

MARCH 2017 LOCO NEWS

MARCH MEETING IS AT THE
WELLINGTON
RESERVATION



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14th 7:00 pm
Snacks: Sarah Carter, Ruth Steinacker, Ann Hauser

March Program **Rug Hooking with Connie Bradley**

President's Perspective

What great "Ta-Da" moments we had knitting and crocheting with Maureen the "Knitting Lady". We should have paraded our newly made scarves! Thank you program committee and anyone else who helped bring Maureen to our meeting.

How do you make yourself feel better? Solve problems? Get rid of the blues? Some people take long walks or cycle. Some knit, crochet, weave or spin. It is said that repetitive, rhythmic motions bring a serene mood and clarifies thinking. Barbara Elkins, cofounder of WEBS says, *"Sometimes I will weave a simple fabric more because I need to sit and throw the shuttle than because I have a definite project in mind. I don't want to solve any problems; I just want to make cloth using yarns that have caught my fancy, or because it's raining, or because the rhythm of weaving and watching a cloth grow makes me feel good, just like chicken soup."* (Handwoven March/April 2008)

So, go ahead and do your fiber thing. You will be a better person in the end.

On the lighter side....

Our backyard isn't big enough for an alpaca, so I have to fill the house with alpaca yarn.

Being a crocheter is sorta like being a magician. You mumble to yourself while wiggling a stick around, and other people have no idea how you did it.

LOCO MINUTES FEB. 14, 2017

President Barb Enos called the meeting to order. The minutes of December's meeting were approved as in the newsletter. Barb thanked everyone for coming. We had four guests: Marilyn Longcoy from Penfield, Tabby Conwell from Wooster, and Charlotte Masi and son from Brunswick. A thank you from Lori Taylor was read. Note: most correspondence is sent to Barb or Gina by email.

Location of our meetings this year is unusual so here's what we have so far. March and April meetings will be at the Wellington Reservation, Jones Road, Wellington; May will be at Carlylse small room and June large room. So we will probably have Dye day at the June meeting. Please read your newsletters carefully for location each month. 😊

Treasurer Missy Merrill reported \$5005.63 at this time. The bank still has Betsy Bruce and Beth Hines on to sign checks. We will work on that.

Workshop: Ed is investigating bringing Amy Tyler who gave an excellent teaching on spinning wheel mechanics and adjustments for fibers.

Programs: Elizabeth March is Rug Hooking by Connie Bradley; April is Chris Bruce on surface design: we'll try some new ideas. Elizabeth asked is the Guild could order silk scarves from Dharma to dye and then sell at Birmingham in the fall. The expense would be around \$160 for 24 scarves- members could add to the order for themselves. Another idea was to purchase fabric to be used at a pre demo program to make hats and aprons for those who do demonstrations. Another program idea is to make "Kitchen Batts," a fun project of blending different fibers on the drum carders. Would the guild be interested in purchasing another table loom? Also the program committee is willing to hear other program suggestions.

Membership chair Jean Crawford passed around the phone tree and email lists for members to check for accuracy. There have been two new members and more coming from tonight's guests.

Sunshine: Chis Bruce sent 4 birthday cards in Dec. and Jan and 2 in Feb and sympathy cards.

Refreshments: Ann Hauser sent around the refreshment list for additions.

Newsletter: Gina reported about the newsletter that material that has a copyright is not legal for her to reprint in our newsletter. Sorry, there have been many cute cartoons she can't use.

Librarian: Par Serio librarian thanked whoever had straightened up the library recently. Next month she plans to bring some books of interest, she'll be sorting and listing what we have, and she asked if we have a budgeted amount to purchase new books.

Demo chair Chris Strekely said 8 people showed up for the December Mill Hollow day. The guild received \$50 for that. Thanks to you.

Service Project: Elizabeth asked for all spun yarn to be turned in for this 2017 Service Project. Be thinking what color combinations we want for this year's shawls.

New Business. Ed asked if anyone wanted the Spin In this year. If so, he needs help organizing and planning it. There was interest. Please think how you could help.

Old Business: Is there any progress on our LOCO logo to be used for T-shirts, etc. Yes. Those interested met with Barb at break. Idea: make our own stamp that we could use at Dye Day.

We had Show and Tell and broke for refreshments. Then Maureen the Knitting Lady showed her knitting projects with and for those with disabilities and taught us how to make Fringe Scarves. Thanks to Maureen for the fun and use of her yarns and crochet and knitting needles. She also gave away three of her scarves.

Show and Tell

Barb Enos- tencel circle skirt and three cotton table runners

Ed Rowe- Spinning Wheel Makers List. We suggested it go in the library.

