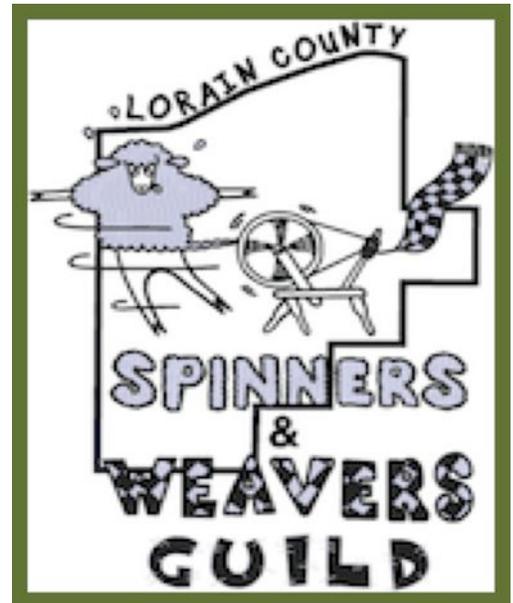




# LOCO NEWS



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## **DECEMBER MEETING - HOLIDAY TREATS 12/09/14 - WELLINGTON RESERVATION**

1. HEIFER SHAWL DRAWING - Still a little more time to sell tickets, bring them to the meeting! They make great little gifts. The Raffle is during the December meeting.
2. GOODIES TO SHARE - (I am partial to chocolate,, dark with nuts, just saying..)
3. ORNAMENT EXCHANGE - Bring one in if you want to participate. There were many beautiful ones last year.
4. HEIFER DISCUSSIONS - Please bring back all Heifer fiber spun and unspun. Plans are to use a dark grey alpaca/wool blend for the weft, and do the same colors for both shawls to decrease work and loom waste. Think about what colors might go well with that darker grey weft. Elizabeth would like a final vote on that in January.
5. SHOW AND TELL. I know you folks have been busy making gorgeous gifts and beautiful things, can't wait to see them!

## LORAIN COUNTY SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2014

President Billman opened the meeting by welcoming any guests: Dolores Popiel, Andrea Popiel, and Rachel Leader. Karen Long, seconded by Cheryl Lesure and unanimous vote, approved the minutes as in the newsletter with a motion.

Reports: Sunshine- Patti McAnrew sent 3 birthday cards and a sympathy card to the Geisler family. Newsletter, Historian and Librarian had nothing to report. President Billman will put copies of the minutes in the library. Betty Roll has all the old newsletters that could be stored there if there is room. Refreshments- Ann Hauser asked for more people to sign up for next year and sent around the sign up. Heifer Project- Elizabeth Yasaki reminded us we still have tickets to sell before drawing at December meeting. Call Elizabeth or Karen Long if you want more tickets.

Workshop- Judy and Nancy still have 3 bags of fiber samples from workshop. Beth Hines made a motion that the guild raffle off the remaining bags in December; seconded by Patti McAndrew, vote unanimous. Some new members expressed interest in buying some of the bags.

Demonstrations- Chris Strekely said we have been paid for the last demo of the year. The scholarship drawing was held. Winners were Chris Strekely and Gina Talandis. Each winner can use her \$150 scholarship as she chooses for classes or books or materials. We ask they report back this coming year.

Equipment- Julie Bragg explained the process for borrowing Guild equipment which is stored at her house until requested. Contact her if you need something.

Membership- Cheryl Lesure reported two new members last month and two new members tonight. Please let her know if you've had trouble downloading the digital membership booklet. She has printed copies if anyone would like that instead.

Nominating Committee- Gina Talandis, Chris Strekely, and Sara Twining presented the list of officers and committee heads for 2015, still lacking a nominee for secretary. Chris Strekely made a motion we approve the list as presented; Karen Long seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous. Then President Billman addressed the lack of secretary nominee. No nominations from the floor. Karen Long moved we have a monthly volunteer list for secretary as we do for refreshments. Mary Carmosino seconded that. Motion passed. The secretary for the month will be responsible for getting the minutes to Gina for the newsletter. After more discussion and volunteers the original motion was amended to allow Eboni Johnson and Carolyn Borsini to share the responsibility and /or find someone to fill in. The amendment was presented to the original motion makers. As they had no objections the amendment stands.

Treasurer- Betsy Bruce reported \$3413.95 in the bank as of Oct 31 with \$167 in Heifer fund. More was received as the evening went on. Betsy had received thank you notes from the following donations: Second Harvest Food Bank. Hospice of Western Reserve, and Lorain County parks Adopt-a Raptor. No old business or new business.

Beth Hines has reserved the park for our meetings for 2015. We will meet at the Carlylse Reservation all months except Oct and Dec. Those months we will be at the Wellington Reservation.

Next month's meeting will be at the Wellington Reservation on Jones Road south of Wellington. It's our annual Christmas party. Bring goodies to share, make and bring a homemade ornament if you would like to participate in an ornament exchange. Rules: bring one take one home. We will also do the raffle drawing for the shawls we have made this year. The proceeds go to Heifer International charity and any other we designate. Thanks to all who spun and plied the yarn, helped dye it, warp the looms with it and wove the shawls this year. Remember to keep selling those tickets and bring them to the December meeting for the drawing.

We followed the meeting with delicious refreshments and our program on needle felting taught by Gina Talandis, assisted by Lynne Kopinski and webcam/projector. A good time was had by all. We ran out of time for Show and tell.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Twining LOCO secretary.

# Plain Weave is Anything But Plain Class Report



The entire weekend was inspiring. Everybody was learning from everybody, by being helped or helping. Lots of tips and tricks shared. And not just a few laughs. There were about 20 looms all over 2 rooms with all sorts of different work on them. Everyone sampled for 2 days. Even the pre-warping session held a couple weeks before was amazing to do. Definately an enlightening weaving experience. Betsy, is it too early to sign up for next year and what are we going to do for that one?

I just had to show you all the creations Mary C. sent me.

That felting thing can be addictive. You can even see the pegs on the viola. (Violin? Ukulele?)



A note from **Jannah Wilson**

**Senior Naturalist**, Lorain County Metro Parks

“Would the Spinners and Weavers be interested in doing another demo here at Mill Hollow? It would be for our Winter Days festival on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am-3pm. We can pay a \$50 demonstrator fee as well.” Let Chris know if

## CLASSIFIED:

Judy Keicher

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I have two 12" Peacock looms for sale. One is quite old, one is newer from the '70's. A few shuttles are will also be included. \$50 each.

440 796-9201 (Chagrin Falls)

I got this note from Anne the other day. Anyone interested?

“Gina, I have an idea for a challenge that I want you to post in the next newsletter. While vacationing in Florida, I had trouble finding a way to take my water bottle with me while hiking. I thought that this problem would be solved by making some sort of carrier for the bottle. I found a number of patterns on Ravelry and would like to present a "throw-down challenge" to LOCO members to come up with inventive water bottle totes by a certain date, say maybe by the meeting next March. This would not be just for knitters and crotchetiers; I think that a weaver could creatively figure out a way to make a little tote that would fit a water bottle. At the March meeting, all the totes could be placed on a table and the members present could vote on these categories: most colorful, most difficult to make, most creative, etc.”

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