

# **January 2024 LOCO News ([locoguild.com](http://locoguild.com))**

**Next Meeting: January 9, 2024**

**6:00 pm Natural Dye Study Group Planning Meeting**

**7:00 pm President's Review:** We will be doing our annual review of how we are doing and what we would like to see our guild doing. Come with your ideas! As usual we will have a business meeting, regular show and tell and fair show and tell.

**Location:** Carlisle Reservation

**Snacks provided by:** Sheri Z. Beth H. Laura S. Michelle H.

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

**Bring your own Beverage.**



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



## **Upcoming Meetings: 2024**

**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)**

## **LOCO Library**

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

**January's meeting will give everyone an opportunity to let Jean and Barb know how you would like our library to move forward. Please make comments on the brainstorming library paper. New books were purchased in 2023 and requests will be taken for books in 2024. Jean and Barb hope you are utilizing the library resources. See you at the January meeting.**

## **Demonstrations: 2024**

**(Contact Gina T.)**

**Some exact times have not been set yet. Details will be given ASAP.**

**FAVA SPIN IN:** Set up spinning display March 1st. In South Gallery. Spin in with Spinners Sat 3/2 and Sunday 3/3. 10 am to 3 pm. Leave display up till March 8th. Times for Drop spindle pop class TBD

**FAVA Weave-In:** July 26, 27, and 28. (Friday, Saturday and Sunday.) Hours TBD. In addition to weaving I will be scheduling mini weaving lessons. These lessons will be queried for weavers and the general public. Topics to be announced. (For example, 20 minutes on what is weaving?, what is overshoot, a rigid heddle overview, how to warp an inkle loom..... suggestions will be appreciated,... so will presenters).

**Medina County Fair:** First Week of August. 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:** Aug 6th thru the 11th 2024 Demo day to be announced ASAP 10AM-3PM 19201 East Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

**Lorain County Fair:** The Fair is Aug 18-25, 2024. 23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090 Additional demo times to be announced. Sunday Aug 25, 2024 10AM - 3PM

**Majestic Meadows Alpaca Ranch:** Sept. 23rd and 24th. (Sat and Sun) 10AM-3PM

<https://majesticmeadowsalpacas.com/events/national-alpaca-farm-days-weekend-saturday-september-23-sunday-september-24/> Spinners and weavers, alpaca fleece supplied to spinners from the farm.

**National Spinning & Weaving Week:** Thur Oct 3, 2024 10am - 4pm 13 W. College St., Oberlin OH 44070

## **New Monthly Meeting Challenge: Fair Table**

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:**

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

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.

### **From Ben Klier:**

"I am looking for a flyer for an Ashford traditional wheel, I acquired a wheel less the flyer and wanted to check with the guild to see if anyone has one they would like to sell before I order a replacement from Ashford."

### **From Nancy Page:**

#### **NEW CRAFTING GROUP**

Mindy Albright who leads the Just for Fun area at The Great Lakes Fiber Show has started a new crafting group. In January they will be meeting the First, Third and Fifth Wednesday at the Spoon in Wooster. Time is 5-7, if you are in the area you might stop in and see what they are up too.

### **From Ann Davies:**

The membership booklet has been updated online with new members!



## **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.**



## December 2023 Highlights:

**We sure know how to do potlucks!**



**Ornament exchange:**



**Show & Tell:**





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### Fair Show and Tell:



### Shawl Drawing:





## December 2023 Minutes

A potluck Holiday Feast was enjoyed followed with the handmade ornament exchange.

>> Show & Tell

>> Ann: tapestry

>> Sara: batik dyed cloth made into table runner & woven candy cane towels

>> Ben: rugs

>> Lynn: pine cone challenge spinning

>> Betsy: queen size quilt top

>> Barb was this months Fair Table Challenge winner with her table cloth entry.

>> This years scholarship winners are Jessie Denomme and Barb E. Chris S. was a membership winner.

>> This years service project shawl winners were drawn. Winners were Sam Lyle, Elizabeth Yasaki, and Linda Gates.

>> Sara T moved and Ann H seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed.

