

November 2023 LOCO News

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023

Program: Movie Night!
(Overshot)

Business meeting, Show & Tell

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks provided by: Ben K.,
Debbie S., Elaine J.

**(Thanks for all the yummy
snacks last month!)**

Bring your own Beverage.

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



Upcoming Meetings: 2023

December 12, 2023 (Wellington Reservation)

Program: Potluck, Ornament Exchange, Shawl Raffle

Upcoming Meetings: 2024

January 9, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

February 13, 2024 Wellington Reservation

March 12, 2024 Wellington Reservation

April 9, 2024 Wellington Reservation

May 14, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

June 11, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

July 9, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

August 13, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

September 10, 2024 Carlisle Reservation

October 8, 2024, Wellington Reservation

Coming in 2024:

Study Group for 2024 Nature's Pallet: A Study Group for Natural Dyeing for Any Fiber Artist (First meeting January 9, 2024 6pm

Demonstrations: 2023

(Contact Gina T.)

No more demonstrations for 2023. Let Gina know if you know of any opportunities in 2024. A big thank you to those of you who demonstrated in 2023 and represented our guild. You rock (and spin and weave and knit and crochet....)

LOCO Library

The library suitcase will be at our November meeting. Take a look and sign out a book!

Book Review by: Jean O.

New LOCO Library Resource

The Library now owns a copy of The Complete Manual for Natural Dyes; Principles, Experiments and Results, by Joy Boutrup and Catherine Ellis.

Written by a textile engineer and chemist (Boutrup) and a textile artist, practitioner and writer (ELLIS), its detailed and tested recipes for every process make it an ideal resource for dyers of every level of experience regardless of whether they are dying fiber or printing on fabric, etc.

The manual includes:

Essential recipes and information to improve dyers skills and results. Covers theory, fibers, mordants, dyes, printing, organic vats, finishing, color mixing, fastness ...

Photos feature more than 450 dyed samples illustrating results and comparing actual dye tests.

Special techniques of printing and discharging indigo are also featured.

The LOCO Library also owns the Studio Formulas Set for The Complete Manual for Natural Dyes which is a box of cards that show the colors produced using specific dyes and formulas.

Barb Enos presented the set at the October LOCO Meeting.

The LOCO Library has several other excellent books on dyeing which with this resource could form the foundation for a study group on dying. More details on this idea at the November meeting.

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.

The Fair Challenge Table Starts This Month!

From Our Membership:

“To my way of thinking, the more people who know about weaving, the better for the craft.” (and the guild) (1925 Mary Meigs Atwater)

Study Group for 2024!

Nature's Pallet: A Study Group for Natural Dyeing for Any Fiber Artist

Are you interested in learning more about dyeing yarn with natural plants? Are you interested in starting a dye garden? This study group will take an intense look at dyeing with natural plants found in Ohio and beyond. Come to a brainstorming meeting 6:00 pm just prior to our January LOCO meeting. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Barb will facilitate a session as to what direction the study group would like to proceed and a time-line for the study group to follow. Bring your ideas and questions. If you cannot make the January meeting talk to Barb Enos, Jean Crawford or Karen Long. Let's start a bibliography of books or articles. Bring any resources you have to the meeting.

Get your “Swag” on

New members and old members alike...how would you like to update your wardrobe with a new shirt, hat, bag, or sweatshirt with our LOCO guild logo? Big Frog Custom T-shirts in Avon still has a 5-10% discount if you buy from this link: <https://lcsinandweave.itemorder.com/>

If you think you want something different than what is in the LOCO link you can always go to their store: Avon Commons, 35878 Detroit Road, Avon, OH 44011 or call them at 440-723-3393. (If you don't get it from our link then you will have to pay regular prices.)

Christmas is coming. LOCO swag might be the perfect gift to ask for from family or to give to family!

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



October Highlights:

Study Group Scarf Exchange:



October Demonstration at Ben Franklin:



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October Meeting Show and Tell:



October, 2023 Minutes

The October meeting opened with guest speaker Rosanna Ludwig critiquing or projects and explaining what a judge may be looking for in our work. She also brought many examples of good and bad.

> Jean O moved and Sara T seconded to accept the September minutes as published, motion passed.

> The Double Warp study group completed their workshop and all the beautiful one of a kind scarves were on display.

> Gina reported that demo season has ended with a very successful Birmingham demo and it's rumored to possibly have been their last. She thanked everyone for their participation this year and reminded us that now is the time to work on our Inspiration Piece with a Color Twist for the guild challenge.

> Missy will have membership books soon and has tickets available for the project shawl raffle coming up in December.

