

Loco News

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Share the fun

B Ring materials for 12-18 people to try a simple ornament they can make in a few minutes to the guild meeting Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center on Diagonal Road.

Felt balls? Roving angels? Elves of pipe cleaners and yarn scraps? Be creative and try something fun.

We'll swap ideas and have enough material to make some great stuff for our holiday trees.

Don't forget your cup and show-and-tells. This is the meeting when we elect new officers for next year so if you would like to volunteer some help, speak up.

The nominating committee's slate of officers for 2001 are as follows:

President: Elizabeth Yasaki

Vice president and program chairman: Stacy Allen

Treasurer: Betty Roll

Secretary and demonstration chairman: Pat Harrison

Samples: Beth Hines

Newsletter: Pat Geisler

Historian: Jo Babcock

Librarian : Sara Twining

Refreshments: Karen Morgan

Sunshine: Rosie Hauff

Workshops: Betsy Bruce

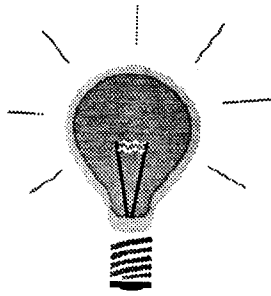


LOCO workshop

There are still places open for the Oct. 21 workshop which Fae Evans will offer on a spinning tune-up at Sand Ridge wetlands reservation in North Ridgeville.

If you haven't let Beth Hines know you plan to come, reserve a spot now. \$15 plus fiber fee.

Fae is an outstanding teacher and always offers valuable tips for everyone from beginner to expert spinner. 9 am to 3 p.m. Bag lunch.



Calendar

- Oct. 7:** The Gathering, All Ohio spin-in at Malabar Farms State Park 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Ohio Fiber Network.
- Oct. 7-8:** LOCO spinning demonstrations at Birmingham Antique and Craft Fair. Costume required.
- Oct. 10:** LOCO meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12:** Palm frond basket workshop by Jennie Hutchings of Hawaii, sponsored by the Cuyahoga Weavers Guild. Cost is \$15 plus a \$10 materials fee. 9:30-4:30 p.m. Information and enrollment: Deborah Silver, 3087 E. Derbyshire Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH, 44118.
- Oct. 21:** LOCO workshop by Fae Evans, "Spinning Wheel Tune-up," at Sand Ridge in North Ridgeville. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 24:** Spinning at home of Beth Hines, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3-4:** Knitting Texture Techniques Workshop by Wooster Knitting Guild. (Friday evening and Saturday all day) \$50. Information: Connie King, (330) 669-2943.
- Nov. 4-5:** Medina Guild will host Patsy Zawistowski workshop on balanced weave tapestry. Contact: Chris Spitzer (330) 668-2414 or email: Litlspitz1@aol.com

Nov. 7-9: Cuyahoga Weavers Guild sponsors three-day Tapestry of the Face workshop with Ruth Manning at the Memorial Nottingham Library, 17109 Lake Shore Blvd. \$50 fee. Limited enrollment. Instructor will provide pre-warped loom for \$15. Information and reservations: Leslie Alperin, 2523 Cedarwood Rd., Pepper Pike, OH, 44124.

Nov. 11: Western Reserve Guild Workshop on "Photography as a Design Tool." Information: Roberta Shafer (440) 942-5287.

Nov. 14: LOCO meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18: Handspun Handwoven show and sale by Weavers Guild of Miami Valley, 9-4, John Bryan Center, 100 Dayton St., Yellow Springs.

Nov. 21: Spinning at home of Beth Hines, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 12: LOCO meeting and Christmas party, 7:30 p.m.

July 13-18, 2001: Midwest Weavers Conference.

24 Karat Gold Soup

Cook 1 large chopped onion in 2 Tblspns butter or margarine until onion is translucent.

Add 2 lbs. Sliced carrots
3 cups water or stock.

Cook until soft.

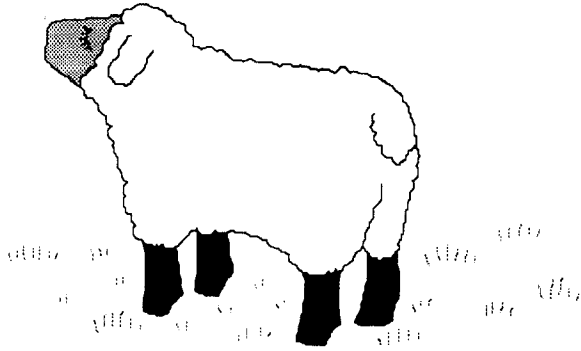
Puree carrot and onion mix

Add: 12-ounce container of orange juice concentrate

3 tablespoons orange peel.

