



November 2025 LOCO News **(locoguild.com)**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2025

No Weavers Circle this month. However Gina will have the room open at 5:30 for anyone bringing in items for the member showcase.

7:00 pm Member Showcase: The November meeting is an opportunity to showcase the talents of all our members. This is a way to connect and expand friendships and appreciation of each other. Members are asked to bring samples of any craft or art they create. It could be fiber arts, it could be jewelry, Paintings, gift cards...anything you personally make. You can display your work for others to see and or you may sell items that you have made. You must be a member to sell items. This is an inhouse sale. If you choose to bring a guest, you are welcome to do so. The guild is not involved with the money end in any way. There will also be a business meeting and show and tell.

Location: Carlisle Reservation

Snacks: Does your last name start with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, 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.

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 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

Upcoming Meetings: 2025

No more LOCO lessons this year.

Projected Calendar for the year:

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

Newsletter Archives

The newsletter archives have been updated from 2000-2007 on the website. Take the time to check them out and let Ann H. know you have seen them! Great work Ann H.!

Workshop Committee Updates

2026 Workshops

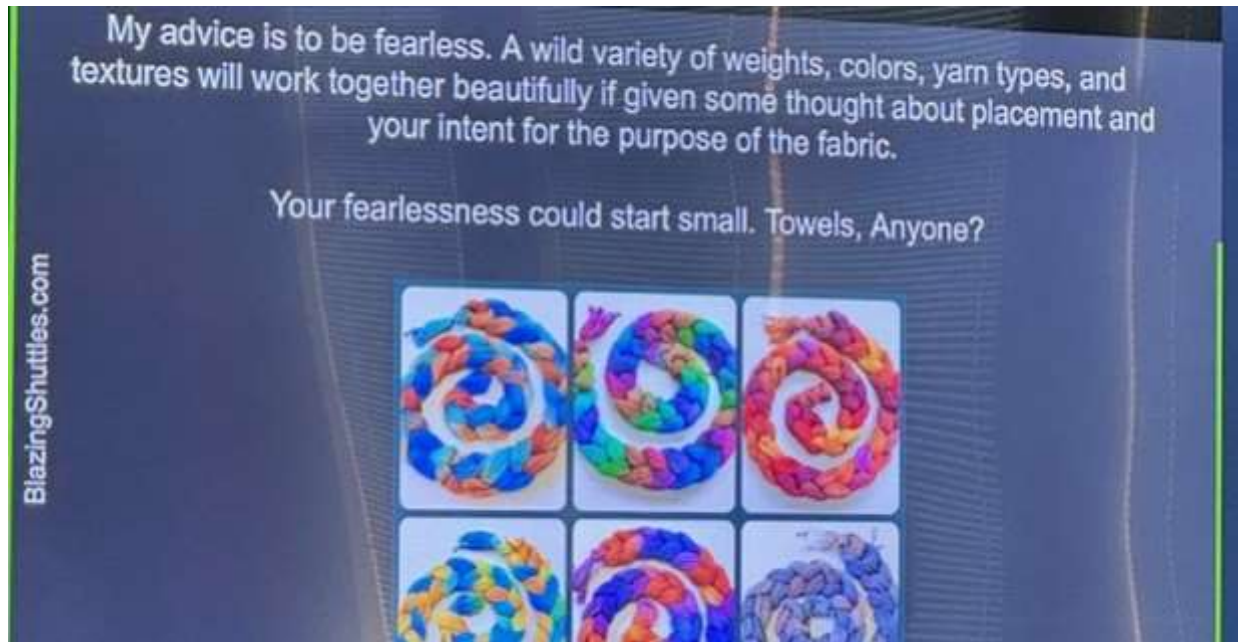
Coming on March 28th, 2026 Spinning With Flax with instructor Susan Conover

October 16/17, 2026 Weaving With Your Spun Flax (or linen for non-spinners), with Susan.

More information to follow in January.

Susan Conover began spinning and weaving in 1980 and spent the next four plus decades studying under numerous international teachers. Her focus has always been on the historic aspects of the craft. Her expertise has included being Operations Manager at Västuga Weaving School in Shelburne Falls, MA for five years. She specializes in lectures and hands-on workshops for guilds and craft schools throughout North America.

