

October 2023 LOCO News (locoguild.com)

Next Meeting: October 10, 2023

Program: One Woman's Opinion

Because the Wellington setting is not so easy for us to show a movie, we have made a program change. The movie on overshoot will be shown in November at our usual location (Carlisle Reservation).

As a lead in to our monthly LOCO Guild Fair (23-24) entries, we thought we would instead have an informal critique of any weaving, spinning or knitting projects members would care to bring in. Rosanna Ludwig is a member of the Medina Spinners and Weavers Guild. She has years of experience as a weaver, spinner, and knitter. She will be with us in October with a program we are calling "One Woman's Opinion". Anyone is free to bring in a piece or two of their work, be it fantastic, or maybe not so much so, and Rosanna will give us all her critique. This is an informal setting, and we hope folks will receive her thoughts in the spirit in which they are given. We will get to as many pieces as time allows.

Business meeting, Show & Tell

Location: Wellington Reservation

Snacks provided by: Betsy B., Sheri Z., Barbara D.

(Thanks for all the yummy snacks last month!)

Bring your own Beverage.

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



Lorain County Fair Moments 2023





Upcoming Meetings: 2023

November 14, 2023 (Carlisle Reservation)

Program: Movie Night (Overshot)

December 12, 2023 (Wellington Reservation)

Program: Potluck, Ornament Exchange, Shawl Raffle

LOCO Library

What's New in the Guild Library: Fall magazines are ready to take out and read. New books ordered:

Studio Companion of Essential Natural Dye Formulas for Dyers which includes 36 formulas in 10 categories of dye recipes for natural dyeing and 133 full-color swatches. It is an ideal companion for a book we have on order The Art and Science of Natural Dyes.

The Enigma of Shadow Weave; Understanding Classic Drafts for Inspired Weaving Today by Rebecca Winter. Schiffer Publishing, c2022. (The following book review is by Jean O. Ask her about this great book!)

Shadow Weave is a color and weave cloth with a remarkable number of possibilities. It's based on a twill threading and can be a unit weave. Motifs that are geometric or organic can be woven in the same warp and at least three different methods can be used to draft it. It's origins seem to be unknown, but it was introduced in this country by Mary Meigs Atwater in her Shuttle-Craft Guild Bulletin.

The Enigma of Shadow Weave is well organized and the text clearly written. Winters lays out the two main methods of drafting: the Atwater and Powell methods and explains the rationale behind each so the weaver can make an informed choice. The book is amply illustrated with drafts and pictures of the woven cloth. A chapter on Block Theory and Shadow Weave is followed by a chapter on designing shadow weave, one on Doubleweave plus six projects. By the end of the book, the weaver should understand the theory behind the Atwater and Powell methods of drafting, although the author prefers the Powell method. One appendix includes the original drafts developed by Mary Meigs Atwater in 1942 as well as ten original drafts by the author.

New Monthly Meeting Challenge: Fair Table

Feeling frazzled by your fair projects? Don't wait until the last minute! After hearing so many members talking about frantically (starting and) finishing their fair projects this year, the program committee came up with this idea.

Every month, we will have a "fair" table. Based on the spinning and weaving categories in the 2023 Lorain County Fair Book, members can enter their newly completed projects. It can be something you are considering entering in the fair next year, it can be your regular show and tell, as long as it fits into any of those two categories. The members will vote on the best project on the table and the winner will get \$7.00 as their prize money. (We'll only have one blue ribbon prize each month). But here's the catch: you can only ever enter an item, say scarf, or kitchen towel one time. You can of course bring them for our regular show and tell, just not for the fair table. The idea is to get a head start on your fair entries. We will start the fair table in November and run through July of next year. That's nine chances to win!! You must be a member in good standing to participate.

LOCO Study Group: Double Warp

LOCO's study group on double warp will have the finished scarves at LOCO's October meeting. Scarves will be labeled with structure and comments regarding project. Recipients will be able to take their scarves home that night. Don't miss out on viewing all the beautiful hand dyed scarves.

From Our Membership:

LOCO Members are Published Writers (by Barb Enos)

Two LOCO members, Suzanne Brungo Reyes and Barb Enos, had articles published in Spin Off (Fall 2023) and Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot (Fall 2003). Suzanne has been spinning since 2006, but started spinning regularly in 2018. She is pictured proudly wearing her blending board sweater. Directions are listed in the article. Other photos include her blending board and finished yarn.

Barb's article was a reflection of LOCO's Chain Reaction challenge. Similar to the "telephone game" we all played as children, one inspirational project was passed down to another member to create a project based on the gifted project - and so on and so on. Photos of projects are included in the article. Congratulations to both members. Magazines are located in our guild library.

Gathering of the Guilds (by Ann Davies)

I was able to go to a "Gathering of the Guilds" on Saturday, September 9 in Cincinnati, sponsored by the Weavers Guild of Greater Cincinnati. They had a guild tent with basketry, blacksmithing, book arts, chair seat caning, clay fabrication, quilting, enameling, gem cutting, glassblowing, printmaking, weaving and woodturning guild representatives where people could see the craft and talk with people from the respective guilds. They also had tours of the guild house (yes, the guild owns it's own house with classrooms, a library, dye room and small shop) and they had various artisans selling their goods. It was a great event and a great way to share the love of making with the wider public. Way to go weavers, weaving people together!



