

LOCO News

THEO MORMAN TECHNIQUES

Weaving flair

The March meeting will feature a program by Mary Louise Van Dyke on Theo Mormon weaving techniques. It will be March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the LaPorte Methodist Church in LaPorte.

Theo Mormon techniques are famous all over the country and have been widely studied by American weavers for their versatility and beauty.

If you are a weaver, you will want to be there.

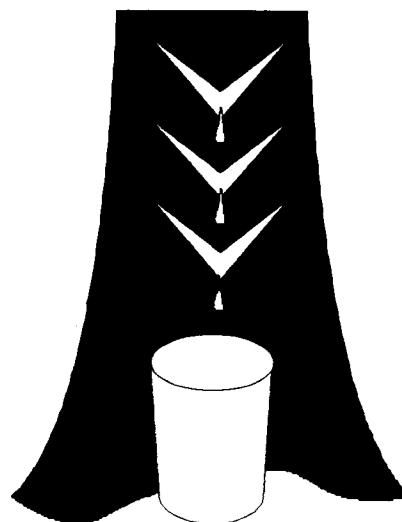
Special meeting place

We will meet at the LaPorte Methodist Church in March. The church is at the exit of Rt. 10 and Grafton Road.

While the church does not charge us for the meeting room, we ask that you bring non-perishable food items or personal care items for the church's food bank for the needy.

Dues overdue?

This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your 2003 dues. Check with Treasurer Betty Roll if you are in doubt as to whether you have paid.



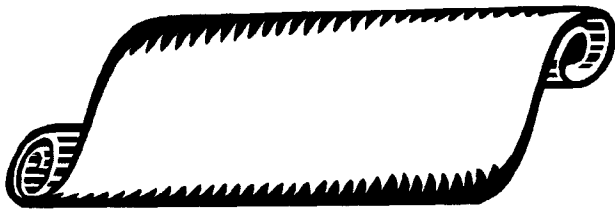
Coming attractions

LOCO Guild and the Textile Arts Alliance of the Cleveland Museum of Art will jointly sponsor a lecture/slide show and two different workshops with Polly Stirling, of Wild Turkey Feltmakers, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 23, 24 and 25.

The tentative schedule will be the lecture and slide show at CMA on Friday evening with day-long workshops Saturday and Sunday. Enrollment will be limited to 10-12 participants.

Polly Stirling was featured in THREADS with her nuno-felting, creating drapeable felt with merino wool and lightweight fabric.

Those interested in seeing her work can go to her website: www.kishmish.com/wtfm/



Calendar

March 12: LOCO meeting.

March 13-15: Cuyahoga Weavers Guild Vest workshop by Mimi Smith. At Lyndhurst Community Center, 1341 Parkview, Lyndhurst. \$80. Information: Uarda Taylor, 5632 New London Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004 or call 440-969-1890.

March 15-17: Northcoast Knitters retreat at Cedar Hill. Information: Sandy Hardy at (216) 433-2278.

March 16-17: Shibori Dye workshop by Central Ohio Weavers Guild at Bullens Woolens in Centerburg, OH.

March 23: Black Swamp Spinners Guild Market Day and Fiber Fair in Bowling Green. Free. St. Mark's Lutheran Family Life Center, 315 S. College Dr. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 25-May 5: Fantastic Fibers art show at Yeiser Art Center, 200 Broadway, Paducah, Ky. Open 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Tuesday through Fridays. Information: yacenter@apex.net

April 4: Lake Ridge Academy demonstration by LOCO members. 9 to 11:30 a.m. in North Ridgeville.

April 6: Fab-Bag workshop by Toledo Weavers Guild. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1714 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo. Non-member fee \$55, including materials. Send check to Wayne Anthony, 427

E. Broadway, Maumee, 43537. Information: (419) 897-0011.

April 6-7: Medina Guild Arlene Graham workshops. Saturday on fuzzy yarns, baubles, bangles and plumes and on Sunday, silk magic. Cloverleaf Community Center, Lodi, \$40 each, \$60 for both. Reservation checks to Rosanna Ludwig, 7323 Kennard Rd., Seville, OH 44273

April 13: Putnam County Fleece Fair, Putnam County Fairgrounds, Greencastle, Ind., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibits, vendors, competitions and workshops. Information: www.fleecefair.com

April 14: LOCO meeting.

