

March 2015 LOCO NEWS

**March 10th Meeting
Tuesday 7pm at the Carlisle
Reservation**

Refreshments: Sarah Twining, Alexis Young, Andrea Popiel
Please everyone remember to bring your own coffee/tea mug.



MARCH IS DYE DAY!!!!

How to Get Ready for Dye Day By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on March 10th. 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 30 minutes 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

Mark your calendar!

May 2-3, 2015

Spinning Workshop with Abby Franquemont

featuring: woolen/worsted - warp/weft - tips/tricks
and much more.

February 2015 Meeting Minutes

President Elizabeth Yasaki opened the meeting promptly at 7 p.m. Guests included Irena Talandis, Ellie Flessner — Oberlin College student who visited and presented on Guatemala, and John & Linda Gates — Guatemala sponsors.

Karen Long made motion to approve January minutes. Sarah Twining seconded and motion passed w/o opposition

Standing Reports:

President, Elizabeth Yasaki apologized for missing Huntington the end of January.

Reminded members March is Dye month. We will keep business meeting short & dispense with Show & Tell.

Vice President, Karen Long will arrive at 6:15 p.m. on March 11 to set up for Dying and will appreciate any help placing newspapers on tables, etc.

Treasurer, Betsy Bruce reported we had no transactions this month. We have \$3,737.95 in treasury.

During her report, Betsy asked that we continue to defer our decision of how to distribute \$1,000 from

shawl raffle (took in \$949. from raffle. In January, Karen Long motioned we add \$51 to = \$1,000) until after tonight's Program.

Funds distribution decision for 2015 deferred another month.

Secretary, Carolyn Borsini asked meeting contributors to please continue to include their names with comments, "until Eboni & I learn names."

Workshops:

Ed Rowe was excited to report that we are fortunate to have Abby Franquemont, internationally renowned hand spinning educator and writer, present a workshop for us sometime in May – specific date TBA. Workshop will be appropriate for both novice & advanced spinners looking to learn more, e.g. technical terms.

Ed also reported Bobbie Irwin's availability for either a Rag Rug or an Iridescent Weaving workshop on April 23, 24, 2016. A weaver since 1973, Bobbie Irwin is the author of three textile-related books and has published dozens of articles in more than a dozen fiber/textile and craft publications in three countries.

Program on coverlets has not yet been finalized.

Beth Hines announced Basket Workshop: Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Beth's, facilitated by Lora Weinheimer. Participants will pick either basket or kit. Cost depends on which basket you make. Kits need to be ordered. Contact Beth on 440-458-4049— lots of variety! Limited to 12 participants.

Programs:

Kathy Webb, Lynn Kopinski, Linnea Saverfield & Ed Rowe
March program is Dyeing. "How to" will be in newsletter. Karen Long will also distribute handout. Any questions, please call (440-775-0201) or email (karen@oberlin.net) Karen.
Come early – 6:15 p.m. to set up for dyeing.

Public Relations, Paige Funkhauser has put meeting dates and times on LOCO website. Has also posted events like Expos and Fiber Festivals so those are on the website for people to reference if they want.
Library, Eboni Johnson – no report.

Demonstrations, Chris Strekely thanked four (4) members who participated in demonstrations at Mill Hollow. Sign up with Chris if interested in participating in retreat Thursday, February 19 through Saturday, February 21; \$10 to participate just one day. Holly Whiteside will be doing demonstrations: blocking and five (5) different kinds of cast-ons & bind-offs. See newsletter for details.

Membership, Cheryl Lesure welcomed new member, Lori Archibald. Please see email from Cheryl & add Lori's info to Membership Directory. Cheryl mentioned that there is Fiber Equipment for Sale group on Facebook. If interested, you need to sign up for the group. If you put in "Fiber equipment" there are several groups listed, some public and some private.

Sunshine, Chris Bruce – no report.