>> Treasurer: Missy reported our basket raffle raised \$400 and shawl raffle \$631.

>> Program: Karen reported January business meeting will be in LaGrange and shawl colors will be decided in February.

>> Sunshine: Chris sent 8 birthday cards and 2 get well cards this month

>> Refreshments: Irena said refreshments are covered for January and February.

>> Newsletter: Ann appreciates all the newsletter ideas and will be looking for website pros & cons and asking for your frequently used tools.

>> Library: Barb had the library suitcase and at next months business meeting will be asking for input as to what members want.

>> Medina Guild: Nancy reported on current demos, make & take program at next meeting, and January Roc Day.

>> Old News

>> Natural Dye Brainstorm get together before January meeting at 6:00

>> Weave in is tentatively being planned for March 22-23

## **President's Perspective: January 2024**

**By Jean Crawford**

**Happy New Year!**

**I sit here writing this and thinking about what a great and blessed Christmas it has been. Family and friends together are what Christmas is all about. And, I have a relatively clean, organized workspace to begin spinning and weaving for the new year. Doesn't get any better than that.**

**Today, I broke out the blending board and some fiber that has been hanging around. Hope the little rolags spin up as nice as they look off the blending board. I have so many weaving projects I want to start. Now to just work up the ambition to get them going. All in good time.**

**Congratulations to Elizabeth for winning one of our beautiful shawls and to Barb and Jesse for winning scholarships, and Chris for winning a membership.**

**If you think you might be just a little bit interested in natural dyeing, please be sure to attend the organizational meeting of the Nature's Pallet Natural Dye Study Group before our January guild meeting at 6:00 at the Carlisle Reservation. Bring ideas of what you would like to see the group accomplish, and any resources you may have.**

**We have a busy year 2024 ahead. Jump in and join in the fun, comradery, planning and learning. See you in January.**

## **Medina Guild Updates: (Nancy P.)**

### **ROC DAY**

We will be hosting Roc Day on January 6, 2024 at the Medina Presbyterian Church, [5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.](#) at Rt. 18, Medina, 44256. Party starts at 10 goes to 2. Please bring a dish to share, table service. For the church food bank, Peanut butter and Jelly in plastic or personal care items. Then also a gift wrapped or in a bag labeled, i.e. crafter, dyer, knitter, crochet, spinner, weaver, or anyone. I know it is a lot to ask. if you do not want to participate in the gift exchange you do not have too. Just come and enjoy the company. We will have drum carders, and blending boards, to do kitchen sink batts. So if you would like to bring fiber to share please feel free.

**JANUARY MEETING** January 16, 2024, we start gathering at 7:00. Our meeting is going to be a quiz show with prizes. Questions will be about our craft so study up.



## **Happening in our area:**

**The Rust Belt Fibershed is convening regional voices from across our local fiber and textile community -- including producers, designers, community members, and more-- in our first annual Rust Belt Fibershed Symposium to explore the connection between people and materials necessary to transform our textile system. As this is our first symposium, we'll focus on the whole picture: the potential of place-based, soil-to-soil textile system.**

**You'll hear from experts within the supply chain--from farmers to processors, to dyers, to designers, to up-cyclers and menders-- as they discuss how place-based focus on textiles can shape and transform our surroundings and create unique and vibrant connections.**

**Along with our panel of guest speakers, there will be immersive learning stations and engaging discussions with experts. Whether you're a textile enthusiast, designer, farmer, gardener, culture shifter, climate advocate, clothes-wearer (we know you are!), or simply curious about the power of textiles to create a healthier future, this event is a must-attend.**

**Just like the importance of the local farm-to-table movement, don't miss out on this inspiring opportunity to be a connection in the foundational work of bringing back a place-based, regional textile system in a responsible way-- a way that boasts joy, connection, purpose, and makes our place in the Rust Belt Region a place where we can thrive (yes, clothes can contribute to this!).**

**For more information and tickets:**

**<https://rustbeltfibershed.com/2024-symposium>**



## **Guild Leadership: 2024**

**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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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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