

LOCO News

PARTY TIME

Bring cookies

Our annual Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the LaPorte Methodist Church at the corner of Rt. 10/20 and Grafton Road. It is right at the exit and is hard to miss.

The party marks the conclusion of our year's efforts on behalf of the Heifer Project International. Winners of the raffle for all the shawls we have spun and woven will be chosen. And, we'll be tallying up the take to select the fiber animals we will donate to needy families around the world.

Part of the money will come from the tickets we have sold and part from donations by members. Ed Rowe, for instance, has contributed all the money he earns for doing our spinning wheel repairs and creating small tools for us.

Last year we contributed a total of \$1,500 to buy an alpaca, sheep and rabbits.

If you wish to participate in the gift ornament exchange, bring your wrapped ornament along with a plate of goodies to share.

Oh—and one other thing. The church is providing space for us without charge but it would be much appreciated if everyone could bring at least one can of non-perishable food to add to the Christmas baskets the congregation prepares for the needy during the holidays.





Calendar

Dec. 12: LOCO Christmas party with ornament exchange and drawing for Heifer Project shawls. LOCATION CHANGE: La Porte Methodist Church, Grafton Road and Rt. 20.

Jan. 13: Drop spindle workshop for Canton Spinners and Weavers at CMA by Grace Kitto. Bring spindle, roving and dish to share for potluck.

Jan. 28: LOCO spinning at Huntington Township Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Feb.9-March 21: Quilt Show at Lake Farm Park, Kirtland.

Feb.24: Black Swamp Spinners and Weavers Learn to Spin 101 Workshop, Bowling Green. Janice Ryan, 1844 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH 45840, 419-424-0319
ryansedgyart@yahoo.com

March 17and 18: Scottish Tartan workshop with Melissa Dunning sponsored by Medina Guild.

March 23-24: Canton Spinners and Weavers workshop on Taking the Shadow out of Shadow Weave by Mimi Smith at CMA. \$50 for non-members. Registration to Stefanie Bauer, 10726 Johnsford Rd., SW, Beach City, OH 44608. \$2 materials fee.

March 31: Black Swamp Market Day, Wood County Fairgrounds, 10-4 p.m., Bowling Green.

May 26-27, Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Festival, Fairgrounds in Wooster.

June 17-20: Roots—Midwest Weavers Conference 2007, Lincoln, Nebraska. Contact

Kitt Hamersky, 5431Hamilton St., Omaha, NE 68132or treadler@cox.net

June 23-24: Woolfest, formerly Fiberfest, at Lake Farmpark, Kirtland. For listing of workshop or art show entry forms or to be added to mailing list, call 440-256-2122 or 800 366-3276.

Through Aug. 12: Crazy Quilts and Figured and Fancy Coverlet exhibits at Kent State University Textile Museum.

Oct. 5-8: Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference Lewiston, NY. \$365 for3 days workshop, room and board. Info: Phyllisvas@yahoo.com



Loco Library Corner

New in the LOCO Library at Ginko Gallery in Oberlin is Color Works published in 2004 by Interweave Press. It is Deb Menz's response to all her students across the country who have repeatedly requested this book. Not the usual book about color that tries to explain relationships with charts and squares or circles of color, the book illustrates what color does in allsorts of fiber media. Hue, value, shades, proportions, harmony, undertones and many more properties of color are all explained with photos of quilts, embroidery, knitting, beading, weaving and etc. As Menz writes on page 82,"Understanding what affects color in the mediums that you want to use will enable you to make choices that will give more predictable results." This is a gift to the LOCO Library from Bead Paradise in Oberlin, thanks to Karen Long.

Mary Louise VanDyke



Knitting tips

When knitting cables, use a round toothpick as an auxiliary needle to hold stitches at the front or the back. Round toothpicks are long enough and, if one is too sharp, blunt it with an emery file.

For beginners When using a pattern that has multiple sizes, make a photocopy of the pattern. Circle the variables for the size you are making. Red ink works well! When knitting the pattern, it's easy to spot the circled number and avoid mistakes. Using a copy of the original pattern keeps the original unmarked in case you want to make it again in a different size for someone else

If your bound off edges tend to be tighter than your knitted rows and draw in, bind off using a needle several sizes larger than the needle size used to knit the work.

Measure! If you're working on the cuff of a sleeve, and need exactly 4 inches, say, count the number of rows it takes to reach the length you want. Then make a note on your pattern. When you're working on the second sleeve you know you have to knit exactly that many rows to complete your measurement.. This method will prevent a knitter desperate to finish from

stretching the work even a little to achieve the length needed.

From Katie Farr

ODE TO MY WIFE THE KNITTER

She learned to knit on Monday
Her stitches were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner,
so we went out to dine.

She knitted socks on Tuesday.
She says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely,
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday, it was an afghan
She says jacquard is fun.
What colors!! What textures!!
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her Knit-weave was on Thursday,
Green, yellow, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed,
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings Friday
In colors she adores.
What never bothered her at all
Was crumbs on all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday
My week is now complete.
My wife can knit the hours away,
The house will still be neat.

Well.....it's already Sunday
And I'm about to throw a fit.
I've cursed, I've raved, I've ranted
The MAID has learned to KNIT!!!

Anonymous



Want ads

Wanted: Weaver for tablecloth. Woman wants it for her daughter made of cotton, about 3 yards x 40 inches after washing. She wants three shades of grey with a random weft. Weave structure undecided. Contact Laurie Hess at 440 423-3422 to discuss it with her.

