

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

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2023**

**POTLUCK NIGHT! 6:30 pm start**

**Program:** Handmade Christmas ornament exchange, drawing for scholarships, shawl raffle, Business meeting, Show & Tell

**Location:** Wellington Reservation

**Snacks provided by:** All of us! It's a potluck!

**(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: 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 December meeting. Take a look and sign out a book!**



## 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.

## From Our Membership:

### Wool Waulking: (From Ann D.)

Has anyone ever heard of “Wool Waulking”? My niece sent me a video and I had to look this one up. I thought I would share the video and what I found out about wool waulking. For more of a background on what Waulking is:

[https://youtu.be/yunmgcAoOSc?si=f27S\\_OwqERsonOWJ](https://youtu.be/yunmgcAoOSc?si=f27S_OwqERsonOWJ)

For a chance to see waulking in process:

<https://youtu.be/KVfN8jJHDgg?si=OeICN4LaD3OOQMqC>

### 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://lcspinandweave.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





## November Highlights:

### Show & Tell:




**Our First Fair Share:**



**The Winner: Jean C!**







## November, 2023 Minutes

The November meeting had 29 members present.

- > Nance P moved and Irena T seconded to accept the October minutes as published. Motion passed.
- > Please watch the website and newsletter for meeting location as it bounces back and forth with many more meetings in Wellington. Our guild dye day will be April or May because of location schedule.
- > Treasurer Missy passed out membership directory's.
- > Program Karen went over our Holiday extravaganza happenings next month, and asked members to be thinking of meeting ideas for our January business meeting.
- > Demo Gina announced Birmingham is officially done. She is working on picking up Majestic Farms demo September 23 & 24. FAVA is planning a spin in March 2-9 and a weave in July 25-27. So 2024 is coming together.
- > Newsletter Ann encouraged everyone to keep forwarding anything and everything you find as she gets many positive comments on our newsletter.
- > Service Project Karen and Elizabeth have project fiber to be spun before our guild dye day.
- > Nancy went over Medina happenings, gatherings and demos that are happening.
- > Sunshine reported by Sara 10 Birthday and 1 Get Well cards were sent.
- > Old Business
- > Still looking and listening for workshop ideas.
- > Weave in is possibly March 23 & 24
- > Please look at the new phone tree in membership directory. Snowed out meeting will follow this tree as well as information being emailed.
- > Betsy reported on the Historic Grafton School Art Center and how the fiber room is coming together. She is looking for what we can do to help launch this program and what they can do to support fiber arts growth. Maybe a guild tour or meeting on location for introductions.
- > New Business
- > Natural Dye Study group will be meeting. Please come to the meeting to develop a path, the what, when and how's.
- > Jean Crawford's beautiful table runner won the first month Fair Table Challenge.
- > Show & Tell
- > Karen : natural dyed silk
- > Jean: crackle towels
- > Margaret: needle felting
- > Betsy: 3/5 tencel scarves in rosepath



# President's Perspective: December 2023

By Jean Crawford

Thank you all for being with us this 2023 year. Wishing each and every one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!





## Medina Guild Updates: (Nancy P.)

At our December 19th meeting, we will be having a Make and Take. 4 members will be leading us in the making of Christmas ornaments.

Then on January 6, 2024, is our annual Roc Day Party, if you are coming please bring: food items, or personal care products for the food bank, there will be a box for monetary donations. For the party bring a dish to share, project and at least one gift, labeled: Spinner, Weaver, Dyer, Crocheter, Knitter, Felter, you get the idea, or it can just say anyone. We will continually pull tickets till all gifts are awarded.

The January 16, meeting will be a quiz night to test you on your knowledge of our craft, we will form teams and prizes will be awarded.

### Demonstrations:

I could still use a few people willing to come to Bay Village Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17, time 2-4:30 or Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20, time 4-7. Please dress for the Holidays. What you need to bring is a chair or stool, craft, water. The demo area is in the downstairs. Please contact me Nancy Page if you would like to help. [nancy2page@gmail.com](mailto:nancy2page@gmail.com) or 216-820-1517.



## 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**

**Historian: Ann Hauser**

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<http://locoguild.com>**

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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**



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Art Supplies**

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