

LOCO News

A night to plan

Spinning shawls

Guild members will plan this year's Heifer Project fund-raising shawls at the regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Carlisle Visitor Center on Diagonal Road south of Elyria.

There will be discussion of how many and what kind (woven or knitted, etc) they should be. There is still wool from the fleece the guild bought in 2006 so bring your spinning wheel to start producing the yarn.

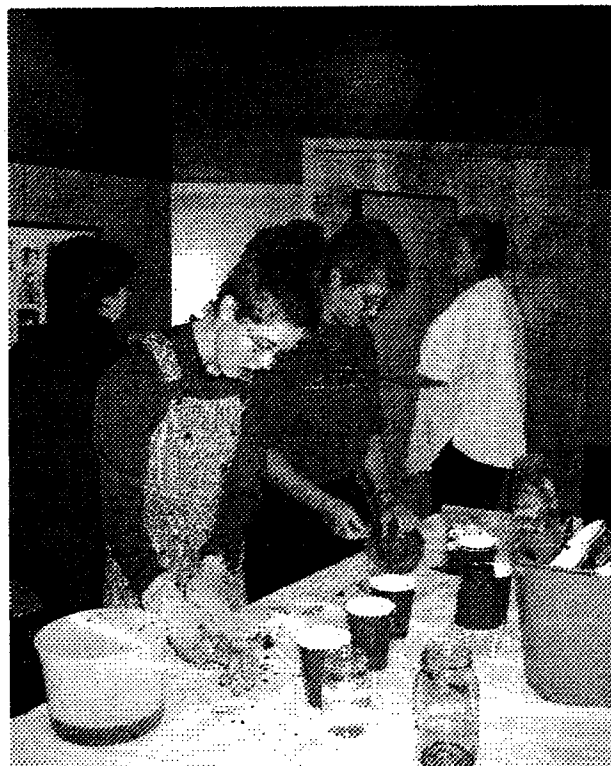
The money raised is donated to the Heifer Fund which provides fiber animals to needy people around the world. In 2006 the guild raised more than \$1,000 for 'knitting baskets' of sheep, alpacas and rabbits.

There will also be discussion of plants for the dye garden that was so successful last year at the Bacon House in the Metroparks.

Volunteers willing to knit or crochet a shawl should think about what they would like to create so colors can be provided.

Three of Betsy's students at Oberlin have each produced a lovely hand-dyed and handwoven scarf, thanks to yarn dyed at the January program: Amy Caes (purple -- yes add, more fuchsia), Maude Richards (blues with a hint of fuchsia) and Rachel Stowers (blues and turquoise). And Amy is nearly finished with an original knit toque, too.

What have you made from your wool?



GUILD MEMBERS wrap their dyed wool at the January LOCO meeting.

Coming attractions...

Rita Buchanan, spinner, weaver, gardener, author, editor, workshop instructor and more will speak to Oberlin College art students during mid-March.

She will also share her growth in fiber art, mostly inspired by nature, in a slideshow presentation Tuesday, March 13. We'll have more information at the February meeting.

Rita's work is very familiar to Spin Off readers.



Calendar

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

Feb. 11: Weaving exhibit, Oberlin College Winter Term Group Project, From Yarn to Garment at Firelands Association for the Arts, 39 S. Main St. in Oberlin.

Feb. 13: LOCO meeting

Feb. 24: Black Swamp Spinners and Weavers Learn to Spin 101 Workshop, Bowling Green. \$20. Information: Janice Ryan, 1844 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH 45840; 419-424-0319 ryansedgyart@yahoo.com

Feb. 25: LOCO spinning and knitting at Huntington Township Hall, 1:30 p.m. Info: Ann Hauser 440-647-7195

Feb. 27: Spinning at home of Beth Hines

March 4-30: Cuyahoga Weavers Guild show at Beachwood Library during regular hours.

March 13: LOCO meeting.

March 17 and 18: Medina Guild's Scottish Tartan workshop with Melissa Dunning at Lafayette Town Hall. Cost \$120 for non-members. Reservations and check to: Rita Strube 19553 Idlewood Trail Strongsville, OH 44149-3133

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.

