

June 2017 LOCO NEWS

MAY MEETING IS AT THE
Carlisle Reservation
Carlisle Room



Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th 7:00 pm

Set-up for dye day will begin at 6:15pm - come help if you can.

Snacks: Cheryl Lesure, Patti McAndrew, Chris Bruce

June Program **IT IS DYE DAY!**

Bring your fiber items, or help dye for our service project!

Instructions on page 3. (There will be no Show and Tell)

Please see the last page of the newsletter for your renewal form.

President's Perspective

President Perspective,

If you missed our May meeting, you missed Mary Louise Van Dyke's presentation on card weaving. What a gem! Mary Louise is an icon in the area and has many many years of experience with the fiber arts. If you are able to go to Kendal in Oberlin, she has her looms in the main floor craft room. Betsy shared with me that Mary Louise has won recognition for her weavings. Her favorite technique is Theo Moorman Inlay. She has produced several lovely liturgical pieces for St. James Episcopal Church in Oberlin for multiple religious seasons. She now does smaller pieces such as greeting cards using the inlay technique. Mary Louise graciously donated her stipend from the May program back to us to give to our service project. Like I said, what a gem!

I just completed my first demonstration at Lake Ridge Academy. I don't know who had more fun; the students, the parents, or me! The great part of demonstrating is that so many people are excited to learn about old skills like weaving, spinning and dyeing. It really is a great way to pass along a long-time art. It also gave me a chance to network with other artists.

June is the month for membership sign up. Attached is our membership form. Your membership helps pay for operating expenses such as the newsletter, sunshine, programs, supplies, library needs and help with our service project.

Thank you to Sara Twining, Betsy Bruce and Cindy Strick for donating their time to weed the LOCO memorial garden at Mill Hollow. I came late but took photos. Also this month, Jean Ohlenbush and I have been busy cleaning up the LOCO library. We are almost finished and will be bringing a report to you in July. But, you don't have to wait until July. Go visit our library and take out some books.

See you in June for dye day.

Barb Enos

Everything you need for better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library.

—Henri Frederic Amiel

LORAIN COUNTY SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

MAY 2017 MINUTES

April minutes approved. Treasurer reported \$ 4296.96.

Workshop chair Ed Rowe said the Spin in was a success with 16 participants and 54 visitors. Amy Tyler to give a workshop teaching how a spinning wheel works. We plan to have her here next year for a workshop.

Programs- Elizabeth had us choose colors for the Service project dyeing at the June meeting. Scarves were ordered also for dye day. July's program will be Connie Bradley on Rug Hooking.

Demos- Chris reminded us of Juneteenth in Oberlin to be held June 10, 2017 and of other demo opportunities.

New Business:

Dye Day in June- Karen Long gave some instructions- look elsewhere in the newsletter; we will start early 6:15 for set-up; no business meeting or show and tell to give plenty of time to dye.

May 25 AM clean up Dye Garden at Mill Hollow; free sewing stuff from Nancy Kuhar; reminder of Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Show and all that's available those days.

Old Business: Repurposing Challenge; Progress on shirt LOCO logo; Bobbie Irwin's new book Iridescence will be out September 2017.

Show and Tell was great. Mary Louise Van Dyke gave the program on card weaving and brought cards and inkle loom s set up for members to try. Thank you, Mary Louise. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Sara Twining



Working hard this month in the Dye Garden at Mill Hollow.



How to Get Ready for Dye Day By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on April 12th. 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 30minutes 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

Spring and summer are upon us and that means Demonstration Season is here!

1. ~~Oberlin Spin-In Sat., May 6th Oberlin Public Library 10am to 3pm.~~
2. Juneteeth. Sat. June 10th Tappan Square in Oberlin 10am-4pm.
Across the street from Bead Paradise. Breakfast before the demo at the
Main Street Diner, 51 S Main St, Oberlin @8:30AM.
3. Medina Fair Friday, August 4th, 9am to 3pm.
4. Cuyahoga Fair Kids Day Thurs., August 10th 11am to 3pm.
5. Sheep to Shawl Medina Fair Friday, Aug. 11th 6pm to 9pm
6. Lorain Fair Sunday, Aug 27 9am to 3pm.
7. Birmingham Fair (we sell our weavings, and spun items to benefit the service
project). Sat., Oct 7th 9am to 4 pm and Sun, Oct 8th 10:30am to 4 pm

There are others and more details will follow. As always, demonstrations are great fun, and you are entered for the guild scholarships, \$150 towards a fiber related class. See Chris S. for more details. And you have time to spin or weave, introduce this craft and our guild to people. You make new guild friends. Come for the day or come for part of the day.