Guild Equipment, Julie Bragg returned Plying Wheel. Fine fiber drum carder returned, cleaned and in mint condition & handed off to Judy Keske.

Refreshments, Ann Hauser reported that we still have a few openings for folks to bring refreshments: One (1) for July, and two (2) for both Sept & Nov.

Historian – Nancy Kuhar requested that we all continually screen newspapers, etc. and funnel information to her.

Fiber Samples, Kathy Webb – no report.

Heifer Committee voted last month and their New Name is

LOCO Service Project Committee or LSPC!

Voted on Colors: Dark blues won.

Zeilingers needs fleeces for 2016 – easy to spin; will be cleaned and mixed by Zeilingers.

Newsletter – Gina Talandis has new email address: Please use DARZAS@MSN.COM.

Thank you for donating three(3) Finn fleeces for the LSPC!

Dye next month: Elizabeth apologized ahead of time: if we don't look busy, i.e. are standing around at meeting, she will be there with bag of two skeins that will need to be dyed for LOCO shawl.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nancy Kuhar — From January: Fiber samples from workshop will be raffled: one each at February, April & May LOCO meetings WE FORGOT!!! Will we have time at Dye Meeting in March to raffle first fiber sample? Or, should we wait until spring?

Black Swamp's 30th Market Day & Fiber Fair will be held Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green. \$1 Admission. more detailed information at <http://bssgmarketday.tripod.com>. Vendor contact & information: Tina at BSSG001@yahoo.com. blackswampspinnersguild.org.

Original Sewing & Quilting Expo at the I-X Center March 26, 27 & 28 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). \$15 admission + parking. Go on-line for more specific information.

Huntington meeting every month on last Sunday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., at Huntington Township Hall, located on South East corner of intersection of Routes 58 & 162.

NEW BUSINESS: Arrowhead has our name under Adopt a Raptor!

Show & Tell: Carolyn Borsini: winter sunset, baby alpaca & bamboo V shawl & long black wool vest with multi-color panel. Gina: kitchen towels. Barb Enos: wool jacket, chenille vest and "weft" overs — pin cushion and pillow. Mary Carmosino: two bamboo scarfs & sampler. Missy Meriell: crochet sweater. Irena Talandis: beaded heart. Ann Hauser: woven vest. Beth Hines: two singles knit hats. Holly Whiteside: Dodd Shawl, my mitts, 12 month mitts. Sarah Twining: 8 X 2 cotton napkins. Betsy Bruce: shared projects from 2015 winter From Yarn to Garment — Origami Tencel dress, Wool Jacket & Pin Cushion.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Borsini

ODDs and ENDS

Join the Fun at EGLFC 2015!

What workshops will you take at Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference 2015? It may be tough to choose! This October 9-12 conference at the Chautauqua Institute in beautiful Chautauqua, New York has a great line-up of workshops. Teachers include Connie Lippert, Rosalie Neilson, Mary Hettmansperger, Amy Tyler, Chad Alice Hagen, and Anita Luvera Mayer. Complete workshop descriptions and instructor bios are at www.eglfc.org.

The prospectus and registration form are also available at www.eglfc.org. Registration opens on April 1—no fooling! All registrations received before April 1 will be processed on opening day, giving you the best chance of getting the workshops you want. Cost for three days of workshops, all events and nine meals is \$355. Lodging options start at \$110. The biennial conference includes a banquet plus a fashion show and fiber exhibit. Come show off your accomplishments!

EGLFC organizers would like to thank all who have provided past Conferences with table favors and goody bag items. This year we would like to offer a few larger items as door prizes. Please consider getting together with a group of friends, perhaps your entire guild, to create a gift. We will announce the makers' names and guild affiliation as we award each gift so that everyone can appreciate your artistry. Questions about door prizes? Contact Suanne Pasquarella at nyhgarep@yahoo.com.

We hope to see you Columbus Day weekend 2015. Learn more about all the fun we have planned at www.eglfc.org. Questions about registration? Contact Kim Witherow at registrar@eglfc.org.