April 10: LOCO meeting

April 28: Upper Valley Fiber Festival at Miami Fairgrounds in Troy. Information: <http://ewetopia.net/UpperValleyFiberFestival.htm>

May 13: LOCO meeting

May 26-27, Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Festival, Fairgrounds in Wooster. Information: 330-264-9665 or don47linda@valkyrie.net or: www.greatlakesfibershow.com

June 13: LOCO meeting

June 17-20: Roots—Midwest Weavers Conference 2007, Blair, Nebraska. Contact Kitt Hamersky, 5431 Hamilton St., Omaha, NE 68132 or treadler@cox.net Membership \$10 for registration book to MCW2007, 6135 N. 78th Ave., Omaha, NE 68134 www.roots2007.org

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.

July 12: LOCO meeting

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

Aug. 14: LOCO meeting

Sept. 11 LOCO meeting

Oct. 5-8: Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference Lewiston, NY. \$365 for 3 days workshop, room and board. Info: Phyllisvas@yahoo.com

Oct. 21: Textile Art Alliance Wearable Arts Fashion Show and Tea at Cleveland Museum of Art.

LOCO Library Corner

We have a great collection at the Ginko Gallery in Oberlin. There's something for everybody! Here is a rough count of the LOCO Library materials by subject:

Basketry 8

Dying 12

Knitting 16 + 5 videotapes

Macramé 7

Quilting 5

Rugmaking 16

Spinning 13 + 3 videos + 2 spinning magazines

Stitchery 21 + Piecework Magazine

Textiles, general 6

Weaving 62 + 15 workshop notebooks = 2 videos + 3 weaving magazines

There are 11 magazines and journals published over many years, some are indexed.

LOCO members can borrow any of these materials simply by signing a card. Non members may read any of the books on the shelves but cannot take them out of the building.

Mary Louise VanDyke

New addresses for your directory

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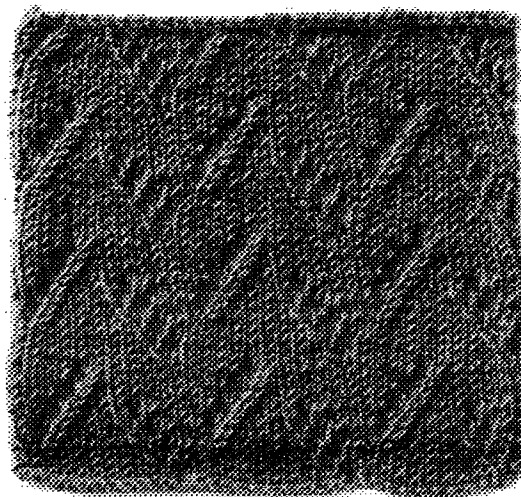
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Stitch of the week

Leaves Of Grass

(cast on a multiple of 11 sts. Sample has 33 stitches.)

Row 1 (RS) *Yo, ssk, k9; rep from * to end.

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 *K1, yo, ssk, k8; rep from * to end.

Row 5 *K2, yo, ssk, k4, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 7 *K3, yo, ssk, k2, k2tog, yo, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 9 *K6, k2tog, yo, k3; rep from * to end.

Row 11 *K5, k2tog, yo, k4; rep from * to end.

Row 12 Purl.

Rep rows 1-12.

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LOCO Guild Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2006

President: Betsy Bruce called the December meeting of the Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild, at the Methodist Church in LaPorte, to order at 7:30 pm. She recognized the out-going officers and thanked them for volunteering this past year and also congratulated the new officers for 2007. Betsy welcomed the quests Victoria Founteas and Trudie Taylor

Vice President: Katie Farr announced programs: December – Christmas party and ornament exchange and January – Dye Day. Karen Long will give instructions at the meeting.

Treasurer: Dee Martin announced the Guild's balance and the Heifer Fund balance is \$671.10, and after the drawing at this meeting the balance is \$986.10, 2007 Dues are \$20. Dee has a form to complete to be sure she has the member's most current information.

