

# May 2023 LOCO News ([locoguild.com](http://locoguild.com))

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm**

**Program: Dye Day, (See the next page for instructions)  
No business meeting or show and tell.**

**Location: Carlisle Reservation**

**Snacks provided by: Sherry Y., Deb S., Betsy B.**

**Bring your own Beverage.**

**Face masks available at the door if you want to wear one.**



## LOCO Spinners and Weavers Guild 2023-2024 Challenge

### Inspirational Piece with a Color Twist

This year's challenge is two-fold. Participants will receive an inspirational item to design a project.

You must incorporate a light/dark color pattern in the project. The project will start May 2023 and end April 2024. Inspirational item will be passed out at the May meeting. If you cannot attend, item will be available any time after.



# April 2023 Meeting Highlights: New Name Tags, Monochromatic Challenge, Show & Tell! InVest Class! Wow, lots to see!

## Name Tag Fun!



Monochromatic Challenge:





# More Monochromatic Challenge



## Show & Tell





## Show & Tell



## InVest Class



## How to Get Ready for Dye Day By Karen Long

General instructions follow below for our annual dye day on May 9th, 2023.

The preparation for cotton/tencel/rayon/other plant fibers differs from wool/alpaca/angora/silk/other animal fibers. Be sure to remember the basics:

Dyes, cups, and syringes 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 or other plant fibers, you will soak the items to be dyed in activator [sodium carbonate and water] at the meeting for 30 minutes 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@oberlin.net](mailto:Karen@oberlin.net)



## **A Few More Notes About Dyeing Tencel (from Barb Enos)**

Remember, the night before dyeing your yarn you should soak it in room temperature water with a little bit of dawn (or comparable) soap then rinse. Squeeze it out and bring it to dye day. You will be surprised as to how dirty your water will be.

Notes about Tencel from different sources:

### **WEBS:**

Tencel® is a member of the rayon family, but offers enhanced strength, durability and moisture absorption, making these yarns great for warm weather garments and accessories.

Valley Yarns 8/2 Tencel® is a wonderful weaving yarn well suited to any project that requires drape and sheen. We've created a beautiful selection of rich colors in addition to the natural option. Try it on its own or with another fiber to create an array of interesting color combinations and textures. *Manufactured in Canada and dyed in the USA.*

### **The Woolery:**

Maurice Brassard Tencel 8/2 Yarn 100% Tencel yarn, great for weaving (warp or weft). Has a wonderful silky sheen and great strength. Suggestions: use by itself or combine with Zephyr wool/silk or (for contrast) with 8/2 cotton. Nice for tops and scarves. Order today and experience the quality of this 100% Tencel yarn. Tencel is produced from wood pulp using an environmentally responsible process.

### **Yarn Barn**

Tencel is a type of rayon so it is cool and breathable, with a silk-like sheen and drape. Use it in scarves, shawls, and tailored clothing for fabric that moves beautifully and shows off the rich, luminous shades.

### **Halcyon Yarn**

Tencel yarn is absorbent and breathable like other natural fibers and can be used similarly to silk, bamboo or mercerized cotton. Tencel 8/2 is a great weight for a range of weaving projects from yardage for garments or upholstery to knitted accessories. Don't let synthetic be a dirty word for this deluxe cellulose based fiber. Tencel yarn is soft, silky and very strong - wet or dry it's stronger than cotton.

### **Tencel vs Cotton**

Tencel is stronger and more durable than both cotton and linen, and is stronger than cotton when wet. Cotton is strong and durable, and stronger still when wet, allowing it to hold up well in a hot water wash cycle

### **Does Tencel shrink in the dryer?**

Typically tencel shrinks around 3-5%, which is similar to cotton. To avoid shrinkage, wash on a lower heat and do not tumble dry.