Kathrin Weber Workshop Via Zoom Update



On October 4, 2025, sixteen weavers participated in an inspiring day with Kathrin Weber via Zoom. Kathrin shared her expertise using numerous images of her work to help us see color and yarn in a different way. All participants acquired ways of using thick and thin yarn together; how to dress a loom to accommodate the different yarns; and to think WHAT IF....

We viewed pieces that used left over warps which Kathrin called her "casserole" projects.

After the Zoom workshop, Sara shared her beautiful basket of hand spun yarn and the group brainstormed ways of using the different types of fiber. Ideas included sort by color, find out the length of each, add commercial yarn and start with small projects. Jean brought in some dyed warps and the group again shared ways to use and make the dyed yarn go further by adding thin yarn in the warp. Kathrin showed us ways to dress a loom from "front to back" and we shared ways in making her ideas accessible for all the "back to front" weavers.

We had conversation with friends and met some new ones that day.

Thank you to Kathrin Weber for a motivating day.
Kathrin's website is www.blazingshuttles.com

Workshop Committee

LOCO October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

7:05 pm President Jean Crawford opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. No visitors or new members tonight.

Minutes of Previous meetings - Vicki B. moved and Kathryn D. seconded to accept the minutes from the August and September meetings. Motion passed.

Reports -

Jean thanked everyone for who participated in demonstrations to promote our craft. Thank you to Betsy our demonstration chair for coordinating. Her talent and time are appreciated.

Jean also mentioned our shawl raffle is coming up. Get your tickets to sell.

Jean mentioned our first workshop via zoom has been completed and everyone seemed pleased with what they learned. We look forward to seeing future projects.

Check off your BINGO card.

Treasurer/Membership - Missy reported that there was one more renewal and membership book is being processed. Checks from zoom will be cashed this week. LOCO received an Honorarium of \$25 from Oberlin Heritage Center. Fair reimbursement of \$5 is being distributed.

Program - Karen shared the following programs:

November - Get To Know You All/ Membership Sale

A Note from Gina: "Getting to Know You All" meeting. 5:30 set up. Meeting at 7:00 pm. The November meeting is an opportunity to showcase the talents of all our members. This is a way to connect and expand friendships and appreciation of each other. At this meeting, members are asked to bring samples of any craft or art they create. It could be fiber arts, it could be jewelry, paintings, it could be gift cards.... Anything you personally make. You can display or display and offer your items up for sale. This is an in house sale, if you choose to bring a guest, you are welcome to do so. The guild is not involved with the money end of this in any way. Gina will open the room at the Carlisle Reservation at 5:30pm on Tuesday, November 11. This will give you time to set up so we can be ready and start the meeting at 7:00 pm. We will have our regular show and tell, and maybe go around the room to get a few words from folks who brought in items. Also, by Nov 1st, if you like, you can send Gina or Karen a line or two, or even a picture of what you will be bringing for the Nov. Newsletter.

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So folks know what to expect. For example, "I love weaving, I do it all the time, I have soooo many kitchen towels I will bring a few to sell to folks who will appreciate them." Or Gina would say.... "In addition to weaving, I also enjoy wood turning. I plan on bringing some of my wood turned ornaments and boxes." We can talk about this more at the October meeting if you have any questions.

December - Wellington Reservation Potluck 6:30 pm

Potluck, ornament exchange (handmade by giver or purchased, but handmade), raffle (with special raffle just for members).

January - Carlisle. LOCO Lesson - Weaver's Circle - How to Warp Your Loom. Business Meeting - vote on budget for the year and to brainstorm and reflect on committee work and future ideas

Workshops - Barb concurred Jean's thoughts on the Zoom Workshop. Coming on March 28th, 2026 Susan Conover Spinning Flax and then October 16/17 th weaving with the spun flax or linen for non-spinners. More information to follow.

Demo - Betsy reported LOCO receiving \$25 honorarium from Oberlin Heritage Center. Ben Franklin Spinning Day had a good turnout.

Sunshine - Mary Anne reported there were 7 Birthdays in October. She received notice that Nancy Zaworski just had hip surgery and we wish her well.

Equipment - Julie reported she has all the equipment except one item. She will be home until February for members to sign out equipment. Betsy requested a small fee to repair one of the LOCO looms.

