



May 2025 LOCO News

(locoguild.com)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

LOCO LESSON at 5:30 pm: Project selection, fiber, color and pattern selection.

6:30 pm POTLUCK & Goodwill donation

Business meeting, show and tell (Bring in your dye projects for show and tell!) and presentation of UFO's from our 24-25 challenge!

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks: Potluck!

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.

Please start bringing in your donations for our annual basket raffle which will be in July this year!



Upcoming Meetings: 2025

LOCO lessons this year will focus on weaving and will start at 5:30 pm. Meetings start at 7 pm.

Projected Calendar for the year:

June: (Carlisle Reservation) LOCO Lesson: Equipment Adaptation. Program: Punch Needle Hooking presented by our own Heidi C. and we will talk about Fair submissions

July: (Carlisle Reservation) LOCO Lesson: Winding a warp. Program: Basket Raffle

August: (Carlisle Reservation) LOCO Lesson: Warping your loom front to back or back to front. Program: Bring in your favorite fiber related book to share with the group! Presentation from the Natural Dye Study Group

September: (Carlisle Reservation) Program: Fair Show and Tell

October: (Mill Hollow Reservation) Program: Make and Take Bags

November: (Carlisle Reservation) Program: No show and Tell. Member Sale

December: (Wellington Reservation) Program: POTLUCK (start at 6:30), Ornament Exchange, Shawl drawing

April Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Carole

No Minutes due to Dye Day activities

We need you!
(updated 2/2025)

Everyone loves snacks. We are changing how we enjoy snacks together in 2025. Maryann has graciously offered to make sure we have our snacking supplies like plates, napkins and such. BUT, we are making a rotating snack assignment based on everyone's last name in the alphabet. Everyone will have a chance to bring in a shareable twice a year. Here is the schedule by month so you can put it on your calendar for 2025.

Last Name Starts With:	Month #1:	Month #2:
A, B, C	February	July
D, E, F, G	March	August
H, I, J, K, L, M	April	September
N, O, P, Q, R	May (Potluck-you get off easy!)	October
S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	June	November

April Dye Day:



LOCO Library

Submitted by Barb E. and Jean O.

From Barb E.:

New books ordered will be at the May meeting. Magazines will be available as well. There have been some great articles in the last few issues. For all you “big” loom weavers, check out Little Looms magazine. There are some great projects that can be done on any loom and great inspiration! The same goes for “little” loom weavers with Handwoven magazine.

It's here! WEFT magazine has arrived! There is already a waiting list for it. It is different from Handwoven where Handwoven presents the reader with structures and patterns. WEFT will introduce you to structures and the how and why of these structures with a few patterns. WEFT's first issue is full of very very well-known artists who have been weaving and inspiring us for years. Take a look. The next issue will be out in the fall.

From Jean O.: New LOCO Library Book

Weaving Hand Towels Simply; 43 Designs for 4- and 8- Shaft Looms, Susan Kesler- Simpson. Stackpole Book, c2024

Hand towels are small in size and weave up quickly. This collection of patterns has 43 designs in a variety of weave structures from easy to advanced for both 4- and 8- shaft looms. However, it's the first part of the book that makes it so much more than another book of patterns. It has an introductory section explaining how to read and work from weaving drafts, the best fiber choices for towels, how to combine colors in pleasing combinations, finishing techniques and troubleshooting tips. It combines lucid explanations with clear drawings and pictures. Chapters include: Back to basics, Profile Drafts, Computer Programs, Fiber Choices, Color, Texture and Pattern, Hemming and Tips, Terms and Troubleshooting. I learned a new way to tie on that conserves thread and probably along with handy time saving tips I'd forgotten about.

Demonstrations: 2025

(Contact Betsy B., betsylbruce@gmail.com 440-242-8584)

Make sure you provide Betsy with a list of the demonstrations you completed in 2025.

Please check your calendar and let Betsy know if you are willing to demonstrate. Grab a friend and make it a fun outing!

