

MARCH 2019 LOCO NEWS

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The March meeting is at the Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th, 7:00pm
6:30 if you want to help set-up for Dye Day
Please remember to bring your tea or coffee cup.



Snacks: Irena Talandis, Elaine Jameyson, Margaret Herrman-Dreher



EDITOR'S NOTES:

In the coming months, in an effort to make the newsletter a better resource, I plan to expand on the newsletter and include more event dates and interesting links. So here is a start.

Google: MIDWEST FIBER ARTS TRAIL (midwestfiberartstrail.org)
Lots of links to many good places to go.

An interesting little article at Interweave:
<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/fiddle-with-your-selvages/>

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March, 2019

President Perspective

Hello all! I just got back from sunny Florida and what a nice break from Ohio's weather. I noticed all the bright colored fabric which has inspired me to do some summer colored projects.

Julie Bragg had us all sewing, folding and following directions to make thread catchers at our February meeting. Thanks Julie for sharing your talents with us. Also, thanks to Gina for all her tech. work in providing us with an up-close look at the project.

Dye Day: Thank you in advance to Karen Long for organizing our Dye Day. And, thank you to Sara Twinning for bringing in samples of what can be dyed. She is correct - it's not just yarn or fiber that you can dye. One year I dyed a pair of converse tennis shoes for my daughter. Come early to help set up (6:00 or 6:15) **There will be NO SHOW AND TELL for March.**

Demonstrations: Our **March 16th Spin-In and Fiber Arts Exploration at FAVA** is coming up. A flier went out to members and a few fliers are hanging in merchant windows in Oberlin. Grab your spinning wheel and come join us. Spinners arrive at 10 am (or whenever you can make it) and the community exploration in weaving and spinning starts at noon. We need some help with drop spindles for our visitors if you can give a hand. Contact person for that day is Vicki Bryg. Her contact info. is in our membership book.

Great Lakes Fiber Festival: Great Lakes Fiber Festival is Memorial weekend at the Wooster Fairgrounds. Sign up for workshops begins March 1st. Member Gina Talandis will be presenting needle felting. Ed Rowe usually has a booth with all his creative woodworking items. Medina Guild has a booth along with lots of other fiber booths. It's a great way to spend part of your memorial weekend.

Challenge: **Pick-A-Project** - supplies for you to pick-a-project will be available again if you missed our February meeting. By November, I have to weave an overshot project using the color black and angora fiber. Now that will be a "challenge" for me! It was amusing watching members pick their project and their minds turning as to how they will go about their challenge. November will be interesting. Four prizes will be awarded for weaving, spinning, knitting/crocheting, and other.

Lorain County Fair Update: At the time of the submission of this note, I have not heard about the fair entries. But, let's keep projects in mind. At our Feb. Show and Tell, Ann's beautiful pillow can be entered; Gina's small towels; Barb's scarf; Elaine's baby blankets; and the list goes on.

Meetings: At our January meeting, we had many ideas and suggestions as to how to help our guild. Some members have ideas and shouldn't have to wait until next January to share, so every month we are going to have a "**SUGGESTION JOURNAL**" where any member can add an idea, concern, comment or shout out. Let's see how it works.

Future events: My good friend Lori Taylor has offered her services to help us "Organize Our Stash". She is an organizer extraordinaire and I was so excited when Karen announced she will be visiting. As I mentioned earlier that we will have a Suggestion Journal. Add some questions or ideas to share with Lori. I will send them her way.

Something to think about: Be a mentor! Modern life is full of many devices and gizmos, and we often get frustrated when they're not easy to use. Don't assume someone can use something without taking the time to learn from a mentor. Ten minutes helping someone might save hours of frustration. Sharing your expertise as a LOCO Lesson facilitator is one way of being a mentor. Show and tell is another.