Library - Barb will continue to bring items to meetings. Some new magazines were available (note: over 70 collection items have been signed out this year from the library and meeting suitcase)

Historian - Ann has been digitizing material. She is now on 2006.

Service Project - Elizabeth passed out fiber to spin for future shawls. Betsy "showed off" the latest shawl. She also gathered all the left over yarn and made another shawl. We have next year's shawls completed. Also, she reminded everyone of the Fair Shawl Raffle just for members.

Medina - Nancy invited everyone to Medina's November meeting with a presentation by Felice Dalhausen. She is an artist/quilter. Nancy also thanked anyone who demonstrated with her this season. December meeting will be a make it/take it. Check out Medina's webpage for additional information. <https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/>

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Old Business

Jean reported that the Sievers Loom went to a new home in Circleville, Ohio. There were over 60 people inquiring about loom.

Chain Reaction - started this month. The chart is currently full, but we can make room for another member who is interested.

Donation from Shawl raffle - below is a list of past organizations gave donations. We will decide in January. If you have any other suggestions bring them to the meeting with a description.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Lorain County: Regional non-profit committed to fighting hunger. Second Harvest helps feed tens of thousands of people throughout Crawford, Erie, Huron and Lorain Counties. For every \$1 donated they can provide 5 meals to those at risk for hunger.

Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment is a non-profit organization maintained entirely by volunteers. All donations made to SEPA are fully tax deductible. 91.7% of the money raised goes to Guatemala supporting two Mayan villages and funds go to: teacher salaries and education, scholarships, building a community kitchen and health clinic and much more.

The women of Copal AA earn money for their children's schooling through weaving.

Livestock Conservancy: Mission to is protect America's endangered livestock and poultry breeds from extinction. Heritage breed conservation retains animals well suited for sustainable, grass-based systems, which gives some small farms a competitive edge. By securing genetic diversity they enable healthy agriculture development while preserving heritage, history and culture.

Adopt a Native American Elder: Serves to help reduce extreme poverty and hardships facing traditional Elders living on the Navajo Reservation. A trusted humanitarian organization focusing on food, medical supplies, firewood and other forms of Elder support. They also help keeping the Navajo weavers supplied with yarn bundles to weave rugs.

Heifer International: Provides farming families, especially women, around the world with the tools and resources they need to thrive. Work with families in need to created long-term solutions to hunger and poverty. Some programs include: Send a Girl to School; Teach People How to Start a Business; Garden Seeds; Clean Water; Sheep for wool.

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Others listed, but did not donate:

Lorain County Metropark (we do donate to Carlisle for the Raptor program listed on our budget)

Nome Schoolhouse, Nome, ND – Fiber Arts Retreat

New Business:

Drum Carder will be returning to equipment. Good for Alpaca and fine pieces.

Some new interest in T-shirts or other clothing items. Big Frog in Avon Lake has our Logo and other clip art to choose from at their store. Located at Avon Commons, 35878 Detroit Road Avon, OH 44011.

Show and Tell

Kathy W. – Sara gave her some yarn from basket raffle. Kathy made 7 scarves and baby blanket. Willing to donate to good cause.

Abbie G. – shared her knitting. Just starting out. Self teaching.

Lynn B. – showed a fleece from a new sheep. Wensleydale Sheep. All her other sheep are Polypay.

Nancy P. – Jean C. took a class on ban loom weaving and share her knowledge with Nancy.

Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments

Program – Make and Take bags with iron-on fiber related art icons.

**Respectfully submitted,
Barb Enos**

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.

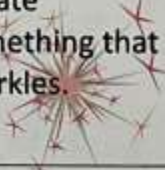
Choose as many squares as you want during the year. Any fiber craft is appropriate for the challenge. When you finish a project bring it in for show and tell or wait until April 2026 when you bring in your fiber bingo card.

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

F I B E R

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

Medina Guild News:

(Contact Nancy P.)

The Medina Guild will meet November 18, 2025. The program is going to be a presentation of handmade Santas by local artist Bobbi Taylor. As always we will have a show and tell. Check with Nancy P. at the meeting if you would like a list of additional demonstrations through the Medina Guild you are welcome to participate in.

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

Happening in our Area:

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

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/>

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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