April 27: Canton Weavers and Spinners workshop Cooking With Color by Pat Bullen at the Canton Museum of Art 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$20 and \$25 materials fee. Information: (330) 735-2923

May 3-5: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Maryland.

May 4-5: Western Reserve Spinners Guild Bedford Cord workshop by Mimi Smith 9 a.m. 4 p.m. at Lake Farmpark, 8800 Chardon Rd., Kirtland. \$57, materials fee \$2. Checks to Susan Davison, 5110 Sabrina Lane, Warren, OH 44483

May 25-26: Great Lakes Fiber show at Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. Workshops, exhibits and crafts.

June 12-30: Lake Metroparks Fiberfest Art show competition winners will be on display at Lake Farmpark, Kirtland.

June 21-23: Michigan League of Handweavers workshops. Information: Cathy McCarthy,

6886 Springbrook Lane, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004.

June 27-30: Canal Fulton Heritage Festival.

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July 30-Aug. 4: Convergence International Weavers & Fiber Artists Conference and Pre-Conference, Vancouver, BC.

Aug. 10: Toledo Area Weavers Guild workshop on Batik by Beverly Domalski, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place to be announced later. Demonstration of batik doll construction and slide presentation on embellishments included. Fee \$30. Send reservation check to Wayne Anthony, 427 E. Broadway, Maumee, 43537.

Aug. 15-18: Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI.

Aug. 23, 24 and 25: LOCO will co-sponsor a lecture/slide show and workshops on felting at the Cleveland Museum of Art by Peggy Stirling

Oct. 5: Toledo Area Weavers Guild Charm basket workshop by Millie Mannik, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 Reynolds Rd., in Toledo. Fee \$26 includes materials. Send check (to TAWG) to Wayne Anthony 427 E. Broadway, Maumee, OH 43537 by Sept. 5.

Oct. 10-13: Stitches East Needlework show, Valley Forge, Pa.

Oct. 18-20: New York Sheep and Wool Festival, Dutchess County Fair Grounds, Rhinebeck, NY.

June 22-29: 2003: Midwest Weavers Conference, Edwardsville, Ill.



Volunteers still needed

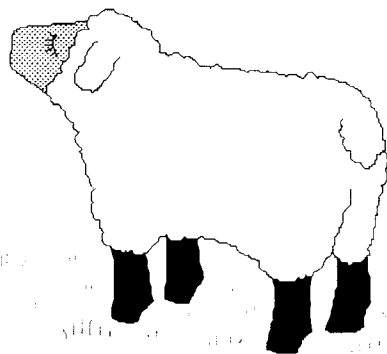
Cindy Bush needs volunteers for the annual spinning demo for students at Lake Ridge Academy in North Ridgeville April 4. It helps students explore the skills of early America as part of their history classes.

It will be Thursday, April 4, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. If you can participate, give Cindy a call at the school at (440) 327-1175, Ext. 272 or at home at (440) 240-9097.

Many hands make light work—we need as many spinners as possible. Weavers especially welcome.

Knitting tip

When you make a sample gauge for a sweater, make it the size of a pocket. If you need one – or want one-- later, it's done. If you don't, you have an emergency source of extra yarn if you run out.



Know your sheep

Land

Animal size: exceptionally large size

Micron Count: ewes 24 microns; rams 28 microns

Fleece Type: Fine wool

Fleece weight: 4 to 5 kgs

Breed origins: It was in the rugged mountainous areas of South Germany where this sheep had to survive. For centuries it reproduced and reared its offspring in difficult and wet conditions.

The Land sheep is one of the newcomers in the South African sheep industry. There are misconceptions that it is a local cross-breed, but in Germany stud records of the breed go back 200 years.

The breed made its first appearance in South Africa in 1956 when a number of Free State farmers imported some of these sheep. Today, the sheep are scattered throughout the country, although the largest concentration is found in the northeastern Free State.

Sheep Characteristics: The high slaughtering percentage can mainly be attributed to its strong frame. One of the outstanding characteristics of the breed is the large and sturdy frame, which

gives the sheep an exceptional long and deep body. It is evident that such a large frame would not only render a substantial income from meat, but also a good wool yield.