## **President's Perspective: May 2023**

**By Jean Crawford**

**Hard to believe. Wasn't it Christmas just yesterday?**

**Demonstration and fiber festival season is upon us. I urge you to participate in demonstrations. Your name goes in for a chance to win a guild scholarship (or paid membership if you have won a scholarship in the past 3 years) each time you demonstrate. You get to know your fellow guild members better, learn a lot, promote our guild and it is just so much fun.**

**Also, almost time for the Great Lake's Fiber Festival in Wooster. It is truly a wonderful fiber festival, and well worth taking the time to go. Take a look at their web site, ([www.greatlakesfibershow.org](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.org)) Fiber classes, competitions, vendors and demonstrations all in one place. Saturday and Sunday Memorial Day weekend. You will be glad you did.**

**May is dye day, so we will have a very brief meeting and "lots" of dying. Bring your yarn, warps, fiber, clothing or whatever you want to dye. It is lots of fun to see what you come up with, and even more fun to see what everyone else does as well.**

**We have chosen our challenge for this coming year. Details at the May meeting as well.**

**Also, remember June is when our membership renewals are due.**

**A big "Thank You" to all of our volunteers and board members who put your heads together to make our guild the great organization that it is. We are nothing without all of you.**

**Jean**

# April 2023 Minutes

President Jean called the April meeting to order at 7:02 with 34 members present.

Gina brought a wagon load of supplies and helped everyone make a LOCO name tag and Elizabeth brought a wagon load of threads and helped everyone make a cord for the program.

MOTION 2023-5 Irena T moved and Sara T seconded to accept the February minutes as published. Motion passed

Treasurer Missy renewed our HWG membership  
Program Karen asked everyone to arrive at 6:30 for our annual dye meeting next month, there will be no other program and no show & tell. Wear old clothes, bring rubber gloves, paper towels, bags or buckets to transport your wet fiber home in, and bring your prepared fiber.

Sunshine Chris S reported for Chris B that 2 get well, 1 sympathy, and 11 birthday cards were sent.

Barb reported on Lorain County Fair demo plans.

Demo Gina is taking volunteers for the May 11, 7 to 9 demo/program at the quilters guild meeting.

Fourteen members presented and showed their monochromatic challenge projects.

Show & Tell

Sara: quilt made with Shibori indigo, dye samples, sheep puppet, shibori woven crimp shirt

Jean: monks belt

Chris: white dolly

Kathy: knitted scarf

Elaine: chenille scarf, woven and sewn vest

Jean: embellishment sampler

Che: Shetland woven scarf, felted slippers

Cheryl: curly black scarf, denim shirt

Debbie: monk belt placemats, woven and sewn vest

Karen: crochet purple cawl waffle stitch

Sheri: baby blanket, overshot runner, baby sweater, bamboo merino spun yarn.

Gina: woven and sewn vest

Barb: woven and sewn vest

Meeting adjourned at 8:45



## Upcoming Meetings: 2023

### June 13, 2023

6:00PM LOCO LESSON Creation of Artists Pages

Program: Raffle Shawl #3, Jean O. Scholarship Presentation, Start Prepping for Fair Entries

Location: Carlisle Reservation

### July 11, 2023

Program: Sewing with Handwoven Cloth, presented by Vilija D. Fair forms/collection of fair forms

Location: Carlisle Reservation

## Demonstrations: 2023

(Contact Gina T.)

May 11: Russia Township Hall

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### Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Thursday, May 11, 2023 7PM

Please come 30 minutes early to set up.

We will present a short talk at 7pm with a demonstration after.

New Russia Township Hall

46300 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin, OH 44074

### Medina County Fair

Friday, August 4, 2023 9AM - 3PM

Sheep Building, #40,

720 Wear Smith Rd, Medina, OH 44256

In conjunction with Medina Guild

see Nancy Page/Beth Hines about signing up.

### Cuyahoga County Fair

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023 10AM-3PM

19201 East Bagley Rd.,

Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

### Lorain County Fair

The Fair is Aug 21-28, 2023

23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090

Tuesday Aug 23, 2023 10AM - 3PM

Sunday Aug 28, 2023 10AM - 3PM

### Pioneer Experience TBD

Weekday Middle of Sept 9:30a-1:30p

51211 North Ridge Rd.

Vermilion River Reservation

Vermilion, OH 44089

### Birmingham Country Harvest of Antiques & Crafts

Sat Oct 7, 2023 9AM - 4PM

Sun Oct 8, 2023 10:30AM- 4PM

Please arrive 1 hour early to set up.