Serve warm or chilled.

(From LOCO Guild member who forgot to write her name on the recipe. Who is this month's mystery cook?)



Know your breeds

Bluefaced Leicester or Hexam Leicester Blue Faced Maine or Blue Headed Maine

Animal Size: ram 230-270 lbs.
Ewe 160-220 lbs.

Fleece type: Longwool and Lustre

Numerical Count: 56's-60's

Micron: 31-20

Staple length: 8-15 cm (5-6 inches)

Fleece weight: 1-2 kg (6-8 lbs.)

Yield: 60-70%

Breed origins: The Bluefaced Leicester was evolved during the last century for the specific purpose of breeding high quality cross-bred ewes from hardy hill breeds (Dishley Leicester). Coming originally from the Tyne and Wear Valleys and the hills of east Cumbria, it was often referred to as the "Hexam Leicester". The Bluefaced Leicester is the sire of the Mule-the most popular of the half-breeds.

Sheep characteristics: In appearance and characteristics it was a distinct breed by the year 1900. Today it is recognized as one of the most prolific of British sheep breeds. It has a broad muzzle and Roman nose. It's head skin shows dark blue through white hair. There is no wool on its head or legs and it is a polled sheep.

Fleece characteristics: Blueface Leicester wool is fairly fine and dense and demi-lustrous. Chief uses for the wool include moquettes, hosiery and dress fabrics and high quality luster yarns.

Sources: British Sheep & Wool, edited by: J. Elliot, D. E. Lord ATI, J. M. Williams FRAGS, The British Wool Marketing Board, Oak Mills, Clayton, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD1463D, 1990.

Compiled By: Roni Rospert, 1998



Save the Sheep T-shirt

To order a Save The Sheep T-shirt from Spin-off Magazine at Interweave Press, Call 800-645-3675, EXT 620 or 648. The shirts are \$15 plus \$3 shipping and handling.



Minutes of the meeting

Sept. 12, 200, Carlisle Visitor Center

President Betty Roll called the meeting to order with 20 present and no guests. Minutes as printed in the newsletter had one error: the location of the Sand Ridge wetlands reservation is North Ridgeville (not North Olmsted) for the Fae Evans workshop.

Treasurer Kay Mangione reported a balance of \$1,273.11 in the treasury.

Pat Geisler, newsletter editor, was absent.

Sara Twining, librarian, said she brought materials on weaving in keeping with the evening's program.

Demonstration chairman Pat Harrison said sheets are set for The Birmingham Harvest of Antiques Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants are to arrive in costume at least 30 minutes before opening to get a parking space. Sandy Borchert gave directions on how to get there.

Samples chairman Beth Hines had Swaledale samples for us to try. She announced a spinning day Nov. 4 at the Agricultural Extension office on Russian Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a potluck lunch. Plan to spin or work on your current fiber project.

Kay Mangione said that anyone who wanted to order a subscription to Spin-Off should send checks for \$21 to her by Oct. 20 so she can send the guild orders in before deadline in order to earn a free subscription for the guild library. Interweave also offers subscriptions to Handwoven, Piece Work and a magazine on dyeing. Call her at (440) 846-0478 if there are questions.

Sara Twining said she had no further details on the Magical Farms request for volunteer spinners. Other venues that have asked for volunteer spinners (without pay) are Coon Creek Pioneer Festival Sept. 24 and 25 in Spencer and a Strongsville Fair Sept. 24. They will be sent a letter on the guild's policy.

Stacy Allen said she would host a spinning evening at her home at 3520 Dover Center Rd., Westlake, on Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (440) 835-4968.

It was announced that work on the Muriel Twining memorial shawl was continuing.

Jill Cooley announced area felting workshops in October and one Sept. 23 with Leslie Samson on seamless hats. Contact Jill for more information.

Sara turned in a check for \$150- for the guild's winning sheep-to-shawl sale, but said she couldn't locate the woman who bought it. Our team took second place at the Ohio State Fair in August with the shawl. She also announced that her farm would be doing sheep shearing on Friday after the meeting if anyone wished to attend.

