

MARCH 2022 LOCO NEWS

The March meeting is at the Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00pm
6:30 if you want to help set-up for Dye Day**
Please remember to bring your own tea or coffee cup.

Snacks: Irena Talandis, Gina Talandis



MARCH IS DYE DAY

INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER
Come early to help set up. Bring a few old newspapers.
See Page 3 for instructions.
No Show and Tell in March.

Please remember to shop
at the Woolery thru the
icon on our homepage,
<http://locoguild.com>

March, 2022

President Perspective,

Welcome to March! I just came back from Southern Mississippi and Florida and I cannot wait for spring weather. Driving home my husband and I stopped at R&M Yarns. It is a brick & mortar store in Tennessee, but Phyllis is primarily an on-line store just like the Woolery. She is always open by appointment for walk-ins. About 20% of her yarn is in stock yarn and 80% changes regularly. She purchases production excess yarn from designer textile manufacturers. Phyllis has been a solopreneur since the early 2000's. She rented space in a warehouse and then built her own store. What a nice place to visit. She has a showroom, teaching space, kitchen, bathroom and then a large warehouse that houses her looms, yarn and supplies. She is getting ready for her next set of classes. She opened late afternoon to accommodate our travel time. What a great personable lady. I was really impressed and came home with 20 lbs. of yarn. Check her out at rmyarns.com.

March Meeting: March meeting is our DYE DAY! Look for more information in the newsletter. If you would like to come at 6:30 pm to help set up, it would be appreciated. We are not dyeing any fiber for our shawls since we have some on reserve. The service committee will share their thoughts at another meeting. We strongly encourage wearing masks.

Programs and Demonstrations. Thank you to all who have signed up for the Grafton Library Demonstration in March. Gina is key point on the demo. She will be sending out information this month.

FAVA: Firelands Association for the Visual Arts in Oberlin is opening its doors again and is offering some fiber related classes. Go to their website for more information. <https://www.favagallery.org/classes>

2021 Challenge: Our 2021 challenge will be due in April. We will be in the small room at Carlisle with a great program and challenge results. No contest this year - everyone is a winner!

Officers and Committee Chairs: 2022 is the last year of a two-year term. In 2023, new officers will need to be voted on. According to our bylaws: *"A nominating committee of at least two Guild members shall be appointed in August. The slate of officers will be presented at the regular October meeting. Elections shall be held at the regular November meeting. If there is more than one candidate for a position, there will be a vote by ballot."* If anyone is interested in helping on the nominating committee, let one of the officers know. If anyone is interested in holding an officers position, let an officer know.

See you in March,
Barb Enos

Lighter side: You know you are a fiber artist when the first thing you pack for a trip is your current project.

How to Get Ready for² 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

Interesting Links:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/pr/2270075/qvira-an-antiviral-fabric-that-inactivates-virus>

[Inkle Loom Weaving for Beginners! LIVE w/ Paulette Morrissey](#)

<https://www.shinydimefibers.com/pages/about-the-artist>

BLACK SWAMP SPINNER'S GUILD MARKET DAY & FIBER FEST

37th Annual Market Day & Fiber Fair

Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9am to 4 pm

\$1 Admission/Public is invited/Lunch available

Held at The Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds

13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Be sure to save March 25, 2023 for the 38th Market Day.

FIBER RELOCATION

We will be having Fiber Relocation at the Buckeye Woods again, Sunday, May 1, starting at about 2 till 4.

Buckeye Woods is in Medina Country

6335 Wedgewood Road.

Medina, OH 44256

This road is also known as Rt. 162

Remember nothing stays at the park. If you cannot find a new home it returns with you.

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