2 Spinners Needed: Saturday, May 18, 2025. 12-5pm.

Chatham Historical Society (west side of route 83 just north of the intersection with 162. There is parking right there and you will be indoors unless the weather is ideal and you choose to be outside under a pavilion. No historical costume required.) Background info: Part of the Medina County Dandelion Drive which includes stops at historical societies in Litchfield, Chatham, Lodi and Spencer. Chatham was a spot for oil drilling. There was a water wheel run sawmill close by that was then converted to a grist mill. The old school now serves as the Town Hall, Historical Society and more.

Get to know our membership: 2025

Did you know that our own Barb E. was a runner up winner with the Woolery 2025 Weave Off? The Woolery Weave Off took place in March. This year's project was a table runner instead of towels. Member Barb E. won runner up for a multi-shaft loom. She used an echo weave pattern with four shafts and four colors. Check out all the winners:

woolery.com/our-blog?p=weave-off-winners-2025

Natural Dye Study Group

Submitted by Barb E. and Karen L.

The 2024 Dye Study Group finished its last meeting with a natural dye weekend in April. The weather actually cooperated. There were nine participants and over sixteen different dyes. We all worked as a team and were very efficient with the process. We all ran out of yarn to dye!! We will be culminating our study by providing a special Show and Tell in August.

Woven Placemat Exchange Group

Submitted by Ann H.

I'm just taking names and email addresses of those who are interested at this time, which will determine how many placemats will be required of each weaver for the exchange. There will be a meeting of interested parties to discuss number and size of placemats, fiber for all to use and group choices of colors. Interested parties who did not already provide me with their name and email address are asked to send that information to me at my email address: meandruffy@yahoo.com

Workshop News

Submitted by Heidi C., Jean C., Barb E., and Sheri Z.

The workshop committee met and is excited about providing the guild with a weaving or spinning workshop. The committee is still in the planning stage and has taken all the suggestions from the February meeting into consideration. The committee is also considering sponsoring in-house weaving or spinning weekends. More information to follow. If you were not at the February meeting and have suggestions for presenters or workshops ideas please notify one of the committee members.

Medina Guild News:

(Contact Nancy P.)

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

Our final meeting of the season is May 20, at 7:00p.m. It is the Spike Neilson Fiber & Textile Show. All members are welcome to put projects in the show and everyone is welcome to attend.

There are many demonstration opportunities to show your fiber skills to the public. Nancy P. will have the Medina demonstration list with her at our meetings.

Happening in our Area:

Praxis Workshop: All different kinds of classes are available including spinning, natural dyes, weaving and eco printing. Check it out at: **<https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org/classes.html>**

The Great Lakes Fiber Show: May 24-25. Wayne County Fairgrounds. (**greatlakesfibershow.org**)

Braids 2025: Rocking Braids and Bands, June 15-21, 2025. Case Western Reserve University. Registration is open and classes are filling up quickly. (**braids2025.com**)

Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference. October 10-13, 2025. St. Bonaventure University, NY. Registration begins April 2, 2025. (**EGLFC.org**)

Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild are putting on a 3 day workshop that will be focusing on Rep Weave with custom woven interiors April 10,11,12 of 2026. More information is available at: **<https://wrspinweave.org/workshop-announcement/>**

Fiber Arts Around the World:

The Aubusson weavers created tapestries based on the world of J.R.R. Tolkien! Check out the article with pictures: **<https://culturezvous.com/en/aubusson-weaves-tolkien-exhibition-college-des-bernardins/>**

Great Lakes Fiber Show Update:

(Contact Nancy P.)

Volunteers Needed!

Dates: May 24 & 25

Where: Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover St, Wooster, OH 44691

We are looking for people to help out. You can demonstrate at the Guild Booth or the crafting area in building 33. We need people to help the instructors set up, reset the classrooms when classes are done. We need booth sitters to give vendors a break (you are not selling, just watching the booth). We also run the raffle so we need people on Friday and Saturday to collect prizes from the vendors.

