



JANUARY 2017 LOCO NEWS



Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 7:00 pm
Carlisle Reservation
Snacks: Sarah Carter, Audrey Kolb, Ruth Steinacker

President's Perspective

Happy New Year LOCO Members!

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season and a good New Year! Last December, I was voted unanimously by voice vote to be the president of this wonderful group of artists. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

I am sure you are aware of the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child". Well, it will take a village - all of you - to help make our guild the best it can be. Thank you to our newly elected executive board and to all members who volunteered to chair a committee. Thank you to all past chairs. And, to all members who come for the friendship and love of the art.

If you were unable to attend our December meeting I was one of the lucky winners of a shawl. I can appreciate all the hands that made the shawl possible; from the sheep farmer to the spinners, dyers and weavers. The money raised will help others in need: \$750 will be going to SEPA for its education scholarships to two returned refugee villages in Guatemala; \$300 to Heifer International which is three shares for Women's Empowerment; and \$125 to the Lorain MetroParks for its Adopt a Raptor program. For more information about these programs go to:
<http://obsepa.org>, <http://heifer.org>, or <http://www.metroparks.cc/events>

As president of LOCO I am open to any suggestions or concerns. Please feel free to call me 440-935-1976 or email benos@oberlin.net and I will do my best to make sure your voice is heard.

See you January 10th.

Barb Enos

The lighter side.....

"After the holidays, can't decide if I need a hug, an XL coffee, a pile of new yarn, or 2 weeks of sleep."

New Year's Resolution: "Keep calm and finish your fiber project for next Christmas!"

Lorain County Spinning & Weaving Guild
December 13, 2016
Christmas Potluck
Wellington Reservation

Opening

The regular meeting of the LOCO Spinning & Weaving Guild was called to order after members participated in delicious **Holiday potluck** which began at 6:30 p.m. Guild President, Elizabeth Yasaki presided over her last **official meeting**. Events included (optional) handmade **ornament exchange**, **scholarship drawing** (two selected from list of demonstration participants) and **raffle drawing** for three shawls. No guests were present; members welcomed visitor, Georgia from AZ.

Reports

Vice President — Karen Long — no report.

Treasurer — Betsy Bruce reported we have \$5463.63 in bank account; plus money from shawl tickets, which will be submitted later this evening. Money for upcoming member scholarships (two) will be awarded this evening to two members who participated in demonstrations, sometime during the year. Three shawls will be awarded to names drawn during December's meeting.

Secretary — Carolyn Borsini/Eboni Johnson — no report.

Workshops — Beth Hines, Ed Rowe — no report.

Library — Ebony Johnson — no report.

Demonstrations — Chris Strekely reported that all demonstrations for 2016 are complete and members' names have been submitted for Scholarship drawings.

Membership — Cheryl Lesure reiterated to all members to make sure your entries are correct in revised membership directories, distributed in September.

Sunshine — Christine Bruce — sent four Birthday, one Get Well and one Sympathy cards.

Guild Equipment — Julie Bragg — If you have/or need equipment, please let Julie know.

For all future loans, please sign out equipment!

Refreshments — Ann Hauser — Refreshment commitments book for Jan. - Dec. 2017 coming around; please sign up. Three volunteers per meeting works nicely.

Historian — Nancy Kuhar — no report.

Fiber Samples — Kathy Webb — no report.

Newsletter — Gina Talandis — requested members please let her know if you did not receive November's newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS —

> Make sure you are reading newsletter each month, especially to come to right Park Facility for meetings. January meeting will be at Carlisle Reservation.

> Service Project Committee: Elizabeth Yasaki, Karen Long, Beth Hines, Betsy Bruce.

Betsy reported this year's Service Project raised \$1018. Winners of shawls included Barb Enos. Ann Barn & Donna Pelton were both drawn from Birmingham tickets. Betsy agreed to call two Birmingham winners. There will be three beneficiaries from this year's Service Project:

> For third year, \$750. will go to SEPA Scholarship for girl in Guatemala to go to school.

> Karen Long moved and Patty McAndrews seconded balance of \$268. be supplemented & raised to \$300.

\$300. will again be contributed to Heifer International.

> Karen also moved we add enough to also send \$150. to adopt a Raptor (owl) at Carlisle Reservation. Carolyn seconded & motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

(1) Elizabeth requested that all who have spun yarn for 2017 Service Project, please get to her, ASAP

(2) Thank you for all you contributed at October's Second Harvest dinner.

