

SEPT 2017 LOCO NEWS

**September meeting is at the
Carlisle Reservation, Black River Room**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 12th, 7:00 PM

Snacks: Sheryl Billman, Cindy Strick, Sara Twining

Please remember to bring your own tea or coffee cup.



September Program

Tassels and the cords that go with them!

A little yarn goes a long way when making tassels. It's a great way to use up odds and ends. If anyone has ever picked up a cone or three of that synthetic stuff, this is a good use for it. For those weavers who save your thrums you can use them for the tassel but they are a little more work. Bring a coordinating and/or same color string to make the cord. If you have left over embroidery floss, it only takes 3-4 skeins to make a cord and tassels depending on how big and how many colors you want in it. Any size or type of string can be made into tassel; from thread to bulky yarn (thicker string does go faster) and from wool to cotton to synthetic (synthetic usually gives a nice shine but is slippery on it's own but mixes well with other fibers). It would help if people brought their own scissors, a paperback book, a pencil or pen and especially some type of yarn/yarns to use for making tassels.

President's Perspective

Our guild seems to take a new beginning for me this September. Fairs are almost over, Mill Hollow is around the corner, and I am ready for exciting things to happen in our guild. If you have yet to join the guild this year, please do so.

This month at Mill Hollow's Pioneer Experience Days our guild will have a station demonstrating spinning and weaving along with knitting and crocheting. Guild member Jennifer Arthur and her husband simulate life during colonial times and Karen Long shares her dyeing expertise with all the students who visit. Karen's natural dyeing is the last dyeing of the season. (Medina Guild is offering an eco-dyeing workshop the weekend prior to Mill Hollow) So, what has everyone done with their dyed fiber? After spending time spinning, weaving, knitting or crocheting your creation, hopefully, you are using your textiles. In the article *Caring for Your Handwoven Textiles*, (Handwoven Sept. 2012) by Laura Fry she states, "...Above all, use your handwoven textiles. They are an expression of your personal creativity and vision." And, how do you keep your textiles clean? Laura Fry has a few suggestions:

- When washing, if you have hard water use detergent not soap and one with fewer additives. Dawn original scent dishwashing liquid, Synthrapol or Orvus Paste is recommended.
 - Hot or Cold water? Depends on your fiber. Cellulose yarns use warm water but rinse rayons in warm and cotton and linen in cold. Protein fibers use warm water for both.
 - If ironing your textile, err on the side of caution and use a lower setting.
 - When a stain appears, lemon juice works best for linen and cotton. Hydrogen peroxide on wool and silk.
- For blood stains try your own saliva which contains the perfect enzymes.

Most of this seems to be common sense to veteran weavers and spinners, but it is always a good reminder to take special care of projects you worked so hard to create.

See you in September!

Barb Enos

On the lighter side.....I added weaving to my daily "to do" list. Now I'll always get something checked off!

LOCO GUILD AUGUST 2017 MINUTES

Vice President Karen Long presided in Barb's absence. Minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter. Treasurer Missy M reported \$759.11 in old bank and \$3099 in LORMET as we make the transition. We have enough to put some in an interest bearing savings account in LORMET.

For Programs Elizabeth reminded us Feed America Potluck is in October; November will be the LOCO Guild From Old to New Challenge unveiling; December is our Christmas party, scholarship awards and drawing of the shawl raffle. September is still pending.

Sunshine Chris Bruce sent 5 birthday cards.

Librarian Pat Serio is working on the magazine subscriptions and brought some magazines from the library to show.

Demos Chris S read the fair dates and times. September Pioneer Experience at Mill Hollow is to be September 19 and 20 9:30-1 with lunch provided for us.

Old business T-shirts progress?

New Business Patti McAndrew was in a bike accident with broken bones. Send any cards to her home address. The guild would like to remember Guild member Linnea Satterfield with a donation to a local women's shelter. Motion from Jean Ohlenbush to give \$100 in Linnea's name to a local house, Genesis House; seconded by Lynn K; vote passed unanimously.

Bobbie Irwin's book Iridescence is coming out in September. We can order signed copies from her directly. Bring your money to the September meeting and a joint order will be sent.