United Methodist Church

15018 South St., Birmingham, OH 44889

### National Spinning & Weaving Week

Thur Oct 5, 2023 10am - 4pm

13 W. College St., Oberlin OH 44070

In front of Ben Franklin

## Classes/Workshops available in our area:

**FAVA:** <https://www.favagallery.org/>

Tuesdays: Chair Yoga

Wednesdays: Tai Chi

May 6: Inkle Weaving 101 (Gina T. Instructor)

June 3: Baltic Pick up Inkle Loom Weaving (Gina T. Instructor)

**PRAXIS:** <https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org/classes.html>

May 20 & 21: Tapestry Weaving

Multiple date offerings:

Jacquard Weaving

Surface Design

Drop Spindle and Wheel spinning

\* If you know of an in-person or online educational opportunity please share it with the guild through the newsletter! (send information to [lcswguild@gmail.com](mailto:lcswguild@gmail.com))

## Local Fiber Shows:

May 27 & 28, 2023 Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691



## **LOCO Library News – May 2023 (A New Feature!)**

Hello LOCO members! Jean O. and Barb E. are now caretakers of the LOCO Library. We have been busy upgrading the library located at Ginko Gallery in Oberlin. Last year you had an opportunity to take home the books we discarded. In April, we revisited the library and updated the data base.

Starting in May, Jean and Barb will be bringing a small “Book Cart” to meetings so that you may take books out at the meetings and return them to meetings. The library will always be open at Ginko Gallery (look for Ginko Gallery’s hours of operation). The data base will be available at meetings and you may request a book to be brought to the next meeting. We are working on getting the data base on our website.

Two sign-up sheets will be provided; one at Ginko Gallery and one at meetings. Please make sure you put magazine dates or author names on sign-up sheets. It is very difficult for us to keep inventory without this information. If you currently have a book, magazine or other item from the library and are no longer needing it, please return to the next meeting so that we can make sure our inventory records are correct.

Happy Reading,

Jean and Barb

### **News from Area Guilds:**

#### **Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild: (4th Tuesday of each month/Lake Farmpark)**

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except in January-no meeting and December-Saturday luncheon), Show and Tell begins at 6:30 with the meeting at 7:00 pm, at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, [8800 Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH 44094](https://www.lakemetroparks.com/locations/8800-Chardon-Road-Kirtland-OH-44094). Join us early from 6 to 6:30 before the meeting with your current project for some casual work time! (No general meeting in May)

#### **Cuyahoga Weavers Guild: (A couple of our LOCO members have seen this and it looks amazing!)**

April 14-May 6, 2023: Guild Exhibit at the Beachwood Community Center, 25225 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Hours: 8 am-4 pm M-F.

## News from Area Guilds:

### Medina Guild: (Nancy Page)

Our last meeting is May 16, 2023, We try to start this one at 7:00p.m. We might have a few business items. But this is "The Spike Neilson Fashion Show." We will have a raffle and food. Karen Long will be the M.C.

**Dandelion Drive: May 21, 12-5, Brunswick Historical Farm, 4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212. We will be in the big red Barn, Spinning, Weaving, Hooking as long as it is Fiber Arts—This is the Spring version of the Fall Foliage Tour.**

**Great Lakes Fiber Festival May 27 & 28: We are getting ready and excited. See below for help that we still need.**

**Class Angels: I have heard back from all but one of the instructors and I am currently in need of 2 class assistant or angels. They are for Saturday Morning only classes. One is "Knitting Tools: Making a Pendant Necklace" with Jennifer Davis. The other is "Circle Weaving" with Janelle Hallett. These are 3 hour classes so you will have plenty of time to shop. Please remember you are there to assist the instructor. Contact me as soon as you can so I can let them know that they will have help. Also we will have pictures of the class rooms, please put the room back the way it was before the class.**

**Booth Volunteers/Demonstrators: As those of you know from years past this is a great time to rest. take a breath, show us what you bought, catch up with friends. If you are coming to demo, sell or just hang out, please bring your own chair. Fairgrounds does not provide. I will have water & maybe cookies again.**

**Selling: if you are selling at the GLFS, you have to spend time in the booth, items need to be tagged with your name and price. If you tell me you will bargain and leave the booth, I will need your cell number so I can contact you about the price or any questions the buyer has regarding the object.**