Pat Harrison mentioned an interest in seeing movies of the sheep-to-shawl project being shown to students at the Lear North Elementary School where she has done demonstrations. She asked if we could do a video taping of the project next year as the group practices to have something to show when guild members take wool and wheels into the schools and other places for demonstrations.

A nominating committee was appointed to get a slate of officers for next year. Karen Morgan, Elsie Wise and Betty Roll will participate. Notify one of them if you wish to volunteer.

Cindy Bush moved to amend the Guild Bylaw, Article III, which states "The office of president shall be filled by a current board member," by adding the words "if possible." Judy seconded the motion. It will be voted on at the October meeting. These minutes will serve as the written notice.

Betty Roll announced that a man with spinning wheels for sale gave information to her which she passed on to Stacy Allen. She will contact him to see exactly what wheels he has and terms of sale. Perhaps he will come to a meeting.

Sunshine report listed Natalie DeMuth and Roni Rospert on the list for the month. Cards or calls will be welcome.

Betty announced a Western Reserve Guild retreat to be held probably on a mid-March weekend for fiber arts people. Deadline for sign-up will be December. The usual place is a church-owned farm in Concord Twp. Details will follow.

Cindy Bush said Lake Ridge Academy will hold its Colonial re-enactment in May instead of this fall and she will seek volunteers then for the annual event.

Pat Harrison said she is looking for better maps to the places where guild members demonstrate. Main roads are evident but smaller streets at the destinations aren't always easy to find. Kay Griggs offered to look some up and Pat said she would get us identifying cards to put on our dashboards when we participate in such events.

Oct. 7 will be the annual Spin-In at Malabar Farms in Mansfield after the Ohio Arts meeting.

Betsy Bruce announced that the free lectures and paid workshops at Cleveland Museum of Art are worth attending. She said the workshops are expensive but worth the price.

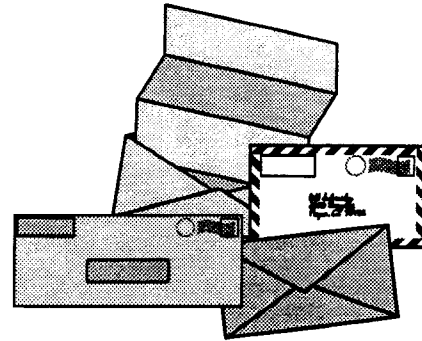
During show and tell, Kay Griggs brought two books: Rita Buchanan's "A Dyer's Garden" and Trudy Von Straler's "Indigo, Madder and Marigold." Chris Bruce had a wool wreath with tiny objects as trimming; Cindy Bush brought her completed Persian Poppy vest; Betsy Bruce showed how she had used leftover warp and woven enough material to make the front pieces of a vest. Sara Twining showed woven towels, bread cloths and tote bag.

Refreshments were served by Pam Tallos and Carrie Gladyszewski.

The program was presented by Peggy Strang on drafting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center.

Pat Harrison, Secretary



From Ohio Fiber Network: 36", 4 Harness, Direct tie-up, Harrisville loom. Included are miscellaneous shuttles and a warping board. \$350. Call Elaine at (614) 846.8547.

Barb Gallagher is cleaning out her shop and says she has these items to go:

- 1) Marudai with Rodrick Owen's video - new, never used, \$95
- 2) Reeve's free standing distaff, still in box, \$100.

Tax and shipping included.

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Medina Guild: Patsy Zawistoski will conduct a balanced weave tapestry workshop Nov. 4-5. Patsy has developed a style to make the most frugal use of yarn. The end result is a lighter weight fabric, woven in a simple balanced weave tabby, 10 epi, where color blended warp becomes integral to the finished piece.

The focus of the Balanced-Weave, Tapestry Workshop will be learning to blend/shade warp colors in the reed, warping from front to back plus cartooning and all the facets of balanced weave tapestry.

\$70 for Medina Guild members and \$80

for nonmembers plus an additional \$15 materials fee. Registration for nonmembers is limited.

Contact: Chris Spitzer (330) 668-2414 or email: Litlspitz1@aol.com

Linda Bertangeth writes to offer a couple of union rug looms for sale. Good condition, \$375 and \$400. Contact her at 44344 St. Rt. 517, Columbiana, OH, 44408, (330) 457-7551

From Black Swamp Spinners & Weavers: Carol Perry wants to reduce her herd of French angora rabbits. \$60 for two or \$35 for female, \$30 for male, with pedigrees. (419) 533-5608.