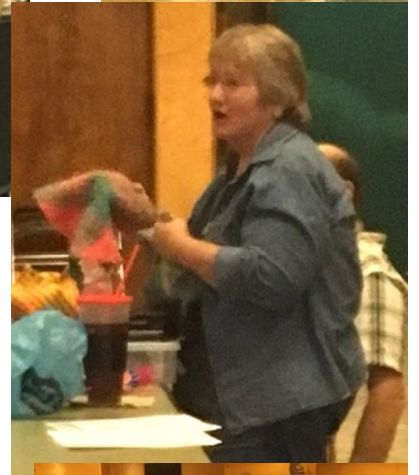
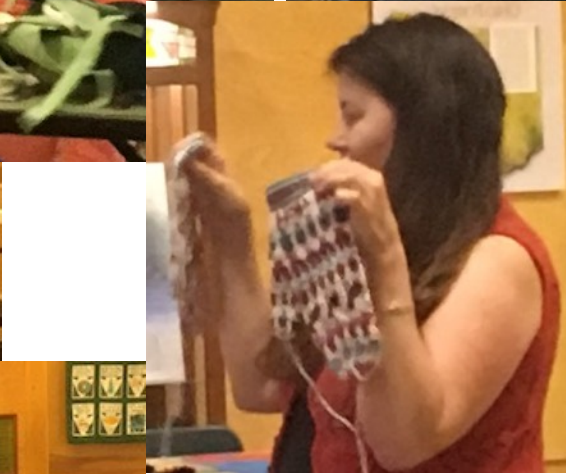
Nancy Page explained Spinzilla- a world-wide spinning competition October 2-8. Black Locust is sponsoring a team. Sign up begins September 1 at \$15 a person. The proceeds will go to the National Needlework Association Mentoring Program. You may spin at home, with others at Black Locust that Thursday, at Ben Franklin in Oberlin Thursday noon to 2, at Stan Hywet in Akron at Ohio Artisans Art and Skills Mart October 5-8. If you are interested in the Stan Hywet gathering contact Nancy Page to sign up and get in to the event free, spin, see the great vendor booths and tour Stan Hywet Hall.

Nancy Kuhar brought fabrics and notions from her mother's estate for us to take. We had Show and Tell, great refreshments and enjoyed a Color video which was very enjoyable. Our guest this evening was Ann Davies.

Show and Tell: Gina- tencel table runner; Kathy Webb 8 oz. brown wool and mylar spun and plied; Debbie Swan- hand woven dish cloths, three bath towels in 8/2 cotton; Ann Davies- Weaving Magic book, poly acrylic tapestry samplers and a silk tapestry bracelet; Martha Lester- Painted Desert yarn Tree and Feather shawl; Holly Whiteside- mittens from a Piecework pattern and a rushed chair; Sheryl Grant Billman- elephant, kangaroo, and camel all flannel toys; Ann Hauser knitted lace neck warmer, Missy Merrill- mittens and scarf from her own hand spun; Ruth Steinacher- 3 felted purses and blending Gourd roving; Nancy Page- wash cloths, paper bowl and blue; Irena Talandis- beaded necklace and Santa face pin; Chris Bruce- Grandma blanket and 15 totes she and Etta Rowe fabric stamped and Chris sewed. These are to sell at Birmingham days in October.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Twining LOCO secretary

AUGUST MEETING



Member Spotlights

Beth Hines is this year's Clair Hill Memorial Award recipient. The award is in recognition of her continued work with the Lorain County Fair. She has supported the 4-H program, been a Junior Fair advisor for more than 25 years, to name a few. Please read the full article in the Chronicle, on August 22, 2017.

You can also read it online at
<http://www.chroniclet.com/Local-News/2017/08/22/Clair-Hill-award-five-decades-in-the-making.html>
CONGRATULATIONS BETH!

From Sheryl Billman

Hi Everyone!

I didn't move! No, I was in Leesville, Louisiana taking care of my mother until it was time for her to be in a nursing home. Before things got really intense, I had the unexpected opportunity to do a spinning demonstration at the Museum of the New Llano Colony.

The Llano del Rio Colony was originally created in California by Job Harriman and moved to 1917. The Colony was very nearly self-sufficient except for producing enough fiber for their needs, and generated good income-at least for a time-for the residents.

From the museum flyer: "Does your town:

Supply you with work when you are out of a job? Give you a home with running water and electricity?

Offer you free medical care and education for you children?

The New Llano Co-Operative Colony did!"

I have wanted to do something to help with tourism and promote the history of my place of origin for years. It was serendipitous that I happened to be there for part of the centennial celebration of the Colony. Mary Ann Fussell, the manager of the museum happened to have a spinning wheel that had been in her family for a while—and had just thought recently to order some cotton for spinning.....well, it all came together, and she, her husband, daughter got it together, I added a few bits and it spun beautifully! I had a marvelous time, of course, and enjoyed sharing more about spinning. In the conversations that were flying, we found out that there are groups both in DeRidder and in Lake Charles (16 and 50 miles away respectively) that also "celebrate the fiber arts!" Now there are more contacts for demo people, and repairs for equipment!