**Hospitality: This is new and we are still working on procedures. We do have 5 show barns of vendors. So thank you in advance to everyone that has signed up so far. I have your cells so if you are out shopping, I can reach you. Please let me know when you arrive and when you leave for the day. As we get this figured out I will have more information.**

**Collecting Items: Yes I collect certain items for various projects. Washed Tin Cans, a friend creates tin people out of them. Old pill bottles, the Girl Scouts in Brunswick, collect them for Doctors without Borders. And till the end of the school year bottle caps, Richfield High School is collecting them to melt down and make a park bench.**

**2023 Medina Demonstrations are listed on the next page.**

2023 DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\*Schedule is subject to change\*\*\*\*\*

MONTH	DATE	TIME	ORGANIZATION	SITE	ADDRESS	Contact
May	Sunday 21	12-5	Brunswick Historical Society	Brunswick Historical Farm	4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick Ohio 44212	Nancy
	Saturday 27	10-5	Great Lakes Fiber Show	Wayne County Fair Grounds	199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691	Nancy
	Sunday 28	10-4	Great Lakes Fiber Show	Wayne County Fair Grounds	199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691	Nancy
June	Saturday 17	9-6	Junleath - Lorain Country Spinners & Weavers	Underground Railroad Center	291 S. Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074	Gina Talanda
	Sundays	10-2	Sundays at the Farm	Brunswick Historical Farm	4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick Ohio 44212	Nancy
July	Saturday 8	2-5	Broadview Historical Society	Home Days in Broadview Heights	9543 Broadview Heights, OH 44147	Nancy
	Friday 4	9-3	Medina & LOCO Spinning & Weaving Guilds	Medina County Fair Ground	#40 343-499 Fair Road, Medina, Ohio 44256	Nancy
August	Sundays	10-2	Sundays at the Farm	Brunswick Historical Farm	4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick Ohio 44212	Nancy
	Thursday 11	10-3	Ouyahoga Fair	Ouyahoga Fair Grounds	19201 E. Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130	Nancy
	??? Friday 12	6-9	Ouyahoga Fair	Ouyahoga Fair Grounds	19201 E. Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130	Nancy
	Saturday 26	10-4	Marshallville Historical Days	Marshallville Historical Cabin	Marshallville 44645	Nancy Costume
	Sunday 27	11-3	Lorain Spinners and Weavers Guild	Lorain County Fair Grounds	23000 Fangrounds Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090	Gina
September	Sundays	10-2	Sundays at the Farm	Brunswick Historical Farm	4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick Ohio 44212	Nancy
	Saturday 16	8-2	Weymouth Historical Day	Weymouth Preservation Society School House	3314 Myers Rd., Medina, Ohio 44256	Nancy Costume
	Sunday 17	12-5	Hudson Historical Society	Case-Barlow Farm	1831 Barlow Rd., Hudson, Ohio 44236	Jill or Nancy Costume
October	Wednesday 4	10-3	National Spinning & Weaving Week	Buehler's Market Medina	3626 Medina Road, Medina, Ohio 44256	Nancy
	Thursday 5	10-2	National Spinning & Weaving Week	Ben Franklin Oberlin	13 W. College Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074	Nancy
	Sunday 8	10-5	Brunswick Historical Society Pumpkin Festival	Brunswick Historical Farm	4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick Ohio 44212	Nancy
	Saturday 21	10-5	Autumn Fiber Festival	Richland County Fair Grounds	750 N. Home Road, Mansfield, OH 44906	Nancy
	Sunday 22	10-5	Autumn Fiber Festival	Richland County Fair Grounds	750 N. Home Road, Mansfield, OH 44906	Nancy



