

September 2025 LOCO News

(locoguild.com)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Weavers Circle at 5:30 pm: Warping methods, front to back, back to front.

7:00 pm Business meeting and show and tell. Program: Fair Show and Tell

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks: Does your last name start with H, I, J, K, L, or M? 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.

If you have donations for the basket raffle for next year, get them to Missy M.

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 Month #1: Month #2:

With:

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 October

get off easy!)

S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, June November

Z

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:

October: (Mill Hollow Reservation) Program: Make and Take Bags. This should be a fun make and take so it's well worth the trip out to Mill Hollow! It should also be a pretty autumn colors ride out that way too!

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

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

LOCO August Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes will be posted in next months newsletter when available.

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., Sept 5, 9-2 Historic Lyme Village Student Pioneer Day, 5001 OH 4, Bellevue, 44811. 15 minute sessions with 10-12, 4th graders, lunch provided, costume preferred. Please go to lymevillage.org and submit registration form by July 1st if interested in spinning or weaving. Rug loom available but highly recommended that if you want to demo on it, you go check it out before hand.

Sat-Sun; Sept. 27-28: 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

LOCO CHALLENGES: 2025-2026

Fiber Bingo: See the next page or there will be a hard copy at the next meeting. (Check with Barb E.)

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.

Chain Reaction: We are also planning to bring back the Chain Reaction Challenge. Chain reaction is when 4 or 5 members make a team. The first member of each team receives an inspiration item and makes something using that item. (weaving, spinning, baskets, crochet, knit, beading) Then that item gets passed to the next person and that person is inspired by the project received. And so on and so on. We need at least 20 people to participate. Each member has 3 months to complete the project. Notify Barb Enos benos@oberlin.net if you are interested.

LOCO 2025-2026 CHALLENGE - FIBER BINGO

Use two different types of fiber.	Design something to wear.	Finish an old piece.	Lead a presentation, workshop or LOCO Lesson.	Complete a fair project whether entering or not. anyflip.com/pphfm/doem
Use a color you would not normally choose.	Design a project using monochromatic colors.	Create something that sparkles.	Show someone a technique or quick tip.	Design a holiday piece.
Use a different piece of equipment than normal.	Practice a new technique.	Rest Day	Create in the great outdoors.	Create something that makes you
Participate in a demonstration.	Use an old pattern or old magazine.	Create something from some fiber that someone else gifted.	Take inspiration from a piece made by a friend.	Upcycle a project. (example: shirt to vest)
Collaborate on a project.	Dye some fiber.	Your choice.	Take a class or workshop.	Keep a diary of your projects.

CHOOSE AS MANY SQUARES AS YOU WANT FROM JUNE 2025 TO APRIL 2026.

DO ANY FIBER CRAFT(S) – SPINNING, WEAVING, CHROCHETING, KNITTING, FELTING, ETC.

WHEN YOU FINISH A PROJECT, BRING IT IN FOR SHOW AND TELL OR WAIT UNTIL APRIL 2026 TO SHARE WITH YOUR BINGO CARD. HAVE FUN – GET BUSY

August Meeting: Show and Tell









Dye Study Group Presentations: Amazing Natural Dye Colors!



August Meeting: Books we liked....





(My apologies for catching these lovely people in midsentence!)

Barb Enos: <u>A Garden to Dye For</u> by Chris McLaughlin <u>Simple Weaves</u> by Birgitta Bengtsson Bjork and Tina Ignell

Ann Kelley: <u>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants</u> by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

LOCO Library

Submitted by Barb E. and Jean O.

Thank you to a few people for donating books to our library. We have three used books but new to our library:

- Alkeboka by Gauslaa Ostby a Swedish book focusing on weaving Overshot structures.
- Vaumonster by Malin Selander another Swedish weaving book with a variety of patterns and structures.
- Hand Weaving Patterns from Finland by Helvi Pyysalo translated in English, there are 21 different weaving articles from apparel to upholstery with 122 complete projects.

Lorain County Fair Update:

Thank you to all the members who volunteered at the Lorain County Fair on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and the last Sunday in the Needle Work barn. Everyone helped make the barn a smooth running few days.

Congratulations to the following members:

Best of Spinning and Weaving - Jean Crawford for her hand spun table runner

Best of Embroidery Mary Ann Krawczynski for her holiday tree skirt

Our September meeting will have a large display of blue, red and white ribbons along with some purple Best of Class ribbons. Come get inspired for next year's fair.











Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild Workshop Offering "Effective Use of Materials and Color" presented by Kathrin Weber

Kathrin Weber has been a full-time studio fiber artist since 1980. Her work revolves around dyeing, weaving and teaching. She has a fearless enjoyment in using hand-dyed color in her teaching, shop sales, and weaving. She enthusiastically encourages students to dive into color. No matter what her classes are officially entitled, they are ultimately about color, technique and weaving good fabric.

Saturday, October 4, 2025 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Zoom Format to begin at 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm After-discussion from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm Cost: \$20 per person (tentative at this time)

Columbia Station Library 13824 W. River Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028

Do you have yarn in various colors, textures, weights, yarn types that you are not sure what to do with? Perhaps you have a lovely yarn that may not be strong enough for that warp you want to wind. Or your yarn is too fine or too big or the colors are too bright and they don't go together. Or, to be honest, the yarn you have been hoarding is just too expensive to use! How do you make a little go a long way?

This Zoom lecture with images will help you think of creative ways to plan and execute woven projects of mixed yarn types and colors that you might have thought would never go together technically or visually. Spend time with Kathrin thinking, "What if...?" To learn more about Kathrin, visit her website https://www.blazingshuttles.com/.

NOTE: Bring some of your fav workshop for discussion after	orite yarns, or yarns you don't know what to do with, to the the zoom presentation.
YES! Sign me up for the workshop Return form and money payable to	on October 4, 2025 at the Columbia Station Library. LOCO Guild to Barb Enos.
Name:	Phone No
Email:	More information about workshop will follow.
Register by August 12, 2025. We w	vill then open to other guilds.

Questions? Call one of the workshop members: Heidi C., Barb E., Sheri Z or Jean C.

Medina Guild News:

(Contact Nancy P.)

https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/

Happening in our Area:

Praxis Workshop: https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org/classes.html

Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference. October 10-13, 2025. St. Bonadventure 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/

Here is a link to a free course through the Livestock Conservancy: https://livestockconservancy.teachable.com/l/products? sortKey=recommended&sortDirection=asc&page=1&authorId=1583432

For Sale:

For Sale: Brother Knitting Machine, \$100. OBO. For more information & photos contact Laura Fildes at n8eqd@frontier.com.



A Brother knitting machine

Please remember to notify the newsletter editor if your item has been sold otherwise it will remain in the newsletter for 2 months before being removed.

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 Southdowns and Natural Sheep (black) Roving, skins yarn, freezer lamb, jerky.

By Appointment



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