Demonstrations: 2023

(Contact Gina T.)

This is about the upcoming demonstrations. First, I want to mention a few things about demos. They are for everyone regardless of skill level. Demonstrations are great places to learn from more experienced folks. Do take advantage of it. The whole point is we get out in the general public and share the joy of our artistry. We have gained some wonderful additions to our guild thru demonstrations. (You know who you are). We could inspire someone to restart another forgotten craft... It doesn't really matter; the point is we go out there and make lives and our guild a bit happier. And we usually have a ton of fun.

Secondly, if you are planning to come to one of these demonstrations it helps to notify me at darzas@msn.com. Tell me about when you are coming and how long you can stay. That way if something happens or it gets cancelled, I can notify you.

***Thursday, Oct. 5th, 10:00 am to 3:00
13 W. College St. Oberlin, Ohio 44074***

We celebrate National Spinning Week by spinning on the sidewalk in front of Ben Franklins in Oberlin. I don't plan on putting up a cover, the weather is going to be great, 88 of a high. There was some legal flap about the tents at Juneteenth earlier this year. Liability and all. But if you want you can. But you are responsible for it and any issues. Bring your chair, there are places to buy food and drink in Oberlin. Spinning is the emphasis, but I have seen other fiber arts turn up and be soooo welcome. A loom, knitting, etc. Come celebrate!

Saturday, Oct. 7th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sunday, Oct. 8th, 10:30am to 4pm

Annual Country Harvest of Antiques, Birmingham Methodist Church, 15018 South Street, Wakeman, Ohio

Any Fiber Arts goes! Weavers, Spinners, small hand looms, knitting, etc. There is ample parking, but the small blacktop in front is for handicap. We usually get a nice space in the big tent, but you need to bring your own chair. Bring your own snacks or buy from the food vendors. If you need to bring in a vehicle for a loom you have to be back in the parking lot by 8:30am on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. We sell raffle tickets at this event for or service project, so if you just want to spend some time, come take over raffle sales for a couple hours before or after you go shopping! If you are coming, please let me know. I have free entrance wristbands for any of the demonstrators. You can just call me when you get there and I will bring it to you. I won't know what slot until Friday nite when I go down there and I will send out that info. But we are always inside the big tent.

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



September 2023 Meeting Highlights:

Show & Tell:



September 12, 2023 Minutes

The September meeting was called to order by President Jean after the many members in attendance shopped the raffle baskets.

> Barb D moved and MaryAnn K seconded to accept the August minutes as published. Motion passed.

> President Jean reminded everyone of the Inspirational Piece with a Color Twist on going Challenge and thanked everyone for their contribution and fiber presence at the county fair from demonstrating, to entering, to helping set up and tearing down.

Next month we will have the study group presenting their double warp projects.

> Membership Missy: Membership is at 59 with 12 unpaid from last year.

> Program Karen: Next month is at Wellington with movie night. Watch newsletter as the rest of the year the meeting location bounces back and forth between Wellington and LaGrange.

> No Sunshine report

> Equipment Julie: We have a new to us Lendrum spinning wheel to loan out.

> Library Barb went over the suitcase of books she brought to be checked out by members. She also announced that the Handweavers Guild of America's next issue of Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot will publish the article she wrote about our Collaboration Challenge.

> Betsy showed off the lovely project shawl she wove at the Lorain County Fair Demo.

> President Jean would like us to get some workshops back up and running and is collecting ideas.

> New News:

> Karen presented LOCO Guild Fair 23-24 program. Details will be published.

> The meeting ended with Show & Tell

> Karen L: Nightshift shawl knit by former member Kay Mangiore with Karen's hand spun yarns.

> Nancy Z: woven cottolin towels

> Irena T: woven placemats, pot and cup holders

> Sheri Z: inkle loom key chains

> Jean O: overshot towels



President's Perspective: October 2023

By Jean Crawford

Fall is here, and with it, one of my favorite times of the year. I love the fall colors, which are so inspiring for fiber projects. I have projects all over my living room, including my LOCO pinecone challenge, and will be glad when lawn and garden season is done so I can devote more time to them.

I was so very excited. There are mushrooms galore in my yard. I was anticipating some natural dyeing with them. Alas, in researching this variety, they are not color-fast. Oh well they are yellow and orange, and pretty to look at.

October brings more demo/get together opportunities in National Spinning and Weaving Week, and Country Harvest of Antiques and Crafts in Birmingham, OH. Take the opportunity with this lovely weather to join in. You will be glad you did.

Our double scarf project ends this month, and we will see everyone's hand-painted, woven projects at the meeting. An-ti-ci-pa-a-tion!!

Don't forget to start your fair projects for next year. This will be a good way to keep up on your entries, and possibly earn money toward your membership pass.