Join us for a fun day outside. Juneteenth in Oberlin.
Saturday, June 10th 10 to 4.
Tappen Square. We are usually across the street from Bead
Paradise.
Some of us meet for breakfast at 8:30am at the Oberlin
Kitchen in Oberlin just a few blocks from the square on Rt.
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Events! (May 2017)

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Lake Ridge Academy - Reenactment Day



These kids are amazing, and so are the volunteers..... This happy little guy is what it is all about.

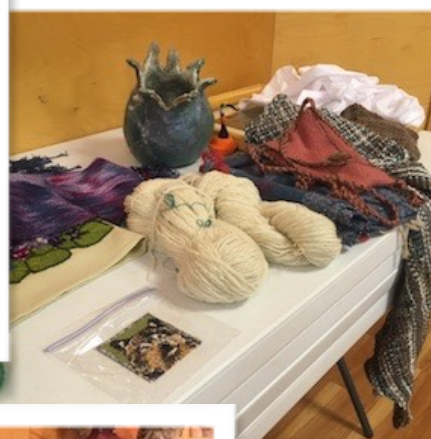


Tuesdays with Beth Hines....

The location is Beth Hines' studio, and there are people who come most Tuesday's to work on their fiber art and basket making projects. Beth Makes a very nice lunch for all of us.and the cost is only \$5.



May Meeting with Mary Louise Van Dyke's Card Weaving.
Thank you for coming!





October 7-9, 2017
Chautauqua, NY

3 Days of Workshops

Su Butler: Easy Pickup Weaving (3 days)

Barbara Walker: Weaving Stripes with Attitude (3 days)

Marilou Schultz: The Art of Navajo Weaving (3 days)

Dawn Edwards: Fabulous Felted Flower Fascinator (1 day)

Dawn Edwards: Fantastic Felt & Nuno-Felt Hats (2 days)

Jan Massie: Spinning Wheel Magic & Plying Tips & Tricks (1 day)

Jan Massie: Prepping Fiber for Spinning & Art Yarn Spinning (2 days)

Jappie King Black: Coiled Basketry for Beginners (1 day)

Jappie King Black: Images in Coiled Baskets (2 days)

See website for details and registration form: EGLFC.org
Registration begins April 1

LOCO Guild 2017 From Old to New Challenge

Fellow guild members, are you ready for a challenge? Our 2017 challenge will be a re-purpose or re-create challenge. Here are the guidelines:

- Take an old garment, blanket etc. and re-create something new!
- The old item can be from your closet or someone else's. It can also be from a second hand shop.
- Remake the piece into something new. If the old was a sweater you can make it into something new like a scarf, pair of socks, hat or even back into a sweater. If the old was a shirt, you can quilt it into something new. You may add other materials to your project like other yarn, fabric or bead items but at least 50% of the new project needs to come from the old.

From this...



To this!



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Alrighty, here is the renewal form. Please fill it out and bring it to the next meeting.

Thank you.

LOCO Guild Membership/ Renewal

I will be collecting dues and renewal forms at the June 13th meeting, so you can either renew at the meeting, or if you can not attend the June 13, 2017 meeting, please mail a renewal form and check to:

Made out to LOCO c/o Jean Crawford, 10480 Indian Hollow Rd., Elyria, OH 44035

Please take a minute to do the following:

- Review your directory information for accuracy and note any changes or additions
 - Verify the phone number (this is the number that is used to contact you in the event that our monthly meeting has been cancelled.)
 - Pay the \$10.00 newsletter only membership renewal fee (no demos/equip.) - checks should be made payable to **LOCO**
 - Pay the \$20.00 full membership renewal fee (includes demos/equipment/book, etc.) - checks should be made payable to **LOCO**
 - Pay the \$35.00 renewal fee (\$20.00 for membership and \$15.00 for newsletter advertising) - checks should be made payable to **LOCO**
 - Return the form below and payment at the June meeting, or as soon as possible.
- Members are encouraged to have the monthly newsletter sent via email to save on paper and postage costs for the guild. Would you like to have the newsletter delivered via email: Yes ___ NO ___

Thank You for renewing and planning for another year of fun, learning, and friendship.

Please contact me if you have any questions jeancrw8@aol.com 440-670-1724

Thanks,
Jean Crawford

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Business name: _____

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Fiber Interests/talents: spin, weave, basketry, beading, crochet, dye, embroidery, knit, lace, quilt, sewing, Tat, other _____

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