And it is great to be home....

Love you all, Sher

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Sheryl, Martha Palmer,
Mary Ann Fussell



Demonstration Season is here

1. Pioneer Experience at Mill Hollow - September 19th(Tues.), and 20th(Wed.). it runs each day 9:30am to 1 PM. Lunch provided.
2. National Weaving Week, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 11:30 to 2:00, Ben Franklin, Oberlin
3. Birmingham Fair (we sell our weavings, and spun items to benefit the service project). We need items, woven or spun to sell. Make an extra of whatever you are making! Sat., Oct 7th 9am to 4 pm and Sun, Oct 8th 10:30am to 4 pm

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.

SPINZILLA

National Spinning and Weaving Week this year is October 2nd to October 8th. We have several ways to celebrate. One way is to join Spinzilla.

Spinzilla

Sign up start September 1, 10:00 a.m. EDT. Go to Spinzilla.com When you click on the registration link there will be a list of teams to choose from. I hope you choose Team Black Locust Farm. The fee this year is \$15.00, you can pay this through [Paypal](#). There will be a link to direct you when you register.

100% of the fee's go to the TNNA Foundation to support the mentoring program. We can have as many as 25 members on a team. You may spin at home or with a group. I have tried to arrange places for us to meet up. Try to get out in public, to spin or weave.

The Medina Guild has also been invited to participate in the Needlework Show at Stan Hywet, Yes, you can join the team and have what yardage you spin count toward your total. If you want to Spin at Stan Hywet, Contact Karen Babb. You must get your name on the list to be admitted to the Needlework show. kjeanbabb@gmail.com

If you do not want to join Spinzilla. Please come and spin or craft at any of the places listed, (except Stan Hywet), You must join for your yardage to count toward the team total.

October 2 - Woodstock BBQ, [13362 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107](#). 3 to 7

October 3 - Beth Hines House, [10717 LaGrange Road, Elyria, OH 44035](#). 10 to 2

October 4 - Bueller Fresh Foods Medina, [3626 Medina Road, Medina, OH 44256](#). 10 to 3

October 5 - Ben Franklin, [13 W. College Street, Oberlin, OH 44074](#). 10 to 2

October 6 & 7 - Black Locust Farm, [110 Bank Street, Lodi, OH 44254](#). 11 till ?

October 8 - Brunswick Farmers Market. [4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, OH 44212](#). 11 to 2

Questions, if you cannot find answers to your questions at Spinzilla.com please email or call me. nancy2page@gmail.com. 216-529-1683.

A letter of appreciation from Copal AA, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala

From John Gates of SEPA:

“Hello Gina,

I want to send you a very heartfelt letter of appreciation from Copal AA. They have had a difficult time this year in raising a sufficient amount of money to keep their middle school operating. SEPA contributes \$1800 per month. They originally asked for \$2500 per month, however SEPA was not sure of raising that amount, but we thought that we could handle \$1800 per month. However it seems that we are doing better than expected with our fund raising efforts so perhaps we can increase our contribution to the middle in Copal AA. I have the original letter that was sent by the people in Copal AA and I will give that to Betsy to bring to you. Our scanner is not working at this time.

I have requested that Rigoberto, the director of the middle school in Copal AA, send me some pictures of the young women who have received scholarships from LOCO along with a letter. So this material should be coming soon and when I receive that I will forward that to you.

If you have questions about the letter or their explanation for using some of the money to purchase educational materials and to help some young men with school fees please do not hesitate to let me know. Please let your members know that SEPA along with Copal AA sincerely appreciates your generous contributions to the educational program in Copal AA. There are some young women who would not have the opportunity further their education beyond 6th grade without your help.

Sincerely,

John Gates”

“Dear Lorain County Weavers’ Guild:

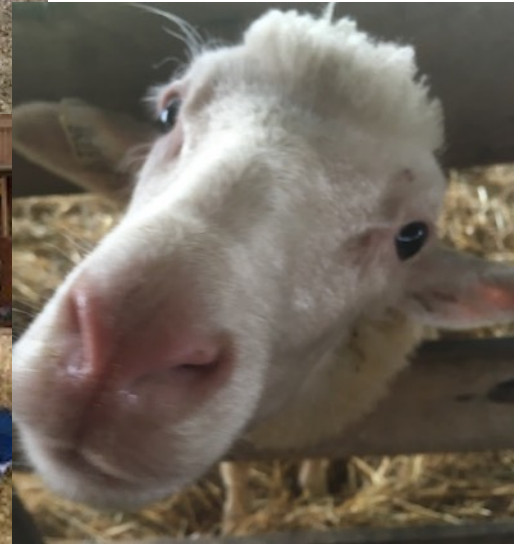
The Weaving Cooperative of Copal AA, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, the teachers and students of Copal AA and the surrounding countryside, and the entire community of Copal AA would like to send their sincere appreciation to the Weavers of Lorain County. Thank you so much for your very successful fundraising campaign to help the young people of this community and the surrounding communities experience educational opportunities that without your help would never happen.

