

LOCO News

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!!!

A new technique

PEGGY Strang will teach us pin tension knitting at our meeting July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center on Diagonal Road.

This technique will be new to most of us but is an excellent way to make your knitting stitches more even. This is truly wonderful for those of use who spin our own yarn and who want a more even appearance.

Peggy, who owns the French Creek Fiber Arts shop, is well known to many of us and offers many classes in fiber techniques.

Coming attractions

August 7 LOCO: Katie Farr plans to attend Convergence and will tell about that and show pictures.

Aug. 21-27: Lorain County Fair demo Aug. 27

September 12 LOCO: What you made with dye day fiber.

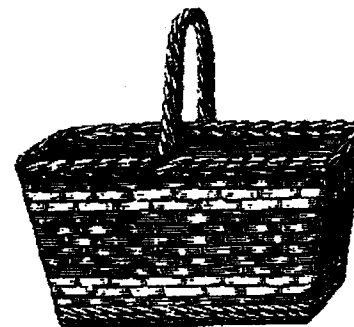
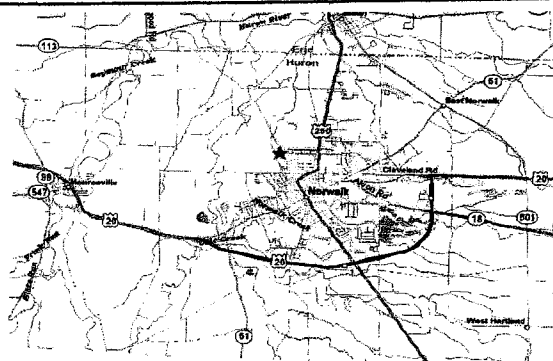
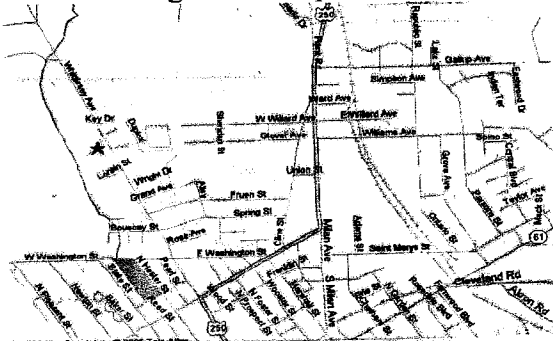


Dye workshop

Color will be the order of the day on guild dye day July 29 at Roni Rospert's home in Norwalk from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

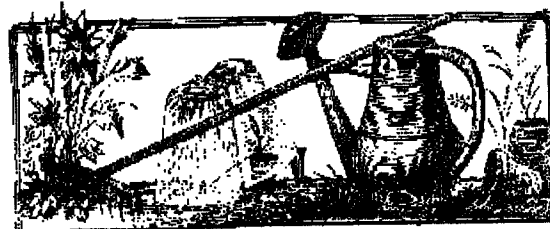
Bring up to 10 skeins of 50 yards each, washed, soaked, still damp and well tied and with tape labels marked with your name. Use only the

The lunch will be potluck, (that's always yummy!) so bring your dish and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.



Basket workshop

Bring some towels, a bucket, pencil, ruler and awl, if you have one. Don't miss the fun.



The dye garden at Mill Hollow

If you can drop by for a couple hours any time during the week, let Laura know. To contact her: lbentz@oberlin.net

Calendar

July 11: LOCO meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thru July 12 Weavings by Catherine Ellis (author of "*Woven Shibori*") displayed at Ginko Gallery, Oberlin.

July 15: Malabar Farm Spinning & Weaving Guild Fiber Arts Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the big barn at Malabar Farm near Mansfield. Demos and hands-on for adults and children. Free. Information: Carol Ault, 419-347-9957.

July 24: LOCO spinning at home of Beth Hines

July 25: LOCO Dye day at home of Roni Rospert, Norwalk.

Through July 28: Focus Fibre Fair by Textile Art Alliance at the Cleveland Museum of Arts at the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, 1834 E. 123rd St., Cleveland, from 10-4 Mon, Thursday and Fridays. Saturdays noon to 4 p.m. Information: www.clevelandart.org

July 30: LOCO spinning at Huntington Township Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.

Aug. 11: Sheep to Shawl competition, Cuyahoga State Fair, Berea.

Aug. 13: Nuno felting workshop 1-4 pm, Holden Arboretum. 1 to 4 p.m. Information: Arboretum Education Dept. 440-946-4400.

Aug. 17: LOCO basket workshop at Agricultural Extension office, Russia Road, 9 a.m.

Aug. 21-27: Lorain County Fair. LOCO spinning demo Aug. 27.

Aug. 27: LOCO spinning at Huntington Township Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.