For sale: Majacraft Rose double treadle spinning wheel with lazy Kate, small amount of wool, and two books, "Handspinners Handbook" and the out-of-print book "Inkle Weaving" by Helene Bress. \$490 for wheel, \$25 for books. Mary Dinardo, 440-564-1239

For sale: Large wooden Glimakra umbrella swift, \$50. Uarda Taylor, 440-969-1890 or weaver77@alltell.net

For sale: Nilus LeClerc 36" 4-harness, 6-treadle loom, warping board, raddle, tensioning box, shuttles, bench, etc. \$400. Vicki Pulaski, 440-254-4278

For sale: Nilus LeClerc, 45", 4-harness, 6-treadle loom. Instruction book, bench with drawer, reeds, shuttles, bobbin winder and skein holder, Ashford spinning wheel, antique spinning wheel. Yarns, cotton, linens, wool, silk, gold, silver and cut cotton for rug weft. Books, some Swedish and Finnish. Loom 45" high by 30" wide, suitable for Navajo-type rugs or hangings, Leash sticks, two warping boards 48" x 64" and 18" x 15". Jill Dixon, 216-229-3735

Market Day

The Black Swamp Spinners' Guild of NW Ohio will hold its 22nd Annual Market Day and Fiber Fair Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to 4 pm at Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building W. Poe Rd. & Brim entrance

There will be demonstrations and a wide array of goods for sale, including spinning & weaving equipment and supplies, handwoven & hand knit items, handspun yarns, books, dyes, fleeces, rug hooking, roving, and exotic fibers.

Free admission and door prizes, lunch available www.geocities.com/blackswampspinnersguild/home.html. Vendors contact Edie at candles@tc3net.com or 517-486-5898.

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Classes at Peninsula

Wheel Spinning with Becky Monegan for beginners on the 4th Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 9 pm. This is a repeating class – you can take it once, or as many times as you wish. Materials provided. Class limited to 4. \$35 per week, or \$25 for PAA members. For more information, or to register, contact Cris Welch at 330-848-1979, or jerrycriswelch@juno.com

Beginning Weaving with Carol Adams on Thursday nights, from 7 to 9:30. and on Wednesday at noon. Come and learn how to calculate your warp, dress the loom, and weave a sampler, using many different types of 4-harness weaves. The fee per class is \$38, or \$28 for PAA members. For more information, or to register, contact Carol at 330-657-2681, or caroladams@en.com.

Spindle Spinning with Cris Welch: for beginners on the 4th Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 9 pm. This is a repeating class. Materials provided. Class limited to 4. \$35 per week, or \$25 for PAA members. For more information, or to register, contact Cris Welch at 330-848-1979, or jerrycriswelch@juno.com.

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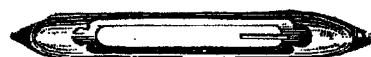
Workshop

The Medina Spinners and Weavers Guild will offer a workshop on Scottish Tartans with Melissa Dunning March 17 and 18 in 2007... Melissa Dunning is a well-known weaver who specializes in historical patterns and fabrics and will share her love of 'all things Scottish.' Each participant will weave either a scarf or a stole during the workshop, and will be able to select a tartan pattern from a wide variety of options. The workshop will be at the Lafayette Town Hall, 5 miles southwest of the center of Medina. Cost for the two-day workshop is \$100 for guild members, \$120 for non-members, and will be opened up to other guilds very soon. It is limited to 12 participants so that Ms. Dunning can correspond with each person and help to choose a tartan to weave.

Send reservations and check to: Rita Strube
19553 Idlewood Trail Strongsville, OH
44149-3133

Learn to spin

Black Swamp Spinners and Weavers Guild will hold its Spinning 101 Workshop in Bowling Green Feb. 24, 10 am to 4 pm. Sack lunch, snack and beverage provided. Try spinning with a drop spindle and various types of wheels. Take home a spindle and many fibers. \$20. Center Township Fire Hall, 9986 Bowling Green Road, East (I-75 to exit 181, east one mile to Carter Road, just past the Meijer Store.) Register by Feb. 17 to Janice Ryan, 1844 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH 45840, 419-424 0319 ryansedgyart@yahoo.com



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A bale of cotton

A single bale of cotton can produce 21,960 handkerchiefs, 4,321 mid-calf socks, 2,419 pairs of jockey shorts or 1,200 t-shirts. It could also be used for 3,000 diapers, 200 sheets, 1,200 pillow cases or 750 terrycloth bath towels. It will make 875 blouses, 750 dress shirts, 350 dress or 300 pairs of jeans.

Contributed by Elizabeth Yasaki

Reminder...

If you can receive your **newsletter** by **e-mail**, please notify Pat Geisler (spin9r@aol.com).

If Pat has your email address she can also forward any special notices between newsletters to you.

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On the net...

From Ann Hauser: A web site that has wonderful illustrated instructions for felting wool:

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<http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=ms%20darcy%20knitted%20cupcakes>

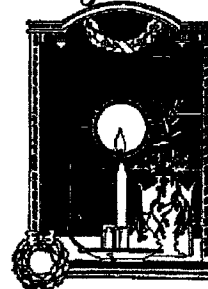
Ms.Darcy's knitted cupcakes



Spinning cancelled

The "last Sunday of the month" spinners and knitters gathering at Huntington Twp Hall will be cancelled for December, but will start again on January 28. Always a good time, visiting while working on individual projects. It starts at 1:30 pm. Any questions, contact Ann Hauser 440-647-7195.

Merry Christmas



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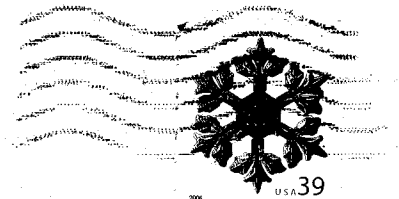
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