Our local school board committee would like to clarify something about how we have used some of the educational funds which you have provided for our students. We had to use some of the scholarship money to buy educational materials for the school. We understand that your connection with us here in Copal AA is through weaving and that you are interested in providing support for our young women who are connected with the weaving cooperative.

We are really trying to establish such a relationship. This past year we did provide scholarships for the daughters of some of our weavers. However we also realized that we had male students who were in desperate need of financial help. So we had to use some of your scholarship money to help a few male students. Before we did this we talked to the weaving cooperative to get their approval. We hope that you will be understanding of our decision to help both the young men as well as the young women.

On behalf of all of the students, teachers, weavers, and school board officials we would like to say that we are yours very faithfully.”

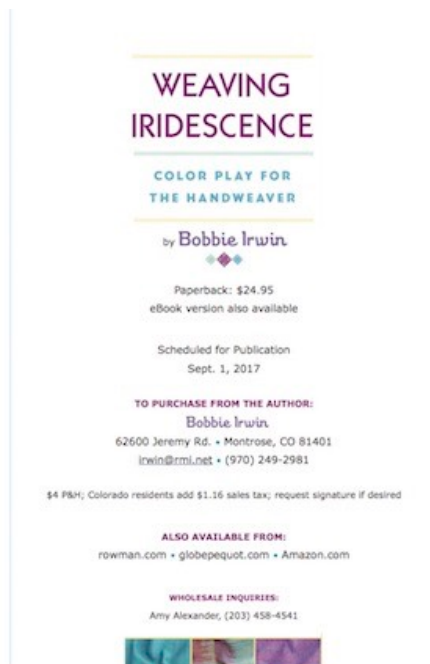
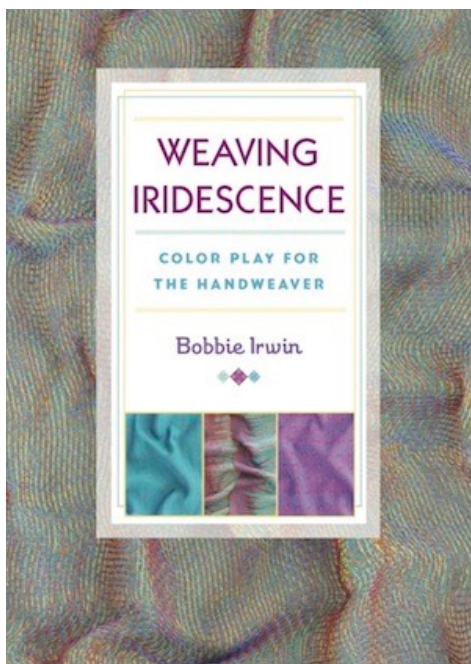
Medina County



Lorain and Cuyahoga County Fair pictures next month

WANTED

Looking to purchase a used spinning wheel for a preschool after-care program at a Waldorf school. Please call Linda McNulty at [\(440\) 985-8065](tel:4409858065) Thank you!



Hello LOCO members,

Just a quick reminder that if you wish to donate to Genesis house in the memory of Linnea Satterfield I will collect additional money at the September meeting. As you know we voted to donate \$100.00 from the guild and take a free will donation from those who wish to contribute separately. I have received \$40.00 so far. I will send the donation in on the 15th of September.

Also I will have a sign up sheet and collect funds for the Bobbie Irwin book, \$25.00 with a small adjustment when the shipping is determined.

Hope your summer has been beautiful and productive.

Missy

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.





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

CONOVER WORKSHOPS FIBERARTS CLASS SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE....

Conover Workshops' Fiber Classes are now posted on our website for the remainder of 2017 and Spring of 2018. Many have questioned the interruption of our class schedule. Susan had the second of two major surgeries in late January, which required a protracted recuperation period. Happily all this is behind her and she's enjoying wonderful health. We are looking forward to you visiting our studio and participating in a class!

<http://www.conoverworkshops.com>

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.
- Take a photo of the old so members can compare it to your new. (need help with a photo, bring it to a guild meeting and someone can snap a photo for you)

From this...



To this!



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