Jean Crawford- Woven scarf from Betsy's class and hand spun merino, alpaca, silk yarn

Missy Merrill- hand towel, dish cloth and scrubby and wreath

Tabitha Conwell- handwoven scarves, dish towel and ukulele strap

Chris Bruce- crocheted hat and sweater from various dye days

Marilyn Longcoy- knitted sock knitting both at the same time and adding heel later.

Please bring pattern next time

Jean Ohlenbusch-rag rug and dishcloths

Debbie Swan- dishcloths, towels, scarves and an origami top all hand woven

Chris Strekely- crochet project recreating a vintage apron

Anne L. Busse- angel doll weave it dress

Mary Carmosino- scarf with 5 patterns across

Nancy Page- scarf from Australia fiber

Charlotte Masi- handspun cowl/ caplet knit in the round

Barbara Dittmer- beautiful lace knit shawl

Gina- kick spindle

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Twining LOCO secretary

Please read the following proposal from Elizabeth Yasaki. It will be discussed and voted on at the March Meeting.

Silk Scarf Purchase Proposal

Statement of Need: Provide silk scarves for members to learn the technique of surface designs. The scarves would then be sold at various demonstrations which the proceeds would go toward the guild's service project.

Description: The program committee would like to order 24 silk scarves from Dharma that guild members would dye and/or surface design. The scarves would be sold at Birmingham and/or other venues. Proceeds would benefit the guild's service project.

Cost: The cost would be \$160 which would be paid back to the guild when scarves sold. The scarves could sell for \$15 each. Members could purchase scarves for \$10.

Members could also place an order from Dharma and dye/surface design their own purchases.

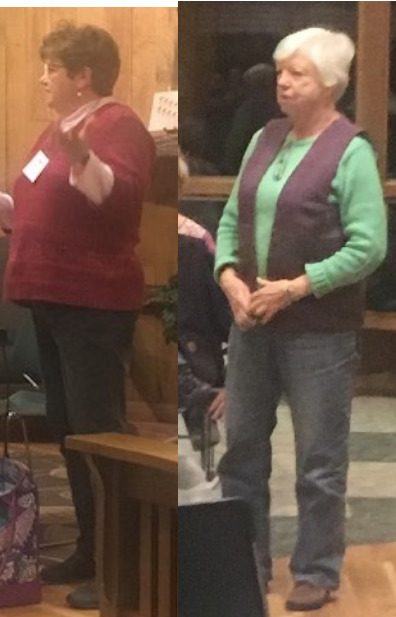
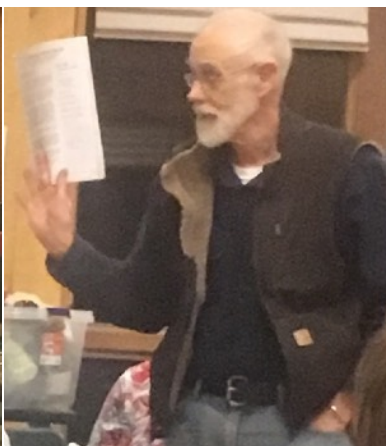
Money that is not spent will be returned to the guild.

Time Line: Order needs to be placed by the April, 2017 guild meeting so the scarves can arrive by dye day. All orders must be paid for in advance.

A surface design class will be offered during one of our guild meetings as well as a day for dyeing.

MOTION: The planning committee requests \$160 to purchase silk scarves for members to dye or surface design during guild meeting programs

February 2017
Thank you Maureen "The Knitting Lady"
for a great program.





Saturday, March 25th, 8:30 a.m. - 7p.m. Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet

will be the day bus trip. The cost will be \$85 and will include a charter bus from Cleveland to Pittsburgh and back, lunch from Gourmand's, light snacks, and admission into the show. I am hoping we can make arrangements to stop by Kid Ewe Knot, if they are available. Registration for this trip will begin on **January 2nd at 9:30 a.m.** I have to have 25 people to be able to go. We will meet at CanalWay Center in Cuyahoga Heights.

October 20-22, 2017 Rhinebeck - the trip will be very similar to 2016, except the bus, food and hotel all raised their prices a little so it will be \$475 in 2017. Phone registration for this trip will begin **February 9 at 9:30 a.m.**, or you can register in person during the Gathering February 4th. You will be required to pay in full at the time of registration to hold your spot.

Feel free to pass this email on to anyone that you think might be interested in this information. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon until then happy knitting, felting, spinning and everything else! Hope to see you soon,

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Black Swamp Spinners Guild Market Day & Fiber Fair

March 25, 9am to 4pm, Bowling Green, Ohio

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Admission: \$1 Location: Junior Fair Building, Wood County Fair Grounds, Bowling Green, Ohio

www.blackswampspinnersguild.org

Great Lakes Fiber Show

Wooster, Ohio

Class registration ends April 15th

<http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com>

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