - Lorain County Farm Tour from noon to 5:00 with stops at
Crianation Station Alpaca Farm, 13790 Quarry Rd, Oberlin, OH 44074
That'll Do Farm 34634 State Route 303 Grafton, Ohio

Sept 17-18 - Wool Gathering, Yellow Springs, OH
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/index1.htm>

Sept 17-18 - Finger Lakes Fiber Art Fest, Hemlock, NY
www.gvhg.org/fest.

Oct 1-2 - 23rd Annual Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival
www.vermontsheep.org/festival.html

10/7-10 - Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference; Chautauqua Institute
www.eglfcc.org

Oct 17-23 CWG Workshop - Joanne Telarovic

10/28-30 Weaving Cotton Towels/Betsy Bruce - sign up soon to have color choices!

2012

HGA's annual *Small Expressions* exhibit. Entry deadline February 1, 2012, for US entries <http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=HGASmallExpressions.html&loc=3-13-00&loc=1-61-00>

July 15-21 - Convergence 2012, Long Beach, CA
<http://www.weavespindye.org/>

Shelle Shephard shares a quote from ancient history found in Vogue Sewing Magazine:

"Cotton was considered 'lambs on trees.' Think about what it looks like growing..."

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