Secretary: Kathy Wilson had available the November minutes and the Informational/Promotional Guild Sheets.

Librarian: Mary Louise VanDyke purchased a book titled A Shepherds Rug.

Sunshine: Etta Rowe sent 3 Sunshine Cards this month.

Refreshments: Audrey Kolb passed round the 2007 sign up sheet. Two members may offer to bring in snacks for per month. Thank you to the entire group for furnishing the cookies and other goodies for this month's meeting.

Guild Equipment: Julie Bragg The Babe wheel was returned and is now available.

In *Old Business*, Betsy Bruce handed out the proposed Guild By-Law updates and asked everyone to review them and be ready to vote on the changes at January's meeting. A copy is attached.

Shawl Raffle Winners were: Katie Farr, Megan Featheringham, Marian Grugan, Patty McAndrew And Paula Weitzel

Show/Tell: Ed Rowe – stick shuttles for the Heifer Project; Etta Rowe – cotton towels from the workshop; Kay Mangione circular shawl with sleeves; Rachel Stowers – 6 cotton towels; Katie Farr – alpaca mittens woven rug, braided rug; Shelle

Shephard Shumate – movie; Sara Twining – 14 yards warp woven with various hand spun and commercial yarns and cover painting for Holstein Magazine; Gloria Hood- 5 towels from workshop and bell ornament; Mary Beth Derikito – Christmas vest and bell ornament; Laura Bentz – scarves and wool blanket; Megan Amelda Featheringham – 2 mobius shawls; Cathy Kaltenbach – braided strip rug and Julie Bragg – Log cabin quilt.

Refreshments: Audrey Kolb passed round the 2007 sign up sheet and thanked the group for bringing cookies and other goodies for this month's meeting

The next LOCO meeting will be January 9, at the Lorain County Metro Parks Carlisle Nature Center on NicklePlate Diagonal

By-laws changes

Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild (LOCO) Guild By-Laws

Article I - Name

The name of the Guild shall be the Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild. (Also known as LOCO Spinners and Weavers.)

Article II - Mission Statement

Our Guild is formed to promote friendship and understanding among its members. And to assist members in the pursuit of spinning, weaving and fiber art through education, discussion, and programs. And to share their crafts through demonstrations in our community.

NEW replace above with: The mission of the Guild is three-fold: 1) to promote friendship and understanding among its members; 2) to assist members in the pursuit of spinning, weaving and fiber art through education, discussion and programs; and 3) to share their crafts through demonstrations in our community.

Article III - Officers and Duties

Section I- The elected officers of the guild shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer. Volunteer positions on the board shall be Historian, Newsletter Editor, Demonstration, Sunshine, Public Relations, Refreshments and Samples.

NEW replace above with: The elected officers of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Volunteer and appointed positions shall be Demonstrations, Guild Equipment, Historian, Librarian, Newsletter Editor, Program Committee Chair, Public Relations, Refreshments, Samples, and Workshops.

All officers, whether elected, volunteer, or appointed shall hold one-year terms. All positions shall be filled by current members. Other than Treasurer, officers shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

A nominating committee of at least two Guild members shall be appointed in August. Their slate of officers (*delete: and board members*) will be presented at the regular October meeting.

Elections shall be held at the regular November meeting. If there is more than one candidate for a position, there will be a vote by ballot. .

Section II- The President shall preside at all Guild (*delete: and board*) meetings. S/he shall exercise general supervision over the Guild and shall perform generally all duties incidental to the office and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President during his/her inability to act and shall have such other power as necessary. (*delete: the Vice President's major duty will be the organization, correspondence and records of the guild programs.*)

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall keep such records as may be required.

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other moneys and shall pay all bills. S/he shall also keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and present a (*delete: written*) report at each meeting.

The Demonstrations chairperson shall coordinate all community demonstrations.

The Guild Equipment chairperson shall house (*add: and maintain an inventory of*) Guild assets such as looms, spinning wheels, (*add: other equipment and accessories*).