Sept. 9-10: Pioneer Days LOCO demo at Mill Hollow Park, Vermilion.

Sept. 11: Demo for school groups at Mill Hollow Park, Vermilion.

Through Oct. 2, Spirals & Ellipses, Clothing the Body Three-Dimensionally at the Kent State University Clothing Museum.

Oct. 7-8: Birmingham Antique Festival

Oct. 13-15: Algonquin Mill Festival at historic Mill farm, 4 mi. south of Carrollton on SR 332.



Books in the Library

Catherine Ellis' new book *Woven Shibori* is a call for weavers and dyers to unite. Our prez is a woman of action, so thanks to Betsy we now have a copy—an autographed copy—in our library. Chapters 1 and 2 are filled with weaving and designing ideas, Chapter 3 with dyeing for special effects and Chapter 4 with recipes for discharging, scouring, etc. There are beautiful color illustrations, a good index and a good bibliography.

Our library is easily visited anytime you are in Oberlin in space at the rear of the Ginko Gallery.

Mary Louis VanDyke, librarian

WATCH OUT FOR PYRAMID SCHEMES...

Q: Where do Egyptians go for back problems?

A: The Cairo-practor.

Charity demo request

St. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, in Sheffield, is holding a medieval faire to benefit two individuals with brain cancer, Christopher Beamer, 15, and Dan Miller, a father and the breadwinner for his family.

The event will be Saturday, July 22 from about 11 a.m. until dusk. All proceeds go directly to the families and will be matched by Thrivent, a Lutheran charity.

This is a medieval faire, so educational and learning booths are an important part of the event. Spinning and weaving demonstrations would be very welcome. Any time that any one could spare would be appreciated.

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Summer recipes

Pretzel/Jello salad

First layer: 2 cups crushed pretzels

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup melted butter

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons sugar

Mix together and press into 9x12 pan and bake at 400 degrees 7 minutes, only. Cool

Second layer: 8 oz. Cool Whip,

1 cup sugar

1 8oz. package of cream cheese.

Beat sugar and cheese well together, fold in Cool Whip. Spread over well cooled pretzel layer. Chill.

Third layer: 3 small packages frozen strawberries (8 oz.)

3 small packages strawberry Jello

3 cups very hot water.

Dissolve Jello in water and mix strawberries in well. Let stand 20 minutes. Pour over Cream cheese layer and refrigerate.

Best if made a day ahead.

Wanted: Colorful synthetic yarns. The Lorain County Office on Aging's RSVP Program is in need of bright-colored yarn for the volunteers to make hats and scarves to give to children and seniors in our community. If you can donate, please drop it off at our office located at 320 N. Gateway Blvd., Elyria, OH Mon - Fri 8 am - 4 pm

Reminders

If you can receive your **newsletter by e-mail**, please notify Pat Geisler (spin9r@aol.com). Our guild is growing and the cost is going up. We have 37 members who get it by snail mail and only 16 who get it by e-mail.

There are several advantages to doing it this way—it's cheaper for the guild, you get to see any color graphics and best of all—it will come quicker. And Pat doesn't have to stamp it.

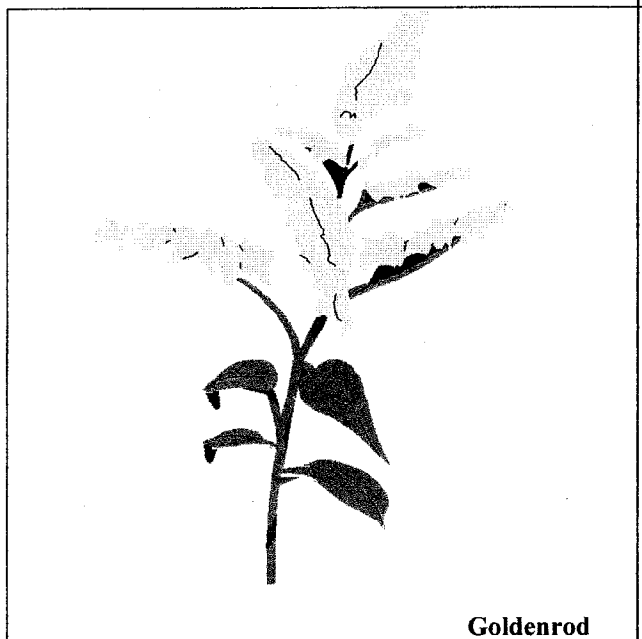
Volunteering to share in a guild demonstration is something every member should do. You don't have to do them all, but at least one of them should be on your calendar in the next few months.

The guild supports itself with the paid demos as well as Pioneer Days (which repays the Parks for our free meeting room) and the public benefits from all of them.

Whatever you can do is interesting to those who are ignorant of our craft and if you are a beginner, so much the better. People love to see the learning process. It encourages them to try.