See you in March!
Barb Enos

NO LOCO LESSON IN MARCH
NO SHOW AND TELL

FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING MINUTES

President Barb Enos called the February 2019 meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed 27 members and 1 guest. The approval of January's minutes as printed in newsletter was moved by Sarah and second by Irena and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Everyone was reminded to read the minutes in the newsletter as we will not be taking the time to read them at meetings.

Barb announced and explained the 2019 challenge of "Pick your Project".

Brown bags were labeled for each member to blindly pick their project. Some will be very challenging. If you were not present bags will be available at future meetings. Good luck but most importantly have fun everyone.

Sarah Twining reported the workshop committee has been very busy working with FAVA to contact instructors and put together workshops to use our scholarship money.

March 16 will be our Spin In at FAVA. Please sign up to demo or stop in to support this fun event. Both spinning and weaving will be demonstrated.

Karen Long went over March dye day instructions and informed us that April's program will include LOCOs equipment available to be borrowed. If you have borrowed equipment please get it back well before the April meeting.

Nancy Page invited everyone to register for Stephen's Card Weaving Workshop taking place [March 23rd](#).

Old Business

Barb announced she finally got a very successful response from Lorain County Fair board and weaving has been added to many classes. Everyone please start a box of fair entries so we can fill these classes.

Winter months have been productive with many gorgeous show and tell projects being shared.

Ann Hauser woven & sewn pillow cover

Nancy Zaworski woven shawls with different wefts, felted and not felted.

Sarah Twining placemats and a huge array of items and fibers she has dyed as inspiration for next months program

Barb Enos 3 cotton towels 3 chenille scarves

Elaine Jameyson 2 cotton baby blankets 3 loom knitted hats

Nancy Page Crocheted Block Blanket, Ball of Siri alpaca

Karen Babb Shawl out of Hudson singles, suri & merino yarn, baby booties, Teddy Bear out of 3 ply cordalle

Jean Ohlenbusch yellow and white baby blanket, placemats

Hollie Krenz Square loom dish towels, rigid heddle drying towels, triangle loom doll shawls.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 for refreshments and Julie Bragg's wool thread catcher make and take instructional program.

How to Get Ready² for Dye Day By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on March 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 pre-made 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 Karen@oberlin.net





For Guild Members:

LOCO Spinners and Weaving Guild
To Host A
Spin-In and Fiber Arts Exploration
March 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FAVA in Oberlin



Come enjoy a day of spinning and sharing your talents with others. This year's LOCO Spin-In will collaborate with FAVA (Firelands Association of the Visual Arts, 39 S. Main St., Oberlin) to include an interactive display of spinning, weaving and other fiber arts.

Bring your spinning wheels, knowledge of your art and friendship! ALL fiber artists (knitters, crocheters) are welcome to join in. Bring a comfortable chair.

Set up will be at 10:00 a.m. and spinning will continue until 4 p.m. Interactive stations of weaving and spinning will be on display from noon to 3 p.m for visitors.



LOCO is looking for members to assist in the interactive stations using a rigid heddle loom, floor loom and drop spindles. Please sign up at the March LOCO meeting or email

Elizabeth Yaskaki (eyasaki@gmail.com) or
Barb Enos (benos@oberlin.net).

For Public Distribution:

*Spin Me a Yarn, Weave Me a Tale
Explore the World of Fiber Arts*

*Saturday, March 16, 2019
FAVA Gallery, Oberlin
Noon to 3p.m.*



The Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild will have an interactive display of spinning, weaving and other fiber arts on March 16, 2019 at FAVA (Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, 39 S. Main St., Oberlin) from noon to 3 p.m. Come and observe these traditional skills from spinning yarn to weaving cloth and more.



Guests of all ages will be able to interact with the tools of the trade including spinning wheels, drop spindles, floor looms and assorted small looms. Spinners, weavers, crocheters and knitters from the guild will be available to demonstrate and assist guests who would like to try their hand at these art forms.

Come and get inspired!

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