**The Northwest Pennsylvania, Lorain County and Medina Spinners and Weavers**

**Guilds Present:**

**“You Cannot Treadle Your Way Out of Trouble”**

**A Spinning Wheel Tune Up Workshop by Ed “The Wheel Healer” Rowe**



**Saturday, June 10, 2023 10 am - 4:00 pm at Pittsfield Township Hall, NW Corner of 303 and 58, Oberlin,**

**OH 44074 Cost \$25 which includes lunch, beverages, snack, instructions and oil.**

**Workshop Overview: A hands on workshop which will cover a quick review of spinning wheel history,**

**types of wheels, parts, and drive systems and why they are different. Learn when or when not to oil,**

**tools for emergency repairs, is it you or the spinning wheel, choosing a wheel, and lots of fun facts and**

**useful information. Participants should bring: A wheel, floor protection (rug or towel), rags and paper**

**towels, small crochet hook, hand cleaner, pen/pencil for notes and optional gloves and apron.**

**Spinning Wheel Tune Up Workshop Reservation Form - Please return with your check payable to LOCO**

**c/o Jean Crawford, 10480 Indian Hollow Rd, Elyria, OH 44035**

**Contact Jean at 440-670-1724 or [jeancrw8@aol.com](mailto:jeancrw8@aol.com) with any questions.**

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## **Just Who is this Ed Rowe guy?**

**There is always danger when you have a fiber-oriented wife. It seems there is always need for this little tool or a replacement worn part for (you can fill in the blank). This hasn't changed for the past 58 years and, yes, it can be a challenge at times.**

**In the late 60's I had my first serious challenge when there was a sudden need for a spinning wheel. Family budgets didn't really allow for such extravagance. As a hobby woodworker, doing simple projects like wall clocks and other small items, this seemed to be a reasonable challenge. This resulted in an information search which included books on "how to build a spinning wheel" and plans for about 8 different style spinning wheels.**

**At the same time, I was working my way up the ladder of manufacturing management and operating a retail business selling and repairing Lionel Trains. The opportunities to learn multiple skills were boundless and proved helpful in later years.**

**With 30 years in manufacturing and 50 years of retail experience under my belt, I had a chance to retire. Yes, my reward for all those years of working!**

**Sitting on my porch with my morning coffee watching my neighbors heading off to work lasted only about a week before I decided that this retirement thing wasn't going to work for me. It was the late 90's, so I started a small one-man business manufacturing toy train parts. It was great to be busy, but it wasn't enough, so combining small parts manufacturing skills with woodworking skills seemed to be a natural application. We expanded operations to spinning and weaving accessories. Spinning wheel repairs and new great wheels have become a large part of daily activities with over 160 wheels built or repaired in the last 22 years.**

**NOTE: The wheel Ed is spinning on in the workshop flyer is one that he built.**



## **Guild Leadership: 2023**

**President: Jean Crawford**

**Vice President: Sara Twining**

**Treasurer: Missy Merril**

**Secretary: Elaine Jameyson**

**Workshops:**

**Programs: Ann Davies, Jean Ohlenbusch, Karen Long, Gina Talandis**

**Library: Barb Enos & Jean Ohlenbusch**

**Demonstrations: Gina Talandis. Elizabeth Yasaki**

**Membership: Missy Merril**

**Sunshine: Christine Bruce**

**Guild Equipment: Julie Bragg**

**Refreshments: Irena Talandis**

**Historian: Ann Hauser**

**Newsletter/Website: Ann Davies**

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



## For Sale:

Wild and Wooly is having it's Close Out Dead Weaver Sale this month. Everything will be off the shelves the end of this month. We are selling at 75% off and if you spend \$100 or more then you get the equivalent amount in product free. 1509 South Water Street Kent Ohio 44240 3308150754  
Tuesdays and Saturdays 8am to 7pm

### Spinning Wheel For Sale:



**Contact: Carrie Layne** ([carriejaskiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:carriejaskiewicz@gmail.com) )

**From Carrie:**

**I have a nice spinning that was my grandmothers. It's may be thirty years old and hasn't been used much.**

**The Hines Sheep Co.**

**Tom, Beth and Holly Hines 10735 LaGrange  
Road, Elyria, OH 44035 (440) 458-4049  
Fleece of champion Columbias and South-  
downs and Natural Sheep (black) Roving,  
skins yarn, freezer lamb, jerky.**

**By Appointment**

**Ed the Wheel Healer**

**Maker of Great Wheels**

**Mender of All Things Spinning**

**Ed Rowe 45485 Hughes Rd. Oberlin, OH  
44074 (440) 774-3210 (216) 269-5413**

**Ginko Gallery**

**Liz Burgess**

**19 S. Main Oberlin, OH 44074  
(440) 774-3117**



**Local Artists' Work, Studio Space,  
Art Supplies**

**Donations appreciated for the kittens.**