> Karen went over the up coming programs including November Movie Night, December Holiday PotLuck, shawl raffle, scholarship drawing, ornament exchange, and January Business meeting.

> Sunshine report: July 5 birthdays, 1 sympathy, 1 get well, August 1 birthday, September 8 birthdays, October 3 birthdays.

> The Big Frog link will be added to our website for ordering LOCO wear.

> Barb showed new books and other resources from our library and available to check out.

> Next years service shawl that was recently completed was on display.

> Nancy went over Medina Guilds happenings.

> Jean is looking into a March or April Weave In and is shopping for workshop ideas.

> Barb passed out fair reimbursements. If you are entitled to one and have not yet received it get in touch with her.

> Meeting closed with refreshments followed by Show & Tell

> Nancy: Tlingit decorated vest

> Sherri: knitted sweater from her hand spun yarn and mitts.

> Nancy: hand knit socks



President's Perspective: November 2023

By Jean Crawford

Hopefully, I have now mowed for the last time and am now in the process of getting garden boxes and flower beds winterized. I am also major cleaning inside to get ready for Christmas, and anticipated spinning, knitting and weaving over the winter months. I find I am very organizationally challenged. I start a project, and my house immediately becomes chaotic. I seem to have an aversion to putting things back where I took them from and have no idea why.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's fair projects this month. One project I am working on went up in flames, but I have learned a lot, and will do another attempt with what I have learned.

Time to start working on your Christmas ornament exchange if you want to participate this year. Seeing everyone's creations at the December potluck is so much fun.

I am very excited about our new study group being formed for natural dyeing. If you were ever interested in natural dyes, but not sure how to proceed, here is your chance. Look for Barb's article in the newsletter.

See you all at the November meeting at Carlisle.

Jean



Medina Guild Updates: (Nancy P.)

Our next meeting is on November 21 at 7:00 pm. The program will be a fiber arts presentation by Tacy Raymaly.

Demonstrations:

We have six opportunities for you to demonstrate at.

The Bay Village Historical Society at Rose Hill in Calhoun Park would like to have spinners, weavers, rug hookers, tatters or bobbin lace to demonstrate starting in December on Sundays (December 3,10, 17) 2pm to 4:30 pm and Wednesdays (December 6,13,20) 4 pm to 7 pm. While they would like costumes, it is understood that not everyone has an historical outfit. Please come dressed for the holidays. Space is tight so please let Nancy know if you are coming.

“I would like to send out hugs and thank yous to all who came to the Autumn Fiber Festival to demonstrate and help load up. I am starting the list of demos for next year. If you know of dates and times of events, please let me know.”

International Exchange Opportunity

Canberra (Australia) Spinners and Weavers invites you to participate in the 32nd Annual International Scarf Exchange

The Annual Scarf Exchange is an international program aiming to preserve the skills of spinning, weaving, knitting, and crocheting to expand the fibre craft network, and to challenge each crafter to produce their best work. Our theme for 2023-2024 is Aurora Australis.

How it works. Each crafter will send 150-200grams of clean, carded or combed fibre to the event organiser, -Canberra Spinners and Weavers (CSW) for 2023-2024. CSW will receive your fibre and exchange it for another entrant's fibre, then post the exchanged fibre to you. Your new fibre package will include 150 - 200gms of fibre ready for you to spin, and then craft into a scarf, shawl/wrap, cowl, or beanie. When you have completed your crafted item you will post it back to CSW. All items will be displayed in the "Annual Scarf Exchange Exhibition" which will be held in the 'Fay Skyring Canberra Textile Works Gallery' at CSW Maclaurin Cres Chifley 22-30 June 2024. A list of fees and dates for the exchange program is outlined in the following entry form. At the conclusion of the exhibition the item made from your fibre will be sent to you, with the details of the person who crafted it for you.

As you will appreciate it is very important that your submitted fibre is clean, carded or combed, and free from any contamination or strong odours, including mothballs or similar as this may trigger asthma. The fibre submitted can be any fibre or colour of your liking. If you send white or natural coloured fibre which could be dyed, CSW will try to match your fibre with another entrant who has dyeing skills, unless you specify you would like it left in its natural state. Please note: CSW reserves the right to return any fibre packs to the sender if the fibre doesn't comply with the above conditions. The fibre must be sent in a resealable plastic bag. Any fibre left after the crafting, will also be returned to you along with your item after the exhibition.

Entry fees cover administrative and return postage costs for all Australian entrants. International entrants will need to pay for the return postage of your crafted item.

CSW look forward to receiving your entry and hope you enjoy your crafting experience

So, have fun and make new friends.

(Full PDF regarding this event will be posted on the website)



Guild Leadership: 2023

President: Jean Crawford

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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Liz Burgess

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