



June 2025 LOCO News
 (locoguild.com)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

LOCO LESSON at 5:30 pm: Equipment Adaptation

7:00 pm Punch Needle Hooking presented by our own Heidi C. and we will talk about Fair submissions. Business meeting and show and tell.

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks: Does your last name start with S-Z? Your turn! Thank you in advance.

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:

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

Demonstrations: 2025

Contact Betsy B. for details

All skill levels are welcome at the following demonstrations where you can watch other fiber artists in action, perhaps help someone learn, learn yourself, meet others, answer questions about your craft or the Guild or just have fun. Come for the whole event or part of one. Guild members who volunteer have their names entered for each occasion into a drawing for one of two yearly scholarships for expanding one's fiber knowledge. That's an incentive!

Fri., Aug. 1 10am-3pm Medina County Fair, 720 Wear Smith Rd., Medina

TBA 11am-4pm Cuyahoga County Fair, Sheep Barn, Fairgrounds, 19201 East Bagley Rd., Middleburg Hts.

Lorain Country Fair, Fairgrounds, 23000 Fairgrounds Rd., Wellington
Tues., Aug 19 in the barn: your choice of craft
Sun., Aug. 24 10am-3pm pavilion B - From Fiber to Shawl
Demonstration—culminating event of summer-long project

TBA Sept. Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm, 4195 Abbeyville Rd., Medina

TBA Sept. Oberlin Historical Center, 73 1/2 S. Professor St., Oberlin

TBA Oct. Thurs. 11am-3pm National Spinning & Weaving Week in front of Ben Franklin's, 13 W. College St., Oberlin

(From Ann D: Once I see what the dates are for the demonstrations, I will try to upload them to the website too.)

May Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Carole D.

Jean C opened the meeting at 7:15 by welcoming all attendees and acknowledging a visitor, Patty B.

The approval of minutes of the March meeting as made by Jean, seconded by Vicki, voted on and approved.

Congratulations to Barb for her win in the Woolery weaving competition this year. Her runner was absolutely beautiful.

Thank you to Barb for the wonderful gradient dye program in April as a presentation for her scholarship award from last year. Congratulations to Betsy, Ben, Elizabeth and Ann H. as our 2025 Scholarship winners. We look forward to seeing what they do with them.

Monthly programs can be checked out in the Newsletter. Just as a REMINDER the October meeting will be held in Vermilion and December meeting will be held in Wellington.

Betsy talked about demonstrations including the Fiber-to-Shawl Project coming up and positions need for the LC Fair. A chart is available with dates and times for people to sign up to help with this project. Activities at Chatham Historical Society and Lake Ridge Academy were discussed.

MaryAnn sent out 6 cards for May birthdays.

Julie said we have had equipment returned and loaned out.

MaryAnn said that we have a good supply of plates, napkins and plasticware, but consider donating any leftovers from spring, summer and fall activities.

Ann D. asked about keeping up with the Calendar in the newsletter, and members would like it to stay.

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May Meeting Minutes continued:

Barb and Jean are finding new books and magazines for our library, and they are all currently checked out.

Barb talked about the up-coming Lorain County Fair (the book is now out on line) with some changes made to the "knitting" category. In July the books and entry forms will officially come out.

Nancy announced that The Medina Guild is having their last meeting until September on May 20. It will be the annual Fashion Show. The Medina Guild has been asked to participate July 4, 2026 in a Revolutionary War reenactment if anyone is interested.

Great Lakes Fiber Show is May 24 and 25 th . There are still openings in workshops and anyone interested in being a volunteer should talk to Nancy or Jean.

Old Business:

Membership renewals are coming up in June.

LOCO t-shirts, hats, logos, etc. can be gotten from Big Frog in Avon.

Ann H. reminded us about a woven placemat exchange group that she is forming with a June 2026 goal. Anyone interested should contact her.

We got a Thank You for the funds and items we donated to a member to help take care of new child in her home.

New Business:

A recent magazine had a cover featuring a pattern/item by Joy Haight, a Medina Guild member.

The Historic Grafton School is offering a Weaving 101 class the week of June 9-13, 2025. Classes are \$100 plus materials cost. Contact Betsy for information.

The Schacht Spindle company has been bought out by Louet.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Doerr

Show & Tell and UFO items

Barb E. - Tencel scarf from gradient workshop, echo weave runner, twill towels
Sara T - Dye Day rovings (spin) socks in shades of red, plaited twill woven towels
Ben - Dyed Yarn
Kathryn - finished UFO merino/silk/yak mittens

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

**May:
LOCO Lesson:**



UFO (Unfinished Fiber Objects) 2025 Challenge:



**Lake Ridge Academy
Demonstration:**



LOCO Library

Submitted by Barb E. and Jean O.

Nothing new at this time. Summer is a great time to spend time reading! When was the last time you stopped in to FAVA to check out our library?

Chain Reaction

At the January brainstorming session there was an interest in bringing back the chain reaction project. We need 20 to 25 members to participate. If you are interested in being part of a Chain Reaction Collaboration, Barb Enos will be taking names at the June meeting. If you are unable to attend email her at be-nos@oberlin.net.

How to record our guild's history?

How do you record your family history? Why do you record your family history (genealogy buffs will have a say in this discussion). Why do we as a guild want to record our history and what is the best way to do that?

Ann H. and Ann D. (never put two Ann's together) started to think about this as we were discussing whether to upload 2007-2008 newsletters onto the website. Ann H. will ask for your ideas at the next meeting. Please come with your thoughts to share.

Our friendly AI (artificial intelligence) suggests the following thoughts to consider: Preserving our identity and traditions, building community, guidance for future decision making, providing credibility.

Newsletters and archiving newsletters can support any of the above concepts. What do you think?

Challenge: June 2025 to April 2026

The Tour De Fleece Bingo (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447931545237090/>) was the inspiration for LOCO's June 2-25 to April 2026 challenge. This year is a Fiber Bingo Card.

There are 24 activities you can participate in during the year: Use two different kinds of fiber; dye some fiber; create something that makes you happy; Design a project using monochromatic colors; design a holiday piece are some of the ideas on the card. Choose as many squares as you want during the year. Any fiber craft is appropriate for the challenge. When you finish a project bring it in for show and tell or wait until April 2026 when you bring in your fiber bingo card.

Fiber Bingo cards will be available in June and then it will be included in July's newsletter.



Medina Guild News:

(Contact Nancy P.)

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

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>

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/>

Great Lakes Fiber Show Update:

(Contact Nancy P.)

I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and help in getting the show up and running this year. It takes a lot of us to make this show happen.

We look forward to working with you you all again next year.

Cheers

Nancy Page

Great Lakes Fiber Show

President & Workshop Chairperson

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

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