The Land sheep can be slaughtered from the veld (pasture) and performs extremely well under intensive and semi-intensive conditions.

The breed is also known for its fertility. The lambs are small at birth, thus facilitating the birth process, while three lamb yields per season are obtained. The weaning percentage is 164 in stud and 104 for the whole flock.

The high weaning percentage is proof of the Land sheep's good mothering qualities, with milk production very prominent. Mothers also do not discard their lambs easily.

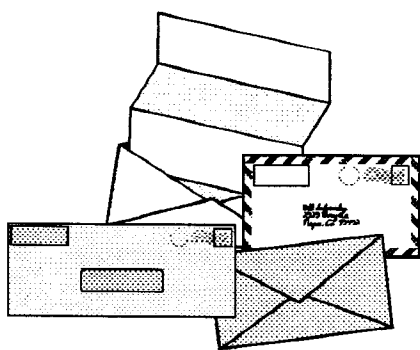
Ewes are mated at the early age of between 10 and 14 months. The fact that the sheep reach sexual maturity at such an early stage is an important asset in woolled sheep farming.

In contrast with its European descent, this breed has excellent resistance. The sheep are not over-sensitive with regard to pests and diseases and do not require more than the normal attention.

Fleece characteristics: At 12 months it will shear 4 to 5 kgs good quality wool of medium strength and of approximately 75 mm. This is pure white wool without foreign fibers. The wool contains less lanolin than that of the Merino, but the Land sheep nevertheless produces a Merino type of wool.

Sources: Lots of Meat and Wool from Huge 'Newcomer', from *Golden Fleece*, November 1986, The *Shepherd Magazine*, July 1987. Spin as for a fine wool.

Roni Rospert



From the mailbox

Workshops and lectures being offered this year by the **Toledo Area Weavers Guild: FAB-BAGS** - Felting Workshop April 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1714 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo. Non-member fee \$55, including materials. Send check to Wayne Anthony, 427 E. Broadway, Maumee, 43537. Information: (419) 897-0011. Instructors will be from Autumn House Farm in Rochester Mill, PA. Bring a large rectangular cookie sheet with rim, a bar of Ivory soap, small bucket, garbage bag, large-eye sewing needles and yarns bits. Bag lunch.

CREATIVE FABRIC PIECING free lecture by Peg Nixon on Tuesday, April 2 on how to personalize clothing and functional items with handwoven or commercial fibers. She has been a costumer for several area high school drama departments and is an excellent seamstress. 7 p.m. at Toledo Botanical Gardens, 5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo, 43615.

Lois Shelly of Toledo will discuss **SESHIKO**, a Japanese quilting technique, at a free lecture at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. She has traveled to Japan to study Sashiko and has done research into ways to use the technique, which creates linear and interlocking patterns. The lecture will be at Toledo Botanical Gardens, 5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo, OH 43615.

BATIK, workshop by Beverly Domalski, author and retired art instructor, will be Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place will be announced later. Batik is a Javanese method of

applying hot wax to fabric before dying in several applications to create a unique pattern. A demonstration of batik doll construction will be included, as well as a slide presentation on embellishments. Fee will be \$30. Send check to Wayne Anthony, 427 E. Broadway, Maumee, 43537. Bring rubber gloves, apron, and bag lunch.

CHARM BASKET workshop for beginners on how to create a miniature waxed linen cord basket measuring 1" by 1" will be offered by Millie Mannik, an experienced basket maker and teacher, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 Reynolds Rd., in Toledo. Fee \$26 includes materials. To register: Send a check (made payable to TAWG) to Wayne Anthony 427 E. Broadway, Maumee, OH 43537 by Sept. 5, 2002. Bring an awl, measuring tape, scissors and a bag lunch.

The **Great Lakes Fiber Show** booklet contains an error. In the Skein Competition, Sue Fleming's address should be 15447 Canaan Center Rd. Creston, OH 44217.

Web site for Great Lakes Fiber Show:
www.lambzown.com/GreatLakesFiberShow.htm

The **Central Ohio Guild** will offer a workshop March 16 and-17 on shibori, a Japanese dyeing technique that uses folding, binding, stitching and pole-wrapping on cloth. The pole-wrapped or "arashi" shibori, stitch-resist shibori and some fold and clamp shibori. Variations and combinations of techniques will be explored. The workshop will be at Bullen's Woolens in Centerburg and will be taught by Louetta Kambic. Fee is \$67 plus \$20 for materials. Bring Handsewing needle, black thread, small scissors, pencil, straight pins, rubber gloves, 5-gallon bucket and 30-36 inch length of 4" diameter PVC pipe.

