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Just A Few Loose Ends from Elizabeth

Of course, I managed to forget important details at the September meeting. These are my “loose ends”.

Yet another reminder that the brown bag projects are due soon. I’ve heard a due date of November AND December. I like the idea of having more time whether I need it or not but I know some people don’t want to travel to the Wellington Metro Parks. The weather in December can be bad. We can discuss it at the October meeting. And speaking of winter, do you have copy of the phone tree in case a meeting is cancelled? Would people mind if we put a copy in the newsletter (without phone numbers)?

The Heifer Team is always looking for new ideas but new ideas require more planning. So while we are good for next year, we are looking for ideas for the future NOW. The Heifer is still meeting at Beth Hines’ house the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

According to our by-laws, “A nominating committee of at least two Guild members shall be appointed in August. Their slate of officers will be presented at the regular October meeting. Elections shall be held at the regular November meeting.” So I am already 2 months behind. Would anyone like to be on the nominating committee? Please consider it. You are less likely to be asked to be an officer but on the other hand you would be the person asking.

I hope our members will consider being officers. Our guild is only as strong as the people willing to help run it. Don’t forget we are doing a raffle at the October meeting on the alpaca fleece Andrea Wang, President of the Ohio Natural Fiber Network, donated. It is a beautiful fawn color and I am relieved it is leaving my house because I am very tempted to spin a little. And then I’d spin a little more. Tickets will be a \$1.00 each and if you cannot make the meeting, you can pass the \$ to another member to purchase your tickets. There is still the meeting at Beth Hines’ house. Just make sure they will be at the October meeting. Or you can mail me a check made out to LOCO. I will make certain to get your tickets in the basket. All proceeds are going to a food bank in need. We are looking for an organization that will match our funds. If you know of any, bring the information to the meeting.

We got the word out later in the meeting but I repeat in case you left early that we will be demonstrating outside of Smiths Thursday, October 6th from 11a-1:30p. Karen Long will definitely be there if you have any questions. There was no sign-up list so make sure Chris Strekely gets your name for the demo drawing in December if you go. And last but not least Congratulations to our Librarian, Eboni Johnson, whom when we last saw her was Eboni Francis.

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September Minutes submitted by Sara Twining

September 2011 Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild meeting was opened by **President Elizabeth** Yasaki asking for guests: Elizabeth Houson, Kate Arocko, Stewart Wilson were introduced.

Demo Chair Chris reminded us of Pioneer Experience, Birmingham and September 24th Farm Tour. October program will start with Feed America Potluck set up at 6PM, dinner at 6:30 with meeting and program with member Janet Vizkelet to follow. We'll decide where the Feed America money will go in October.

Treasurer Dee Martin reported beginning balance of \$3141.68 with \$259.00 set aside for Heefer; ending balance of \$3476.68 with \$333.00 in Heifere Fund.

Fiber Samples Beth Hines has samples of Black Finn Sheep and Border Leicester. ***Remember to take and to sell raffle tickets!**** **Librarian** Ebony Johnson got in touch with Interweave Press for a guild discounts of \$18.00/year for Handwoven, Piecework, and Interweave Knit. Let Ebony know if you have books to donate to the Library.

Workshop coming with Betsy Bruce Weaving 108 - making towels 20 X 30. Sign up soon to pick your colors!

Sunshine Etta Rowe sent sympathy card to Faye Evans on the death of her husband.

Equipment Julie Brag has raddles and stick shittles and many things in the box that go with the guild loom. Contact her if you want to borrow equipment.

Refreshment Chair Sheryl Billman reminded us to bring food for 10 and your own table service to the Potluck. ***Remember to sell raffle tickets!****

Elizabeth reported on Heifer projects: one shawl is finished; second shawl will be woven at Pioneer Experience. The leftover yarn from different years is being plied to be dyed at our 2012 Dye Day. Plans for 2013 are black and white alpaca fleeces to be processed and spun. Look for our guild display at Smiths in Oberlin to celebrate "Handweaver Guild of America Spinners and Weaving Week". Andrea Wargo brought the Hobby Farm and Home Magazine with a mention of Marcee Stephenson and the Ohio Fiber Network. Way to go Marcee! Remember to contact Patti McAndrew for LOCO logo shirts, bags, hoodies, etc.

Alpaca fleece donated to the guild will be raffled at the next meeting \$1.00/ticket. Motion made by Sara Twining, 2nd by Karen Long, passed. So come in October with you dollars, you could take some nice alpaca home. ***Remember to sell raffle tickets!****

Etta reported on Karie Farr's continuing battle with cancer. Please think of her and send cards if you like.

We adjourned to refreshments then a great program by Sheryl Billman reporting on her use of the scholarship to learn to build Straw Bale Goat Barns with recycled, rescued materials.

Thanks for the report and pictures! One last time: ***Remember to sell raffle tickets!****

Respectfully submitted by Sara Twining, LOCO Secretary

Meet our Member Kathleen Mangione



Here I am as brief as possible. I am one of eight, 6th daughter and 7th child, one older brother and one younger. Graduated from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in 1952. Married in 1954 and had six children, celebrated my 57th anniversary with Frank this year. Worked part time off and on and returned to nursing full time at 50. When I retired from the Visiting Nurse Association at 65 a whole new world opened for me. I met a guild member and was guided to a spinning wheel.

