



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

**July Refreshments
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UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

Sign-ups will be taken at next month's meeting. Pick a date. Pick a few hours. Spend a few hours outside and chatting. The weather is so beautiful outside and the company is great. Come for the whole thing or come for part of it! For every demo worked get entered for the scholarship!

The Medina Fair is Friday, August 1st, 9 am to 3 pm

The Cuyahoga Fair Kids Day, August 7th, 10 am to 3 pm

Sheep to Shawl ay Cuyahoga, August 8th, 6 to 9 pm

Lorain Fair, August 24th, 9 am to 3 pm

Pioneer Experience, Mill Hollow, September 16th and 17th, 9 am to 1 pm

Birmingham Gathering, Methodist Church, 1st weekend of Oct.

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes for June 10, 2014 meeting

The minutes were approved as corrected: last month's presenter was Nancy Rosendaul. Treasurer Bruce received bank notice of \$12 monthly fee unless our balance is at least \$1500.

That is something to watch out for.

Workshop chair Judy said there were still a few spots open for Fae Evans workshop. Betsy asked if we want her to do a Weaving Workshop in October, 24, 25, 26. What kind of topics? We discussed possibilities.

Patti- Sunshine: 5 birthday cards were sent.

Gina said send her newsletter items.

Refreshments Marcie said all is under control.

Heifer Project: Betsy has tickets. The first shawl of autumn colors is done. The second is on the loom.

Demos- Chris reminded us of August 7&8 Cuyahoga Fair, Medina Fair August 1, Lorain County August 24. Please sign up and enjoy the day.

Other business-let Chris know if you're interested in next year's retreat so they can book Milan Inn or get a larger space if necessary.

Membership-Cheryl was here to collect dues and verify our info for the Guild Membership book. Send in your dues this month.

Equipment- Julie said the Ashford wheel was available; there are now a pair of hand cards, an orifice for each wheel in a handy carryall. Karen Long will purchase extra bobbins for the wheels, also.

Old Business- Karen Long reminded us the Pioneer Experience for schools will be Sept 16 & 17 9 am -1 pm. This demo pays for our guild use of the park buildings for our meetings. Sign up, save the date.

Betsy went to Mill Hollow to check the dye garden. It needs weeding. She will go the coming Friday. Be thinking about next spring, replanting and/ or new types of dye plants,.Karen Long knows of an Icelandic fleece for sale.

Gina has a neighbor with Finn sheep.

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes for June 10, 2014 meeting (cont.)

Abundant refreshments were enjoyed and guild members showed and told about their past, current and future projects:

Holly: Skyelsle (steeked) cardigan(knitty.com), padded footlet (Interweave mag), Cold Mountain Stole(knitty.com) from hand dyed wool from Guild dye day

Cheryl Brice: 2013 dyes red/fuscia wool into basket weave scarf, knitted multicolored rayon acrylic and nylon scarf

Nancy: dyed scarf warp and weft, cotton

Gina: first spinning

Karen Long: hand spun silk dyed for scarf, silk/wool yarn dyed

Beth H: 2 baskets, crock pot dyed locks, future core spinning

Mary Carmosino: cotton placemats, table runner cotton, rayon scarves, hand dyed

Sara T: 2 bobbins and roving's from Elsie Wise's estate sale

Sheryl Billman: pj pants, heating pads with flax seeds, quilt mending

Che: sox

Barb: book The Coat Route by Meg Lulens Noonan, rag rug mat woven from Grandmother's loom

Betsy: lots of projects, past, current and future

Kathy Webb: baby blanket squares; garden has calendula, amaranth and cotton; a knitting display at her library led a knitting group; verbal description and slides of mills and looms on vacation

Chris S. mystery kerchief and ruffled doilies.

Patti: 3 baskets, 6 skeins of dyed handspun yarn, and multicolor sweater jacket in progress

Kalynne Lesure: 3 inch Peyodi stitch bracelet, swarovski crystal earrings

Cheryl L: knit hat and old crochet book.

Respectfully submitted, Sec Sara Twining



Spinning Workshop with Fae Evans --- Thank you Fae!!!

It was a wonderful weekend. We spun 36 different samples. We also used combs and a drum carder for blending. Fae is a wealth of information about different fibers and processing, blending, spinning tools, and suppliers. If you want the opportunity to spin those samples there are a few kits of fibers available for sale. They contain 36 generous samples of different wools, wool blends, silk and silk blends, bison, camel, and many more. I was able to spin a good sample and save half for my sample book. Each kit is \$50. They will be available at the next meeting.



Juneteenth, Oberlin

Spinning, weaving, teaching, and sharing.



