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April 8th meeting will be at the Carlisle Reservation at 7pm.

Refreshments
April - Julie Bragg, Kay Mangione, Betty Hines

April Program

DYE DAY!
 Instructions for dye day are here in the newsletter.
 Learn and dye your items!
 Help dye for the Heifer Project.

Lorain Co. Spinners & Weavers
 Tuesday, March 11, 2013 Minutes

Welcome from President. No guests
 MSC to approve February minutes (K. Long, C. Strekely)
Treasurer: current balance \$2931.63
Program for April: Procion MX Fiber Reactive Dyeing. Direction sheet distributed
Sunshine: 9 birthday & 1 sympathy cards sent this month
Newsletter: continue to send info, notes and photos to Gina
Refreshments: April: Betty Roll, Kay Mangione, Beth Hines
Heifer: colors for shawls 1) autumn with dark weft, 2) pastel w/ light colored weft;
 to be dyed during April program so please turn in spun single ply yarn to Elizabeth Yasaki for plying, skeining and washing prior to/at 4th Tuesday gathering at Hines' (3/25) Shared Heifer's 70th anniversary year magazine

Library: recommendation to purchase, Knit your Own Zoo, \$14.95

Donation by Holly Whiteside of Tasha Tudor's Heirloom Crafts

Workshops: 1) Natural Dye Day at Billman's with Karen Long, Sat., June 7, Sign up with \$50 fee tonight or contact Judy Kreske ASAP

2) Intermediate Spinning with Fae Evans, F-Sa, June 27-28 OR Sa-Su, June 27-28, fee TBA to be paid at April meeting, location TBD, only 4 members present showing interest. Need hostess for Fae. Need to share complete information with other guilds (date?) in order to fill 16 slots.

Demonstrations: Guild meetings to be included in The Arrowhead (Metroparks newsletter) (Thanks Chris.)

1) Sat., May 17 at Mill Hollow, 10a-12n preferably in costume (8-10a is Garden prep time)

2) Sat., June 14 in Tappan Square, Oberlin for Juneteenth, 10a-2pm

Membership: three new members (sorry didn't catch names) Welcome!

Cheryl L and Lynn K to work on updating Guild flyer

Old Business: Ann Hauser shared laminated Journal article from 1998 and donated book, Wool Pets (needle felting animals) to Gina for program later this year

New Business: 1) Holly W. suggesting program on Constructing Period clothing - will investigate and report back.

2) Andrea Wargo announced Mushroom Dyeing Workshop with Elise Allen on June 14-15 at That will do Farm, Grafton. Fee \$95/day 2 different classes: Sat. 4 hr. Standard Identification, harvesting local mushrooms plus 3 hr. Mushroom & Fiber; Sun. 3 hr. - dyeing Two Silk Scarves. www.mycopigments.com

3) Sewing Expo at IX Center, April 3-5

4) Black Swamp Market in bowling Green, March 29

5) new JoAnn Fabric at Midway Mall, Grand Opening, March 20-22

Show 'n Tell

Gina - cotton towels/towelettes off rigid heddle loom

Chris S - finished knitted bag at Retreat

Barb Enos - From Yarn to Garment photo book

Mary C - 2 cotton "V" shawls woven during January

Chris B - long knit sweater, several crocheted blankies

Caroline B - participated in Color Theory Webinar (a first!) with Sara Bixler (Tom Kniseley's daughter from The Mannings)

Holly W - Fair Isle purse in red and white, black and cream striped hat and matching fingerless gloves to match

Ann H - back of knitted vest with story warning to be careful about initial gauge

Che G - knitting socks in tandem on round needles for the first time

Cheryl B - knitted scarf and two woven during January, now beaded, tencel scarves

Ed R - ebony (!) niddy-noddy with matching spinning heifer hook

Betsy - woven fabric for two silk rag jackets

Sheryl B - old wool blanket (minus electric cords) with new flannel binding

Step basket from March 4th workshop

Respectively submitted,

Betsy L. Bruce

Secretary (pro-temp), Treasurer and Program

How to Get Ready for Dye Day

By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on April 8th. The preparation for cotton/tencel/rayon/silk/other plant fibers differs from wool/alpaca/angora/silk/other animal fibers. Yes, silk can be dyed using either the cotton method or the wool method!

Be sure to remember the basics:

Dyes, cups, syringes, and sponge applicators will all be supplied by the guild. If you have a different favorite application method, please bring whatever you need for that. If you are **dyeing skeins**, please tie them loosely, so the dye can penetrate all areas of your skein.

If you are dyeing a **premade warp** -these are the most fun to weave later- be sure your choke ties are not too tight. If you are dyeing an item of **clothing**, please be sure to wash it at least once first. If you are dyeing **unspun fiber**, be sure it is clean.

You will need: rubber gloves, paper towels, plastic wrap, something to carry your dyed items home in [plastic bags and/or buckets], and wear old clothes. A small pile of old newspapers would be useful. If you can help with the set-up, come at 6:30 or so. We will cover the tables with plastic drop cloths and newspaper. **For cotton:** soak the items to be dyed in tap water overnight. Wring out and bring to the meeting damp. **For wool:** soak the items to be dyed overnight in a glug or two of white vinegar diluted with tap water. Wring out and bring to the meeting damp.