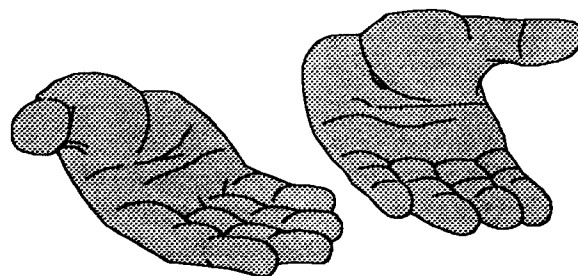
Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild will hold a workshop on Bedford Cord by Mimi Smith May 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Lake Farmpark, 8800 Chardon Rd., Kirtland. Cost will be \$57 and materials fee of \$2. Registration deadline is March 26. Send check for WRSW Guild to Susan Davidson, 5001 Sabrina Lane, Warren, OH 44483. Bedford cord is a handy weave structure for rugged jackets, simple shawls and sturdy place mats and runners but is infrequently mentioned in weaving literature. Participants will receive instructions on how to dress looms for 4 or 8 shafts. Mimi Smith has been weaving for 25 year and has taught national and regional seminars.

Lake Metroparks Fiberfest art show competition will accept entries of original handmade work done in the last three years for exhibit June 12-30 at Lake Farmpark, 8800 Chardon Road, Kirtland. Entry fee is \$5 per item, limit of 5. Work must be original, handmade (commercial designs not eligible) with a minimum of 3 elements unique to the item, although it may be a known pattern. At least 75% must be natural fiber. A list of materials is required for each item. Awards will include prize money and gift vouchers. Entry form deadline May 15, exhibit items to be received by 5 p.m. June 6.

Michigan League of Handweavers workshops June 21- 23. They will include: Japanese Influences on Contemporary Basketry, Plain Weave, Making Good Scarves Better, Dolls from Handwoven Fabric, Woven Shibori, Welcome to 8-shaft weaving and Tapestry as an Art Form. Information: Cathy McCarthy, 6886 Springbrook Lane, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004.

Canton Spinners and Weavers will hold a workshop April 27 at the Canton Museum of Art on "Cooking With Color" by Pat Bullen. This spinners workshop on color blending will

be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$20 with \$25 workshop fee. Bring spinning wheel, blending tools (drum carder, hand cards, wool combs, etc.) and bag lunch. Send fee to Lynne Carnes, PO Box 214 Dellroy OH, 44620 by April 1. Information: call Lynne at 330-735-2923 or email JLCarnes@eohio.net



Ohio want ads

For sale: 56-inch circumference warping reel...folds flat against the wall when not in use. Asking \$165...pictures can be seen at my web site under "used fiber equipment." Chris Spitzer, <http://www.YellowCreekCottage.com>

For sale: Wooden antique skein winder purchased in Quebec. \$50. Carol Rahall, (419) 756-2344.

For sale: Raw, skirted fleeces from Dorset/Corriedale crosses. About 10 pounds each. \$7.50. Details and reservations: (419) 886-2052. Cherry Creek Farm, 410 West Kochheiser Rd., Belleville, OH, 44813-9125.

For sale: Timbertops Leicester spinning wheel of yew. Built- in lazy kate, 2 ratios, single treadle. Barb Getty, (330) 723-3757

For sale: LeClerc loom, 4 harness, 36-inch. Excellent condition, original instructions, extra heddles, flat shuttles, boat shuttle, wooden folding warping reel. \$600: Daria Horodysky, (330) 659-4753 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For sale: Kyra loom 8 harness, 45-inch, 2 boxes of yarn. \$1,000. John Tomci (330) 688-9797.

For sale: Harrisville 36-inch folding floor loom. 6 treadles, maple. Tool train, bench, extra reeds and heddles. \$1,000. M. Hershberger, (330) 857-8422 or mherish@raex.com

Free: Grand Champion angora rabbit. Owner ill. Cage, equipment and book. Becky Karadin, (330) 939-1005 or yttika@msn.com

You missed it

A splendid time was had by all the guild members who came to the spin-in Feb. 23 at the Extension Office on Russia Road.