Classified

Spinning Wheel for sale: I have a Spinolution wheel. Comes with canvas carrying case (worth \$100) that is no longer being made. Here are details from the Woolery.

<http://www.woolery.com/store/pc/SpinOlution-Bee-Travel-c161.htm>

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Update on the Dye Garden at Mill Hollow

On Friday morning, June 13th, Cheryl Brice, Betsy Bruce and Shelley Shumate attacked the weeds in the Dye Garden at Mill Hollow and within 45 minutes had the spread cleaned up, inventoried and ready for some planting. We have from right to left - tansy, weld, bronze fennel, madder, mug wort (? not sure if just a weed or whether it has any value as a dye plant) and now black eyed susans. The latter were transplanted from Betsy' garden this morning (June 20th). A friend from the Medina Guild shared some fresh *Coreopsis* seeds with us-- hopefully we'll have some success with a late planting by Cheryl, Betsy, Karen Long and Barb Enos in their respective gardens. *Coreopsis*, also known as tickseed, is a pretty golden yellow flower which produces a wonderful golden yellow color. This variety is *tintorius* (sp?) which is especially strong as a dye plant. Keep your fingers crossed. Also found a recently shed gardner snake skin in perfect condition. Janna in the Park office was happy to be able to show it off to visitors even before she returned to the Carriage House this morning. Keep saving onion skins and other dye stuff for Karen-- she'll use them at the Pioneer Craftsmen's Experience on September 16-17th at Mill Hollow.

-submitted by Betsy Bruce bbruce@oberlin.edu

July is make and take Month!

Several of our members will teach us a few quick projects. Make one or make them all.

Cynthia Bush will bring the materials to make the scrubby and copies of the pattern for doing so. Participants will need a size 'K' crochet hook (a 'J' could work). Any members that are coming to this meeting that could bring 'K' hooks for us to borrow for the event would be wonderful! Once you use one of these for cleaning (dishes, pots and pans, cars, sinks, tubs) or anything you don't want to scratch you will be making more, guaranteed! So, if you plan on joining the scrubby lesson just go buy a size 'K'. Now, you won't regret it. It takes me about 15 minutes to make one. All you need to know is how to do a single crochet.



Tassel and matching cord which you can use as a bookmark, an ornament or attach to various pieces of equipment to either hang or to help keep track of them.

It takes about 20-25 minutes and making the cord is easier with a partner. I will supply all the materials to make a basic tassel and matching cord but if you want to make a tassel to match a project or use up some of your stash bring the thread, yarn, string etc. The amount depends on how big and how many tassels you want to make but it does not take a lot. For you weavers out there, it takes a little more work but this is a project that can use thrums. You can add beads but the hole needs to be fairly large to fit on the cord. Elizabeth Yasaki

Beer Bottle Hummingbird Feeder

You need to bring a 12 oz. bottle. We are going try using a wine bottle. All other materials will be provided.

Plain Weave is ANYTHING but Plain

Requiring only two harnesses (table or floor loom), plain weave (a.k.a. tabby or over-under) is perfect for rigid heddle looms as well (hole and slot = two harnesses).

Consider joining a group of weavers (all experiences are welcome) as we have fun exploring a large variety of samples based on color, yarn grist, pattern, sett and more. Using Leslie Voiers' book of the same title (~ \$10 should include shipping), we'll explore as many ~ 6" samples as there are looms available in a round robin format.

Individuals will be responsible for bringing a working loom (warped with ~3 yard warp according to your assigned sample and (preferably) with the first sample already having been woven) and weft yarn for remaining participants using your loom. Please also bring shuttle(s), scissors, masking tape and a Sharpie to stay with your loom during the workshop. If you have a favorite bench or chair-- please bring it along! Folding chairs available on site.

August meeting: sign-up for workshop with \$25 deposit to reserve space. (need to order workbooks for those who don't already have a copy from a previous year's workshop, figure out length of warps needed determined by number of participants....)

September meeting: sample assignment distributed according to your loom type; short question/answer period with instructors concerning recommendations of color, yarn size, etc.

Prior to October meeting (time and location to be arranged)-- time to gather for warping assistance, if needed, no matter what type of loom.

October meeting: last minute concerns?

Schedule:

Friday, Oct. 24 6:30-8:30 Move into classroom, set up looms and question/answer period. Tour of looms - discussion of sample

Saturday, Oct. 25 9:30-4:00 Workshop-- round robin weaving, exploration. Potluck lunch - Betsy will provide her famous Armenian Lentil Soup

Sunday, Oct. 26 9:30-2/3:00 Workshop -After another potluck lunch we'll cut off and distribute samples to weavers.

I suggest bringing a 1.5 inch wide 3 ring binder. The workshop fee will cover plastic sleeves for inclusion in binders.

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