

August 2024 LOCO News (locoguild.com)

Next Meeting: August 13, 2024

**5:30 pm LOCO LESSON: Spinning Long Draw
(Repeat)**

7:00 pm Business meeting, show & tell, fair preparation

Program: Nancy Kilkenny “How to turn a draft”

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks: Heidi C., Jean O., Jean C., Elizabeth Y.

If you wear your Name Tag and sign in at the meeting you will be entered into a drawing for a small but very useful prize.



Don't forget to bring in any items you would like to donate to the September basket raffle!





Upcoming Meetings: 2024

September 10, 2024 Carlisle Reservation “Fair presentations & Basket Raffle”

October 8, 2024, Wellington Reservation LOCO lesson: Worsted spinning, Program: Using your homespun (panel)

November 12, 2024 Carlisle Reservation LOCO lesson: Woolen spinning, Program: Ornament make and take

December 10, 2024 Wellington Reservation “Potluck, shawl raffle, scholarship drawing”

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!

Remember to renew your membership if you haven't done so already! Bring your money and a new form with you please. What do you get for your \$20 annual fee?

- Monthly programs on varied fiber arts topics
- Monthly newsletter
- Networking with fellow fiber artists with a vast amount of knowledge
- Access to our library with spinning, weaving, crochet, knitting and other fiber arts titles.
- Access to the guild equipment library (Need a warping board- spinning wheel, weaving loom? We have equipment you can borrow if you are a member!)

Forms can be downloaded from our website (<https://locoguild.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023LOCO-membershipform.pdf>)

We will be finalizing the new membership booklet by the end of August so please get your money in so we can include YOU!



Demonstrations: 2024

(Contact Gina T.)

We are coming into demo season. All skill levels are needed. This is a great way to watch other fiber artists work, maybe help someone or to learn, and just have fun. Come for a whole demo or for part of one. We meet other fibers artists and many of our members have gotten to know about us thru a demo.

Cuyahoga County Fair: (Aug 6th thru the 11th) 2024 Demo day
Thursday, August 8th, 11am-4pm. Sheep Barn. 19201 East Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Lorain County Fair: (The Fair is Aug 18-25, 2024.) Demo Day will be Sunday, August 25th, 10 am-3 pm in the Pavillion. 23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090 Additional demo times in the arts building to be announced.

Majestic Meadows Alpaca Ranch: Sept. 28th and 29th. (Sat and Sun) 10AM-3PM. Spinners and weavers and fiber artists. Alpaca fleece supplied to spinners from the farm. Spin or weave or other fiber related task. We ask you focus on working with Alpaca.

There is time to wander about and meet the animals. <https://majesticmeadowsalpacas.com>

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

Don't forget that the Medina Guild also has demonstration opportunities. Check them out at:

<https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/>



July Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Elaine J.

The July meeting started with Edie Fushsman and Joanne Rahn's educational and entertaining program on Needle Felting: Fiber Fever.

Jean O moved and Michelle H seconded to accept the June minutes as published. Motion passed

Demo Gina encouraged everyone to get involved with demos, come, see, participate, learn, share, and see how much fun. We get many new members from demonstrations.

Membership Missy plans to have membership finalized by end of August.

Program Karen thanked Edie and Joanne for the program. Upcoming, Nancy Kilkenny turn a draft, LOCO lesson on long draw, fair entry show and tell, basket raffle, ornament make & take.

Gina with Demo dates, FAVA July 20 & 21 you can sell items thru FAVA at this demo, Lorain County Fair August 25th, Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm Sept 28 & 29.

Sunshine MaryAnn sent 1 birthday card since taking on the job.

Equipment Julie has new updated equipment list published and added 2 inkle looms and Dena Martin donated a lendrum wheel.

Refreshment Irena needs volunteers for September and October Newsletter Ann says keep sending anything you have to share in newsletters.

Library Barb reported passed weaver Penny's husband donated Handwovens to fill in missing issues, her Handwoven Designs collection, and Weavers Craft.

Service Project Karen passed out fiber to spinners for next years project.

Old Business

By Law proposed changes, with much discussion it was agreed to change some wording.

Barb and Gina were collection fair entry forms to turn in for members.

Show & Tell

Sheri: Shetland hand spun knitted sweater, Faukland hand spun yarn, monks belt placemats.

Ben: woven baby blanket

Barb: quilt made by Julie Bragg

Ann: shoe laces made on inkle loom

Heidi: huck Bronson scarf

To: LOCO Spinners and Weavers Guild
FROM: Gina T.
RE: Additional Scholarships for Guild Members
DATE: JULY, 2024

HERE IS THE UPDATED DRAFT FROM DISCUSSION AT OUR JULY LOCO MEETING. PLEASE READ. BLUE IS THE NEW LANGUAGE AND HIGHLIGHTED BLUE IS WHAT CAME FROM DISCUSSION IN JULY. A MOTION WILL BE ASKED FROM THE MEMBERS, DISCUSSION AND THEN AMEND AND/OR VOTE AT THE AUGUST MEETING.