Remember, you will always know more than the people who come to watch. If you don't spin or weave, knit. If you can use some other interesting tool, bring that. Carders, spindles and lucets also attract attention. Some of today's children have never even seen knitting being done.

Want ads



Goldenrod

Grab your water bottle and plan a break to see the rest of the show as well. Demos are supposed to be fun for us, too.

Use your flicker

The flicker, which looks like a dog brush, is the most underused piece of spinning equipment. You could even use a dog brush, if you don't have a flicker. Put something thick on your left thigh (canvas, leather, a book). Grasp a few locks of fleece by the cut end and put your left hand on your left thigh with the fiber pointing towards your right thigh. Don't brush the fiber. **FLICK** it. Hold the flicker in your right hand and tap, tap, tap at the ends of the fiber until they fly apart. Then use your left hand to hold the opened up fiber and flick the cut ends of the fiber. You can then spin it. You can flick a bunch and put it in a basket, and then spin it.

Unlike carding, flicking does not create any noils. Unlike combing, flicking does not leave you with left over short bits. All the fiber is fluffed up and opened out.



LOCO Guild Meeting Minutes

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June 13, 2006

President: Betsy Bruce called the June meeting of the Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild, at the Lorain County Metro Parks Carlisle Nature Center on NicklePlate Diagonal Road, to order at 7:30 pm with 25 members and four guests present.

Vice President: Katie Farr

Programs: Gloria and Larry Ault presented The June Program on rug hooking. Ault's Rug Hooking Store is in Shelby, Ohio. You may visit their website at www.Aults.com

July - knitting with Peggy Strang of French Creek Fiber Arts

Bring yarn and knitting needles!

August - Convergence Report by Katie Farr

September - Dye Day Projects - Display what you made from Dye Day

October - Fashion Show

Historian:

Treasurer: Donna Uhl has moved to Atlanta, GA. Holly Hines has the books to pass on to the new

Treasurer...any volunteers to complete the term?

Secretary: Kathy Wilson had the May minutes available, since she sent the wrong month for the newsletter!

Samples: Beth Hines, none this month

Workshops: Beth Hines: The Basket Workshop will be at the Extension Office on Thursday, August 17, 2006. The triangle corner wastebasket project will take about four hours. A vote was taken for time preference and 9:00 am was the chosen time to begin. The cost is \$30.00.

Dye Day will be July 29, 2006 in Norwalk at Roni Rospert's. There will be a fire ring. We'll need dye pots. Please, no small children.

Newsletter: Pat Geisler, reminded everyone to please get information to her for the newsletter ASAP. All contributions are appreciated.

Librarian: Mary Louise VanDyke

Sunshine: Etta Rowe sent four Sunshine Cards in May.

Refreshments: Dee Martin thanked May Hostesses, Betsy Bruce and Marybeth Derikito

Demos: Kay Griggs was not present. The demonstrations scheduled are:

Fair	August 11, 2006	7:00 - 9:00	Cuyahoga County
	August 27, 2006	10:00 - 3:00	Lorain County Fair
	September 9 and 10	10:00 - 5:00	Pioneer
Days	September 11	TBD	Pioneer Days
for school children	October 7 & 8	9:00 - 4:30	Saturday
Birmingham		11:00 - 4:30	Sunday
Birmingham	October TBD	TBD	Lake Ridge
Academy Colonial Re-enactment			

There will be sign-up sheets available again at the next meeting.

Guild Equipment: Holly Hines announced that the equipment must be stored at a new location, because she will be moving soon. Betsy suggested keeping a list of what items are available and also to track that borrows them.

Old Business

Karen long is plying the yarn for the Shawl Project and needs more yarn to ply. Beth will be sure that more rovings are available at the next meeting.

Weavers for the Shawl Project are: Betsy Bruce and Dee Martin

Knitters for the shawls are Kay Mangione, Dee Martin, Pat Geisler, Beth Hines & Etta Rowe.

The Dyer's Garden has received many compliments. Linda McNulty and Laura Bentz are the co-chairmen. The garden installation took place on Saturday May 20, 2006. Thanks to all who helped!

Anne Hauser announced the Huntington Hall spinning will be the LAST Sunday of each month.

New Business

Welcome Visitors: Mary Lou Roberts, Nancy Brown, Aleen Joy Lane, Larry & Gloria Ault

Show/Tell: There were 6 entries in the book for June.
Julie Bragg - table runner & green rug

Cindy Bush - basket from Ghana

Betsy Bruce - pieced vest

Gloria Hood - warping loom in process

MaryBeth Derikito - knit vest

Pat Geisler - Egyptian weaving, yarn

The next LOCO meeting will be July 11, 2006.

Kathy Wilson, Secretary