From Canton Spinners and Weavers: Peggy Whitelock has a 48" Glimakra Viking floor loom, 4 harnesses, like new, with all original accessories: \$825; an antique cherry walking wheel which spins, in beautiful condition, \$4000 and an antique Scandinavian horizontal wool/flax wheel, original finish, \$375. Contact her at 127 Longue Vue Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15228 or (412) 341-3846. Uarda Taylor at (440) 969-1890 has a LeClerc Colonial four harness, 6 treadle counterbalance 44" loom with a 12 dent reed and a bottom or overhead beater for \$900. She also has an e-mail address: uarda@ncweb.com

Algonquin Spinners & Weavers note that refrigerators are hardly ever destroyed in fires. When you go away on vacation, it's an ideal place to put your box of most valuable papers—birth certificates, insurance policies, wills, etc.

Malabar Farm Spinning and Weaving Guild says: The most luxurious fiber in the world is illegal. It is called shatoosh, and comes from the chiru, an endangered wild Tibetan antelope.

To clip its hair, hunters must kill the animal. A shawl woven of pure shatoosh is called a

ring scarf because it can easily slip through a wedding ring.

It's illegal to buy or sell shatoosh under the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. On the black market shawl prices start at \$8,000.

From Gretchen Kantor, our member emeritus in Colorado: Sorry I missed you all but I just couldn't stay for the spin-in at the LOCO Fair. :-((I miss you all and LOCO's activities! Hopefully, another time. Say "Hi" to everyone for me. How's fall out there? It's COLD here today but after the 90 degree Plus weather we've been having, it's a relief, if a bit drastic. Thinking of you all with the Mill Hollow and Birmingham demos happening about now.



Black Walnut time

It's that time of the year when dyers can find materials for special colors.

Black walnuts contain a great amount of tannic acid, which acts as a mordant to set dye, so pre-mordanting. However, some mordants may enhance the color or draw slightly different hues from the dye bath.

Mineral content in the soil in which the walnut tree grew has a great effect on the color,

producing anything from red-brown to mousey tan.

Gather fallen walnuts complete with their green hulls.

For a rich color, use the same or greater weight of nuts to the weight of the fiber to be dyed. Put the nuts in the dye pot, cover with water and soak overnight. Then bring to a boil and boil for two hours.

Strain out the nuts, add water to float the fibers comfortably and add the fiber to be dyed.

For cotton, bring the dye bath to boiling and continue cooking for one to two hours, stirring frequently. For wool, bring the dye bath to a medium to high simmer for 45 minutes to an hour. Do not boil. Gently turn wool over occasionally but do not stir or agitate. Wool felts easily in hot water. You may add rusty nails, ferrous sulfate or copper sulfate to the dye bath to darken the color.

Cool dye bath, remove yarn and thoroughly wash and rinse to remove excess dye.

Central Ohio Weavers Guild

Wooster Knitting Guild will hold a workshop by Katherine Pensce on "Knitting Texture Techniques" Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Zion Lutheran Church, 301 N. Market St., Wooster. It will be 7-9 p.m. Friday night and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Bag lunch on Saturday with cold drinks provided. Cost is \$50. Class size limited to 30. Send checks to Connie King, 9279 Pleasant Home Rd., Sterling, OH, 44276 or call her at (330) 669-2943 evenings. Registration deadline is Oct. 26.

Ohio Fiber Network News:

The Gathering is coming fast! Saturday, October 7, at Malabar Farm, from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. This year there will not be any mini or all day workshops, but will be a great time to spin fibers and tales! Bring a sack lunch and your wheel, or knitting needles, or whatever you are working on.

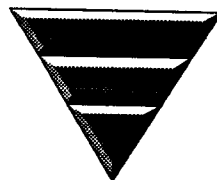
Easy to find. Take I-71 toward Mansfield to Exit 169 (Route 13) and follow the signs to Malabar Farm.

Instead of having a meeting after 4 p.m., it was decided to have a meeting while we are munching lunch, and whoever wants to join in is

very welcome to do so.

There is information coming out on the list about workshops, some guilds programs for the year, and items for sale. If you have not subscribed to the OFN list you are missing some good information.

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