I crocheted my first item at about age 11. My Aunt Lydia's rug yarn, melon color, a throw rug shaped like South America that my loving mother used on her kitchen floor for a really long time.

Long enough for me to grow up and be embarrassed. Could have used a teacher but didn't have one until my older sister introduced me to knitting. I was about 14 and argyle socks were to specialty then. I have never stopped knitting socks although sweaters are my favorites now.

One of the most difficult sweaters was the circular one made using Elizabeth Zimmerman's pi shawl pattern. It remained a formidable challenge even though I made seven of them. The sweater crafted from a picture in a "Chico's" catalog was another especially fun project. Nothing is more rewarding than having a family member say, "Will you make one for me, Grandma?" These are probably 70 pair of feet being kept warm by my slippers right now. They have become my favorite barter item.

There isn't anyone I know who has more fun - this page cannot hold the number of people who have guided, thought, and introduced me to more avenues of creativity - ONE LIFE - is not time enough! My life has been so enriched by all of you 'guild members'! I have to go now - there are any numbers of silk scarves waiting for me to rust them and dye them on shaving cream.

Thanks to all the members who were brave enough to put into words something about themselves to share with our guild. I'm looking for more input here! Just sit down and write or email a paragraph to me. I can do two at a time if they are short so don't hesitate. You might be surprised when you get going!

Mary Carmosino, Newsletter Editor

More about wool and processing...

This article is about why we should buy local wool rather than imports. I was quite shocked when I started to read it. I think it's a "must read" for the spinners and wool producers (and alpaca wool producers) in our group. Though this article is primarily about wool processing in Australia, it is just as important that we learn about the hazards of wool imports and methods of processing here. Recently one of my knitting students asked me what "permanently moth proofed" on a yarn label meant. What chemicals are used? Are they hazardous to health and the environment? I couldn't tell her.

~holly

<http://whipup.net/2011/09/06/guest-post-why-you-should-buy-local-wo>



Fiber Candy at OC From Betsy Bruce

I'm 95% done with a new window display in the Oberlin College Science Center, corner of Woodland and W. Lorain St., first floor by the Commons. (Parking available across Woodland St in the lot back by the tennis courts). Come take a peek!

Building hours are Sun-Th 7a-11p, F-Sat. 7a-6p when classes resume on campus on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

Title: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral - Dyeing with Natural Dyestuffs on Animal Fiber (Wool and Mohair)
From the Garden, From the Kitchen Cupboard, Out in the Wild and Beyond, Gathering Flowers, Berries, Leaves, Roots, Bark or Wood.

The display case is packed with dyed yarns, a bit of fiber and some hand woven fabric -- 4/5ths of the case is filled with naturally dyed yarns and nearly 40 samples of different dyestuffs while the final 5th has synthetic dyed skeins and yardage for your viewing pleasure.

Needless to say, I think you'll enjoy the eye candy. Haven't taken any pictures yet... you'll have to come see for yourself!

Most is from Karen Long's stash-- yes, she who dies with the most yarn wins-- and I've attempted to add tidbits about dyeing and some chemistry for interest, too.

The display should be up through January 2012. **Enjoy and please pass the word!**

Betsy



2011 Upcoming Events

Sept 24 - Oct 30 - "Untangling Threads" at FAVA Gallery in Oberlin www.favagallery.org
This is a must see show for any spinner, dyer, weaver, believer in what women can do!

Oct 6 Thursdays from 11-1:30 In celebration of Spinning and Weaving Week Karen will be on the sidewalk in front of Smith's. If you'd like to join in spinning or knitting please do! All are welcome.

Oct 1-2 - 23rd Annual Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival
www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org

Oct 7-10 - Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference; Chautauqua Institute
www.eglf.org

Oct 7-8-9 - Algonquin Mill 41st Fall Festival
www.carrollcountyohio.com/history/mill/millfest.htm

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

Upcoming LOCO Guild Meetings

October - 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.

November - We will be revisiting the diagonal knit scarf. If you have any small leftover bits of yarn, this is the perfect project for using them up! Bring a set of needles [any size that is appropriate for your yarns] and some 'bits and pieces' and we'll get it started at least. Don't worry if you can't find anything around the house {ha!}, Elizabeth has a box of stuff to share. If you've made this one before, please bring your scarf to the October meeting for all to see.

December - Remember; the December meeting is at the Wellington Metro Parks building on Jones Road just south of Wellington. We'll have our raffle drawing for the Heifer Shawls, our brown bag projects, our scholarship drawing, oh and everyone bring something to share in the cookie/dessert category.

Next year, we can look forward to our annual dye day [now moved to March due to repeated bad weather], hop into Heifer, and a general gab-fest to name a few.

WORKSHOPS AT LOCAL GUILDS

Joanne Tallarovic Rep Weave Design, Theory and Techniques of 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8 Block

Cuyahoga Weavers Guild is presenting this 3-day workshops twice in October 2011. Contact Lynne Killgore at killgoremichel@oh.rr.com or 440-951-6535

Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild Presents a 3 day workshop with Daryl Lancaster November 11-13, 2011, Burton, Ohio. Contact Nancy Curtiss ncurtiss@truthforlife.org

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/>

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