More Odds and Ends

Ewe & Beth's Studio March Schedule 2015

The Studio will be open March 3, 10, and 24 at 10 AM for whatever craft/work you want to do.

There are five Tuesdays in March, so the fifth Tuesday (March 31) is a road trip. We are planning to check out the shops on the square in Medina and then have lunch at Miss Molly's Tea Shop. We usually meet at Patti McAndrew's house and then car pool for our road trips. If you want to join us, please call Beth or Etta, so we know to include you.

Doesn't this sound like a fun way to spend a day? Join us if you can! BTW, global warming weather [so evident this year] may change our plans.

Missy Merrill brought this to the January meeting. Here is the recipe.

Noodle Kugel

1 12oz pkg medium egg noodles
 3 medium apples
 ½ cup raisins
 ½ cup dried cranberries (craisins)
 4 lg eggs, lightly beaten
 1 pt sour cream (reduced fat works well)
 1 pt cottage cheese (reduced fat works well)
 ⅓ cup sugar
 1½ tsp cimmamon
 2 tsp cinnamon sugar (1 ½ tsp sugar plus ½ tsp cinn)

Cook the noodles according to package directions. Grease a 9X13 dish. Preheat oven to 350°.

Drain noodles and place in a large bowl. Peel and chop apples. Add to the noodles, along with raisins and cranberries. Gently mix in eggs, sour cream, cottage cheese, sugar and cinnamon. Spoon into the baking dish. Sprinkle with cinn/ sugar and cover with foil. Bake for 35 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 15-20 minutes, until the top is firm and the apples are soft. Serve warm or at room temperature, cut into squares.

Prep time: 10 minutes plus noodle cooking time

Cooking time: 50-55 minutes

Serves: 10

Nutritional information: Servings 10; serving size 1 cup; Calories 340; Calories from fat 80; total fat 9g; cholesterol 140mg; sodium 260mg; carbs 50g; dietary fiber 3g; sugars 20g; protein 15g.

Odds and Ends, continued.

Our gift to the Adopt-a-Raptor program was noted in the Jan.-Feb. Arrowhead paper, put out by the Lorain County Metro Park System.

Black Swamp Spinners Guild Market Day & Fiber Fair

Announcing Our 30th Show!

We cordially invite you and your fiber friends to join us in this celebration. Market Day will be showcasing the finest fiber vendors the Great Lakes States has to offer!

- **DATE:** Saturday, March 28, 2015
- **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Admission:** \$1.00
- **LOCATION:** Junior Fair Building, Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green, Ohio.
- **VENDORS LISTED** <http://bssgmarketday.tripod.com>

Location: Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds on, W. Poe Rd. Brim Rd. entrance.

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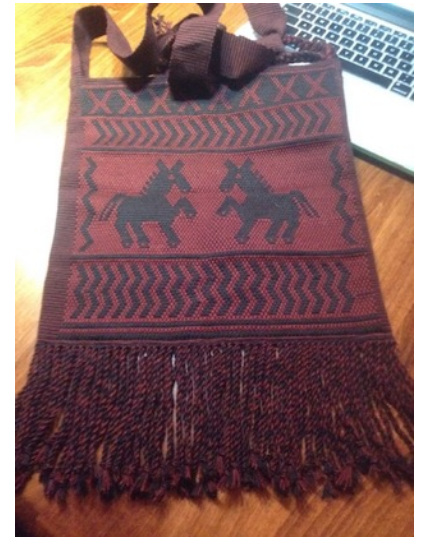
A note from Anne Hauser:

Work shop schedule from Harrisville: go to <http://harrisville.com/workshop-schedule/>
Looks like they have all sorts of interesting things going on.

Anne would also like to know if anyone wants to carpool to Black Swamp.

Guatemala Presentation

It was an incredible presentation. With some beautiful work. Since March is so busy we will have more discussion during the April Meeting.



Show and Tell never ceases to impress me.



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