The Historian shall keep a complete record and history of (*delete: all things turned into the*) Guild (*add: activities*) .

The Librarian shall look after the Guild library, currently housed in the back of the Ginko Gallery in Oberlin, OH.

The Newsletter Editor shall construct and edit a monthly newsletter of coming events, general information and member news.

New: The Public Relations chairperson shall provide local newspapers with notices of meetings and special events.

New: The Program Committee Chair shall organize monthly programs for guild meetings,

The Refreshments chairperson shall coordinate and remind volunteers to provide refreshments for the monthly meetings.

The Samples chairperson shall solicit requests and collect and prepare samples for the (*delete: newsletter*) membership.

The Sunshine chairperson shall (*delete: coordinate refreshments at the meetings and special occasions*) provide for the well being of the membership.

Article IV - Membership

Section I- Membership in the Guild shall be open to all persons interested in the Mission Statement of the Guild. Each (*add: currently*

paid) member shall be entitled to one vote (*add: and to stand for an officer's position*).

Section II- The annual dues (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) payable in advance shall be fixed by the membership. Dues shall be in a form of donation to the Guild and all members making a donation shall receive a copy of the newsletter.

2007 - Annual dues are \$20. For those wishing only to receive the newsletter, dues will be \$10. Should the (*add: newsletter-only*) member wish to participate in any paid classes/workshops, s/he will be expected to pay the remaining \$10 at that time. *New: One address equals one membership.*

Article V - Meetings

Section I- The monthly meeting of the Guild shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month. Notice shall be published in the Guild newsletter. Membership is not a prerequisite to attend our monthly meetings.

(Delete: Section II- The monthly board meetings will be determined by the Board. All Guild members are welcome to attend.) If approved then the Section I designation would also be deleted.

Article VI

The By-laws may be amended at any meeting, provided that written notice is given to each member of the Guild prior to such meeting.

Reminder: If you can receive your newsletter by e-mail, please notify Pat Geisler (spin9r@aol.com). If your address is in *italic*, make sure you have paid your dues.

Reminder: Keep the last Sunday afternoon of the month open for the gathering at Huntington Twp Hall for a spinning and knitting. Please don't arrive before 1:30. If you care to, bring a snack to share. Hot beverages will be provided. Questions? Call Ann Hauser 440-647-7195



Want ads

For sale: Hard Maple quilt floor frame with extension for king size. Asking \$50
Information: Betsy Rush, 419-892-2055.

For sale: Leclerc floor loom, good condition, 4 harnesses, 6 treadles. 36" wide with 10-dent reed. Asking \$400. Betsy Rush, 419-892-2055

For sale: White alpaca roving, 150 yards per bag. Each bag is 1 pound plus some ounces. \$48 to \$49 each. Faye Curtis, 330-725-8992

For sale: Majacraft Suzie Spinning wheel with 4 bobbins, lazy Kate and extra drive belt. Asking \$300. Call Meg at 774-3809

For sale: A full range of looms, reeds, warps and other weaving needs at Leesburg Looms & Supply of Van Wert. 419-238-2738 or 800-329-9254. www.leelooms.com

It's a show!

Six of Betsy Bruce's winter term weaving students at Oberlin College will show their wares Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. in the South Gallery at FAVA.

The work of Amy Caes, Aaron Levine, Kate Philips, Maude Richards, Kate Riley and Rachel Stower will be shown in From Yarn to Garment 2007.

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA) New Union Center for the Arts, is at 39 S. Main St., n Oberlin.

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The Member

Are you an active member,
The kind who would be missed,
Or are you just contented that
Your name is on a list?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you simply satisfied
To merely just belong?

Do you assist at meetings
And help to make them tick,
Or leave the work to just a few
Then talk about the "Clique"?

Think about it, member
Think both hard and long:
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

**This 'oldie but goodie' came from the Kent Guild
newsletter and was spotted by Katie Farr**

Interesting tidbits...

**Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of
thousand years before Rome was founded in
753 B.C., making it the oldest continuously
inhabited City in existence.**