(3) Chris Strekely drew two (2) winners of this year's Scholarships — Deb Swan and Chris Bruce, from 84 volunteer names.

(4) Susan Conover Workshops: info@conoverworkshops.com or 440-548-3491. Understand she is selling her dye sinks.

Minutes (cont.)

> Board elections slate announced is complete with exceptions of Librarian & Public Relations (responsible for Arrowhead and other relevant newspapers). Pat Serio volunteered to be our Librarian. PR is still open. Betsy Bruce moved officer list be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Karen Long and passed unanimously.

Slate:

President: Barb Enos

VP: Karen Long

Treasurer: Missy Merrill

Sec'y: Sarah Twining

Workshop Chair(s): Ed Rowe, Beth Hines

Program Chairs: Jean Ohlenbush, Elizabeth Yasaki, Kathy Webb

Membership: Jean Crawford

Sunshine: Chris Bruce

Equipment: Julie Bragg

Refreshments: Anne Hauser

Samples: Kathy Webb

Newsletter/Website: Gina Talandis

Library: Pat Serio

Public Relations: OPEN

Historian: Ruth Steinacker

Demonstrations: Chris Strekely

LOVELY ORNAMENTS EXCHANGED AND DISPLAYED

NO NEW BUSINESS

SHOW & TELL:

Gina - shawl

Sara Twining - Irish yarn, Cape by Etta, Crewel embroidery of the farm, 1973

Ruth Steinacker - scarves

Jessie Guilmette - Button Tree

Holly Whiteside - Brioche hat

Beth Hines - Sunset scarf, red and yellow

Lysa Cook - scarves

Betsy Bruce - Lots of scarves

Karen Long - Elizabeth's Gift

Martha Lester - Groenlo Mittens

Eboni Johnson - very pink hat

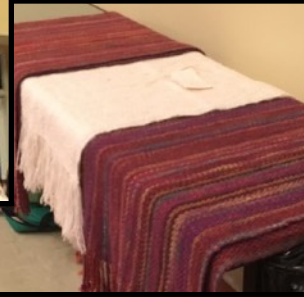
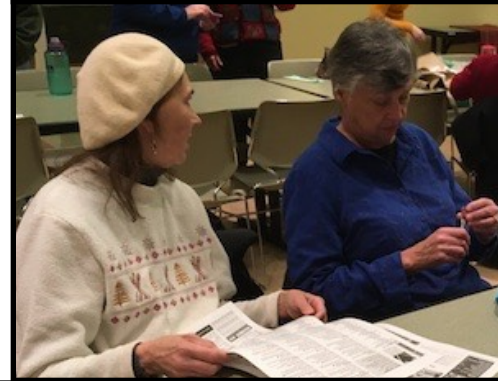
Sheryl Billman - 3 stuffed toys

Chris Bruce - scarf by accident

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Borsini







Sometimes Christmas Joy is in the Giving

On Thursday before Christmas, on the return trip from the Seville area, Karen Long and I took a short side trip to deliver the second of three hand-spun, hand-dyed and hand woven shawls to one of the LOCO raffle winners.

Motoring down a rural two-lane road we found the mailbox with the address and turned into a long ice covered driveway. Karen parked in front of the house and I went up to the front door, rang the doorbell and waited for someone to respond.

An older man opened the door. I introduced myself and asked if his wife was home and briefly explained that she had won the shawl. He turned and yelled, "You're a winner!" She skipped around the corner to greet me. (Karen had seen her at a window in the next room spying on us...)

I hardly need to say more. She gushed as I pulled the shawl from the bag—explaining that the alpaca, wool and silk blend had been hand-spun then hand-dyed and handwoven into this shawl.

Wrapping it around her shoulders and rubbing a corner against her cheek, her eyes just sparkled with excitement. And Elizabeth's label was more than she expected. "Thank you!", she said. "No thank you for participating in our fundraising raffle from which we sent \$750 to Guatemala for education, \$300 to Heifer International for women's empowerment and \$125 to the Lorain County MetroParks for raptor rescue and care", I replied.

Yes, it was a dollar well spent. "Merry Christmas!"

- Betsy Bruce





February Program

We have a fun program scheduled for February. Maureen "The Knitting Lady" will be at our February meeting. She is coming to teach us how to make a Fringe Scarf. (Knit or crochet or beginners can make it). More details to follow so plan to attend this awesome event.

Great Lakes Fiber Show

<http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com>
Class registration begins Jan. 20.

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