
Something for Everyone

The Guild offers fiber/textile experiences by providing a variety of programs and workshops. Some opportunities include:

- Basketry
- Bead Weaving
- Card Weaving
- Crocheting Techniques
- Dyeing: Natural and Chemical
- Felting
- Holiday Ornaments
- Knitting Techniques and Tricks
- Loom Techniques: Dressing and Warping
- Needle Punch Felting
- Nuno Felting
- Roving Angels
- Sheep-to-Shawl Contests
- Silk Fusion
- Spindle Spinning
- Spinning Techniques
- Tapestry Weaving
- Temari Balls
- Triangle Loom Weaving



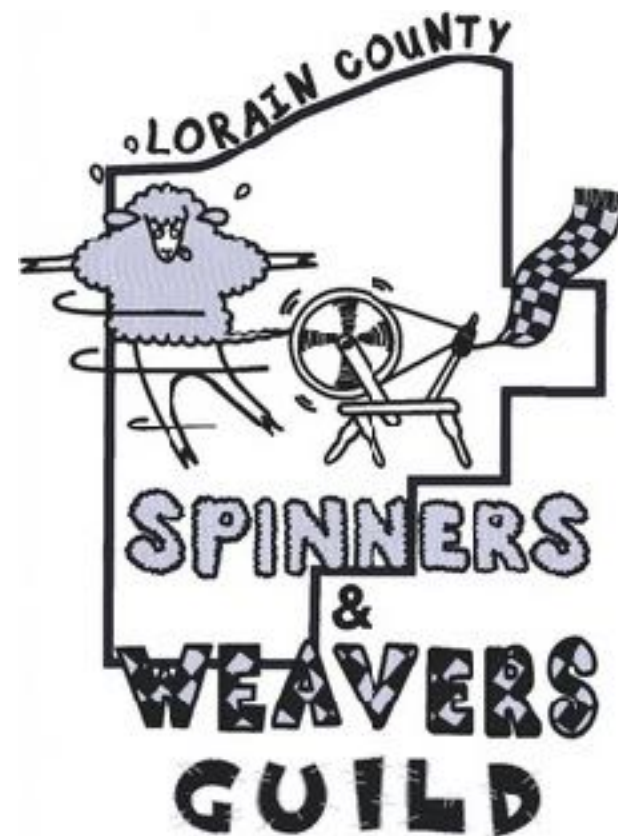
Newsletter and Website

The Guild Newsletter, published monthly, includes a calendar of events, current news, items for sale, photos of programs and workshops as well as other information of interest to members. It is also available electronically at locoguild.com.



LOCO Member demonstrates the use of a spinning wheel.

A love of textiles was on the rise in 1991, so the Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild was established as a way for local textile enthusiasts to gather, learn from each other, share their talents and meet new friends. Today, members are not just from Lorain County, but include Cuyahoga, Medina, Wayne and Holmes Counties as well as the state of Indiana. Members continue to work at supporting the Guild's Mission.



The love of textiles is still on the rise in Lorain County.

Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Mission Statement

The mission of the guild is three-fold;

- 1) to assist members in the pursuit of spinning, weaving and fiber art through education, discussion and programs
- 2) to share their craft through demonstrations in our community.
- 3) to promote friendship and understanding among its members.

Membership

Membership runs July 1st through June 30th. Annual dues are \$20 per membership vote. Household memberships are also available.

Meetings

LOCO Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Nature Center, 12882 Diagonal Road, LaGrange, Ohio. Each meeting includes business reports, "show and tell", social time with refreshments and a program or workshop. The meetings are stimulating, supporting and a place for networking.

Scholarships

LOCO Guild offers two scholarships per year to members for the further development of their fiber/textile skills. The scholarships will be up to \$150 per person. Some examples for the use of scholarship monies are: workshops, classes, books, supplies or other materials.

Equipment on Loan

LOCO Guild has a variety of fiber related equipment that can be borrowed by current members for a short period of time. Equipment includes: spinning wheels, drum carders, table and floor looms, bobbin winders, swifts, drop spindles, blending boards and other equipment and accessories.

Programs and Workshops

Prominent experts present programs and workshops to further the study of spinning and weaving techniques and other fiber-related crafts. Members share their knowledge at "LOCO Lessons" which are short programs prior to meetings.



Nature's Pallet workshop on Natural Dyes

Library

LOCO's Library, located at Ginko Gallery, 19 S. Main St., Oberlin, features an extensive collection of books, magazines and DVDs for members to borrow and non-members to browse on the premises.

Interest Groups

There are additional sessions where members may choose to study spinning, knitting, basket making, weaving or other areas of interest. These groups meet monthly to research ideas and structure, share samples and expand their knowledge and skills.

Service Project

The LOCO Service Project is one of the means by which the guild raises money to support causes related to the mission of the guild. The projects are usually handspun, plied and dyed. Woven scarves and shawls are raffled off at LOCO's December meeting. Proceeds are donated to organizations voted on by the members.

Demonstrations

To meet part of the mission statement, LOCO Guild members participate in demonstrations at fairs, shows, festivals, schools and libraries. Guild members share their expertise on spinning, weaving and other fiber/textile techniques.

Field Trips

On occasion, members travel to other guild meetings, shows and workshops, as well as to museums, events and locations of interest.