We are having a clothing collection during the show for People to People Organization in Wooster. For each item participants bring in, the donor will receive a raffle ticket. We will need people to collect and hand out tickets.

Booth Sales: If you have items you wish to sell in the guild booth, please let us know, space is limited. Clearly label your items. Sales tax will be charged. If you are selling, please demo in the booth and make sure you leave your contact number if you go shopping or if someone has questions about your items.

For more information contact Jean C., Laura E., Jill G. or Nancy P.

Great Lakes Fiber Show Update:

(Contact Nancy P.)

Workshops: Check the website: greatlakesfibershow.org to sign up. Half day classes are \$45, Full day classes are \$80 (+ material fees for classes) If there is room in a class we will take walk ups (\$50 half, \$85 full).

Saturday Morning: Mastering one handed drafts (Ginger Stoops)

Saturday All day classes:

Intro to Wet felting slippers (Nancy Macali)

Full Treasure Tote: (Melinda Carmichael)

Spinning Texture Batts (Emily Wohlscheld)

Sunday Morning: Fractally speaking (Amy Manko)

Sunday All day classes:

Intro to Inkle loom (Stephen Page)

For Sale:

Very Fine lace wt. wool yarn. Unknown amount and unknown wool. Previously belonged to Pat Geisler, a former LOCO member. I am willing to take whatever someone wants to offer. The owner is not looking to make a fortune, he is Pat's son and wants to see it go to a good home. So you decide what you would consider paying for it. I will bring it to the next meeting for you to look at or if you want it sight unseen contact me. Judy Keske 440-371-2469 or judykeske@yahoo.com



For Sale:

MIRA LOOM FOR SALE:

Contact: Gina T. 505-250-9431 darzas@msn.com

LeClerc Mira 36" counterbalance loom. In like new condition. My weaving is going in a new direction and I need the room. Set up in a temperature controlled, smoke free, pet free room. This is a very sturdy loom that is easily used for delicate and heavy weaving. Comes with lots of extras. Sectional warp beam bars, standard and weighted beater for rugs and tapestries, 5 reeds (5,8,12,15,25 some are older), original books. This set up would be over \$3800. Asking \$600 (price reduced!)



Officers & Appointed Positions: 2025-2026

President: Jean C

Vice President: Sara T

Treasurer: Missy M

Secretary: Carol D.

Workshops: Sheri Z, Barb E, Jean C. Heidi C.

Programs: Ann D, Jean O, Karen L, Gina T, Sheri Z, Vicki B, Heidi C.

Library: Barb E & Jean O

Demonstrations: Betsy B.

Membership: Missy M

Sunshine: Maryann K.

Guild Equipment: Julie B

Refreshments: Vicki B supplies

Historian: Ann H, Ben K

Newsletter/Website: Ann D

The Hines Sheep Co.

Tom, Beth and Holly Hines 10735 LaGrange
Road, Elyria, OH 44035 (440) 458-4049
Fleece of champion Columbias and South-
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
Cell 216.269.5413
erowe132@aol.com





BARBARA DITTMER

OWNER



@BADKNITS



@BADCATFIBERARTS



BAD CAT FIBER ARTS



BADCATFIBERARTS@GMAIL.COM



PO BOX 13 NORWALK OH 44857



WWW.BADCATFIBERARTS.COM

Pearl's Girls Knit & Stitch

Specialty Fibers and Yarns

Needles, Notions, Classes

Vintage Aprons, Hankies, Jewelry

440-309-7304

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts



Art Education for Everyone!

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts connects the community with art classes, exhibitions & community events!

See the full list of our current offerings at our website or follow the QR code below. www.favagallery.org

CLASSES, GALLERIES & EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



Visit our website to see all upcoming classes, events, and exhibitions.

39 S Main St, Oberlin, OH
(440) 774-7158

Tue - Sat: 11am - 5pm
Sun: 1 - 5pm

Please remember to shop at the Woolery thru the icon on our homepage,

<http://locoguild.com>