The sun was pouring in the windows, the wheels were whirring (actually clacking and banging, for a couple of guild members who shall remain unmentioned) and the smell of hot food drove us all to the table with great speed at noon. Our waistlines could have used a few salads instead of all that loving winter fare and homemade goodies. Where were all our salad makers? Home, alas.

Next time come and join the fun. It isn't February if you can't goof off on a Saturday. PS. Bring salad.

A record

In 1997 Terri DeHetre of New Port Richie, Florida, handspun and plied 10 grams (.035 ounces) of Merino wool to 734 yards. This is about 14 football field lengths of singles yarn to make this 2 play weighing a third of an ounce!

From Western Reserve S&W newsletter



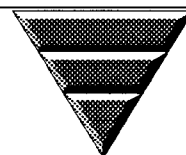
It's a show

During March the Allen Memorial Art Museum and the Oberlin College Center for Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies will have a month of lectures and film as part of its exhibit "Woven Treasures: Tribal Textiles from Central Asia."

Go to www.oberlin.edu/~creecas and click "new course" for details.

Information at:

www.oberlin.edu/allenart/exhibitions/exhibits-tribaltextiles.html.



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Minutes of the meeting

LOCO meeting 2-12-02. 18 people present. Treasurer Betty Roll's report showed a January balance of \$1488.72. After receiving dues of \$60 and paying for newsletter expenses and fiber samples, the February balance was \$1,430.68.

Sample chairman Beth Hines brought a wool and hemp blend roving for members to try. The secretary passed around a Penland Arts & Crafts school schedule for 2002, a thank you letter from Heifer project, to which the guild had contributed a Christmas donation and a thank you for use of the guild's LeClerc loom and the welcome at the January meeting from Betsy Bruce's weaving class.

There was also a postcard from Gretchen Kantor, our member in Colorado, asking if anyone would be going to Convergence 2002. It was announced that Lillian Ortiz has livestock for sale, including 5 llamas, 2 pregnant females at \$400 each and 3 males at \$300 each. She also has 9 peacocks (Blue India). Six are adults—4 males—\$50 and females \$25 each and 3 September chicks at \$10. There is miscellaneous peacock equipment and she is offering 2 goats—free. 1 angora 10 or 12 yrs old which has good mohair and 1 white neutered male. Contact her at (216) 586-7650-work and (330) 772-4936-home.

Sara Twining shared Zeilinger Wool Co.'s latest postcard on fees for processing fiber. Program Chairman Elizabeth Yasaki announced that the March program would be Mary Louise Van Dyke on Theo Morman weaving techniques.

In June Lee Ann Spencer will discuss the finishing on sewn/weaving projects and in

August members will bring in their "projects with a history." There will be prizes for 1) oldest finished project, 2) best history and 3) voter's choice. Prizes yet to be decided.

Planning for April or May includes painted warps by Kathy Roig of the Ginko Gallery, which might be held at the gallery.

Workshop chairman Betsy Bruce said workshops on neo-felting are possible but the only available time for the instructor is Aug 24 & 25 (Sat & Sun), during the same week as the Lorain County fair.

The March meeting will be held at the LaPorte Church on the corner of Grafton & Butternut Ridge. It is at 2071 Grafton Road, just off the Route 10 exit east of the LaGrange exit. Volunteers are still being sought for the demo April 4 at Lake Ridge Academy in North Ridgeville to show the students spinning & weaving.

It was announced that May 25 & 26 is the Great Lakes Fiber show in Wooster and a number of workshops are being offered.

LOCO meetings for June, July & August will be at Beaver Creek Metro Park facility in Amherst.

Members were encouraged to remember that the guild demo for the Pioneer Days will be Saturday and Sunday Sept. 7 and 8, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days and in costume. A sign-up sheet passed around. We need 4 people minimum each day.

In general information it was announced that the guild's state fair sheep-to-shawl piece is still missing but when we have called to ask about it we were asked about ways to promote the sheep-to-shawl event and questioned about changes to make it better. Only 2 teams showed up last year.

There was a cool show and tell participation followed by the program to clean out your closet.

Elizabeth Yasaki, secretary pro tem