General dyeing procedures: If you are dyeing cotton/rayon/tencel/silk/or other plant fibers, you will soak the items to be dyed in activator [sodium carbonate and water] at the meeting for 30minutes before the dye is applied. Wring out well before dyeing. If you are dyeing animal fibers/silk DO NOT soak in the activator. You will then lay a piece of plastic wrap on the table and spread your skein out on it. After selecting and applying the dye [more about that at the meeting], you will wrap the dyed item in plastic and take it home to 'set' the color. Cotton and wool use two entirely different procedures for the final setting of the color. For cotton: take your wrapped item and put it someplace that is at least 70 degrees [or warmer] for 4 hours. **IMPORTANT!** If you use turquoise, you **MUST** leave your dyed item to 'batch' for at least 24 hours. Unwrap, and rinse gently in warm water until it runs clear. *Admire as it hangs to dry.* For wool: Take the wrapped item home and steam it for at least 30 minutes. You can wait until the next day to do this, but sometimes that leads to a muddying of the colors. Please use an old pot for this as the plastic wrap can leak. Remove from the pan but watch out, it can be **VERY** hot. [I sometimes let it cool down in the pot, or in the washbasin before unwrapping] Unwrap and rinse gently in warm water until it runs clear. Take in the beauty as it hangs to dry. If you need color ideas, look at magazines, calendars, photographs, fabric, etc. for inspiration.

If you have any questions, contact me.

Karen 440.775.0201

Natural Dye workshop

Saturday June 7th, 9am-5pm limited to 12 participants.

Join me for a day of color extracted from plants. Participants will learn everything they need for making great color. We'll spend the morning

mordanting yarns and making dyes, and the afternoon dyeing our yarns. We will be working with 5 or 6 dye baths and several different mordants. We should end up with 15 or more different colors. There will be some advance work for participants; collecting dyestuffs including digging madder root from the loco dye garden at Mill Hollow and starting some of the dye baths.

Join me for a day of glorious color!

We will have a sign-up sheet at the next Guild meeting. The cost is 50.00/person, due at signing.

If we have an excess of funds after everything is paid for, a refund will be given to those attending.

Lunch can be potluck again this year and breakfast rolls, coffee, tea will be provided.

Be ready to sign up on April 8th, there's only 12 spots.

Spinning Workshop

Who: Loco Membership & Plus 15 available seats

What: **A Spinning Weekend with Fae Evans** - for experienced spinners

When: Sat. June 28 9a-4p
Sun. June 29 9a-3p

Where: OSU Lorain County Extension Office
42110 Russia Rd.
Elyria, Ohio

How Much: \$100.00 to cover instructor, room rental, & fiber samples- if any further sample money is expected we will update you with the cost.

The weekend will include spinning wheel tune-up, color blending and theory, spinning different fibers and refining your spin!

Supplies Needed for you to bring:

1. Your working spinning wheel
2. Your normal spinning chair
3. Any tools or fibers you may need help with

Breakfast & Lunch: Bring a bag lunch- Snacks, water, breakfast rolls, will be provided. There is a kitchen with stove and refrigerator.

Deadlines: All reservations and payments are due by April 30, 2014. Remember, only 15 reserved seats will be accepted. Don't delay.

Checks payable to LOCO

Send payment & your information for reservations to:

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Questions can be sent to Nancy - nancyjk52@gmail.com

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4/18-19/2014 - The Fiber Event at Greencastle, IN at Putnam County Fairgrounds
Vendors, workshops, competitions. www.TheFiberEvent.com

5/24-25/2014 - Great Lakes Fiber Festival, Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio

9/21/14 - 9/22/14 -Midwest Festival of Fibers presents A WOOL GATHERING.
Youngs Jersey Dairy - 6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd, (rt 68), Yellow Springs, Oh
937-969-8587 or 937-325-7781
www.awoolgathering.com

07/14-19/2014 CONVERGENCE, Providence, Rhode Island,
www.weavespindye.org
Classes, vendors, juried shows, displays, demos, etc.

Basket Weaving Class

April 15th

Right after you mail those taxes in you can relax and spend time creating a useful and beautiful basket.
More information which basket, costs and sign up will be available at the next meeting. Or contact Etta Rowe or Beth Hines.

Beth Hines
10717 Lagrange Rd, Elyria Oh



Monthly Spin and Knit Gathering

The meeting is every month on the last Sunday, from 1:30 to 4:00pm, at Huntington Township Hall. It is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Routes 58 and 162. It provides a place for people to come and work on their fiber projects while talking about anything that comes to mind. Those who come really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere because there is no formal meeting involved. There is plenty of room for a lot of people. The windows are large and let in plenty of light. Bringing snacks to share is welcomed but not required. Entrance to the room is off the fire escape steps in the rear of the building, at the second floor level. There is also an elevator located on the north side of the building that opens directly into the room. The meeting is held every month unless it interferes with a holiday or township business.

Etta Rowe sends out a reminder to the general LOCO email list about a week ahead of the date.

WEBSITE AND MAILING LIST

---Unavailable---

Note from the editor:

Donna Holmes, who is still helping me out on the website and mailing list, informed me this week that the location we were using for our mailing list and website went belly-up. Even though she had almost no notice she backed up some files for us, and made a suggestion what area we might use next. As soon as I get this newsletter out tonight I am going to register at a new site and start the process, but for now we don't have either the LOCO mailing list you would have used to get email to everyone, or the website.

I will let you all know when things are up and running again and how to use it.

In the meantime if there is an announcement you need to get out please just forward it to me and I will send it out to everyone.

Thank you Donna!

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