The purpose is twofold:

FROM GINA, DEMONSTRATION CHAIR:

First: the additional scholarships are a way to highlight the officers and appointed positions who are listed on the back of the newsletter and perhaps to entice additional members to sign up to help. Members in elected and appointed positions take care of their jobs every month and have a greater responsibility for running the guild. Just like members the guild thanks for taking time to demonstrate with a chance at a scholarship, the guild should also thank those officers and appointed chairs in the same way.

Second: (and to me the most important). I have been Program Chair since 2019. This bylaw change of adding two more scholarships would create a regularly scheduled program that highlights the scholarship winners and their presentations. I feel the presentations have been kind of haphazard. This would create a full meeting program to look forward to each year, in the spring, depending on what else the program committee schedules. It would be all four presentations and the scholarship drawings for the following year. It would also expand all of our knowledge base, get teacher reviews, learn about books, etc.

Some additional bylaw language changes will be needed to make the dates in committee duties descriptions align. Also, I noticed the bylaws say library is housed at Ginko Gallery, so we need to change that to FAVA (Firelands Association of the Visual Arts), located at 39 S. Main St. Oberlin.

These changes will be implemented after the next election, with the first complete scholarship program being in the spring of 2026.

AMMENDED DRAFT: July, 2024

Changes to bylaws:

Blue – add

~~Cross out—delet~~

Red changes since the July meeting.

Article II – Officers and Duties

Section I – The elected officers of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Volunteer and Appointed positions may include Demonstrations, Guild Equipment, Historian, Librarian, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Programs, Public Relations, Refreshments, Samples, **Service Project**, Sunshine and Workshops.

Appointed Positions:

The Librarian shall look after the Guild library, currently housed ~~in the back of the Ginko Gallery and Studio, 19 S. Main St.~~, at FAVA (Firelands Association for the Visual Arts) 39 S. Main St. Oberlin, OH **in the Fiber Arts Studio**. The Librarian shall keep track of all subscriptions and renew them when they are due.

The **Service Project** chair shall be responsible for all things pertaining to the service project as listed in the addenda below.

Scholarships

The LOCO Spinners and Weavers Guild offers ~~two~~ **four** scholarships per year to members for the further development of their fiber skills. The scholarships will be up to \$150 per person, depending on the finances of the guild. Some examples for the use of scholarship monies are: workshops, classes, books, supplies or other materials. **Scholarships will be awarded in the spring (date to be determined by program committee). At this same meeting previous year scholarship recipients will make a presentation on how they spent their money. These presentations will help further the knowledge of all guild members. Eligible members may only win one scholarship in a given year. Winners are not eligible to receive another guild scholarship in the category in which they have won for 3 years. History of winners will be recorded by the Demonstration Chair. It is possible for an individual to win a scholarship from both categories in one year. A more extensive presentation will be expected from a double winner.**

~~In order to qualify for a scholarship, members must have paid their dues and participate in a demonstration during the current year. For each demonstration members attend, their names will be added to the scholarship drawing that will be held at the December meeting. This is one way for the guild to thank or reward those members who help fulfill LOCO's mission of sharing with the community.~~

~~The winners must make a brief guild presentation on how they spent the money sometime in the following year or by the next December meeting at the latest. The presentation will help to further all guild members' fiber knowledge. Winners will become eligible to receive a scholarship again after 3 years. Depending on the finances of the guild, if a member's name is drawn who is not eligible for scholarship, the member will receive a free LOCO membership the following year.~~

Category One – Demonstrations

In order to qualify for one of the two scholarships for Demonstrations, members must have paid their dues and participate in demonstrations during the current year. For each demonstration members attend, their names will be added to the scholarship drawing that will be held at a spring meeting (date to be determined by the program committee).

Category Two – Officers and Appointed Positions

In order to qualify for one of the two scholarships for Officers and Appointed Positions, members must have paid their dues, be listed as an elected officer or appointed member of a committee, and put in at least 10 hours of work per year in their listed position. These names will be added to a second separate scholarship drawing that will be held at a spring meeting (date to be determined by the program committee).

Guild Activity Photo Gallery

Pictures submitted by Gina T.

We are a social bunch!



Program: Edie Fuchsman and Joanne R. on needle felting.



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Show and Tell:



LOCO Spinners and Weavers Guild 2024-2025 Challenge



Complete an Unfinished Object (UFO) and/or Use Fiber From Your Stash.

Do you have a box of unfinished projects (UFO's) or a ton of fiber you need to use up? Finish a project or start a new one with fiber from your stash. Any fiber, any project.

Challenge begins in April 2024 and ends April 2025.

Be ready to tell the story of the project. When did you start the project? How did the project evolve? How do you feel about the project? Yarn? How old is the yarn and any story behind the fiber. And anything else you'd like to share.

Do you want to be really challenged? Swap a project or fiber with another member and finish it for that member!



Officers & Appointed Positions: 2024

President: Jean Crawford

Vice President: Sara Twining

Treasurer: Missy Merrill

Secretary: Elaine Jameyson

Workshops:

Programs: Ann Davies, Jean Ohlenbusch, Karen Long, Gina Talandis, Sheri Zapdka, Vicki Beaver

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

Newsletter/Website: Ann Davies

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