Well done program committee.

See you all at the October meeting in Wellington.

Jean

A decorative border of pumpkins with carved faces surrounds the text.

Medina Guild Updates: (Nancy Page)

Our next meeting is October 17, at 7:30, in the Fellowship Hall at the Medina Presbyterian Church [5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.](#) at Rt. 18. The Program Will be Terri Prosis talking about how she processes her Icelandic Fleeces. Terri's fleece was judged Best in Show at the Great Lakes Fiber Festival last May

DEMONSTRATIONS: We currently have a few left this season.

October 1, 10-2, Sunday at the Farm at the Brunswick Historical Society, [4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, OH 44212.](#)

October 2 to 8 is National Spinning & Weaving Week. So get out, Spin & Weave in public.

October 3, 10-2, Spin/Craft at Beth Hines Craft House, It is the first Tuesday so Beth Cooks. Please bring \$5 for the supplies.

October 4, 10-3, Buehler's Market on Rt. 18. [3626 Medina Road.](#) Bring your lunch or buy at the Market.

October 5, 10-2 or 3. Ben Franklin, Oberlin, 13 W. College Street.

October 8, 10-5, Sunday at the Farm at the Brunswick Historical Society, [4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, OH 44212.](#)

October 21 & 22, 10-5 and 11-4, Richland County Fairgrounds, [750 N. Home Rd, Mansfield, OH 44906](#)

DONATIONS

We have many in our communities and abroad that are in need of help and there are a great many items that we throw away that we can donate to help them.

Flannel-flannel pieces can be donated to the Socially Responsible Sweatshop in Kent, they surge the edges and make washcloths for those in need.

Egg Cartons-Check with your local food bank & pantries. Many of them get donations of eggs on large flats they need the egg cartons to divide them up.

Pill Bottles-I give them to a woman who works with the Girl Scouts in Brunswick. They send them to Doctors without Borders to distribute medicine. Dianna has also found a place called Matthew 25, down near Cincinnati.

Grandma's Pantry-This is the one at the church. Peanut Butter and Jelly in plastic containers, for the kids to take home in their backpacks. They also collect personal care items, for those in need and the shelters

Tin Cans-I have a friend that makes things out of your soup cans. He does recycle what he does not use If you know of some way we can help others please let us know. .



FOR SALE:

4 Harness, 6 Treadle Harrisville Loom

Includes 3 reeds, a couple of shuttles, wood stool, spools of cotton. Does need some work. Asking \$800. Being sold by past LOCO member Carrie Gladyszewski, 419-945-2660

50's Family Loom

A woman wants to sell a family loom from the 50's. Says it was used to make bigger rag rugs. She says she talked to someone before but lost the information. Her name is Nancy Washko, 440-777-4857. Loom was carefully disassembled into it's original box. She couldn't remember the name but could send photos to anyone interested. (From Betsy Bruce and Liz Burgess)



Interesting things happening in our area:

Autumn Fiber Festival

Can you believe we are just 90 days away from the Autumn Fiber Festival? It's true. In case you haven't heard, the event will be held in Mansfield this year, in the Arts and Crafts Building at the Richland County Fairgrounds. We're excited about the new venue ... it's easy to get to, has plenty of parking, and there's lots for visitors to do in Richland County!

The dates are Saturday, October 21st from 10am-5pm and Sunday, October 22nd from 11am-4pm. Be sure to visit the [website](#) to see the list of vendors that will be coming. There will be fiber related demonstrations going on throughout the event, and fiber animals to see outside. Our vendors donate fiber items to be put in baskets to be given away to the lucky winners of a raffle. Proceeds benefit the 4-H club that helps with the show, and the Matthew 25 Outreach Center in Richland County. There will be food vendors so you can have a bite to eat while you're there. For Buckeye football fans, we plan to televise the OSU game! Unlike many shows, parking is free and so is admission. We hope you can come!

Again, I hope you will mark your calendars and set aside time for some fiber fun and shopping at the Autumn Fiber Festival!

(Julie Petty, Chairperson
www.autumnfiberfestival.com)

Join us for the 10th Annual

Autumn Fiber Festival

Saturday, October 21st, 2023, 10am—5pm

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, 11am-4pm

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

750 N Home Rd, Mansfield, OH

FREE ADMISSION/FREE PARKING

Local fiber producers, craftsmen, and artists, will be brought together to sell their fiber related wares and handmade items at this two day event. Watch skilled artisans demonstrate their skills, and educate the visiting public about natural fibers and their importance to our community and culture. See lots of talent all under one roof, stock up on fiber related materials for your own projects, learn a new craft, and do some Christmas shopping! Visit with various types of Fiber Animals that will be on display throughout the weekend.

Raffle benefitting the Richland County Food Pantries and Local 4-H Club

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For more information visit:

www.autumnfiberfestival.com



Guild Leadership: 2023

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Vice President: Sara Twining

Treasurer: Missy Merrill

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 Merrill

Sunshine: Christine Bruce

Guild Equipment: Julie Bragg

Refreshments: Irena Talandis

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