

LOCO News

USE YOUR YARN WISELY

Knitting for all

It's probably been around since somebody figured out how to make yarn..

Knitting is easy, fun and an admirable way to showcase one's handspun. Come to the LOCO meeting Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center on Diagonal Road south of Elyria and learn how.

Our speaker cancelled at the last minute so Elizabeth Yasaki asks that experienced knitters help the learners instead. Bring some yarn and needles and any project you may have that is at a tough spot to get some help.

If you aren't interested in knitting, bring your spinning wheel along. There'll be refreshments and conversation and some good friends to catch up with.

Oh, and don't forget to bring your show and tell. We all want to see what you've been doing.

And your own cup is a good idea. It helps save a tree.

Coming attractions

June: Rug hooking with the Aults

July: All about Convergence



The dye garden—yes?

The proposal that the guild provide a Memorial Dye Garden at Mill Hollow Park has prompted serious discussion between Laura Bentz and Grant Wood of the Park staff.

The park, which is just south of Vermilion and is where Pioneer Days are held every September, would provide a 30 x 6 foot space outside the yellow house facing the barn on the other side of the sidewalk from the current perennial garden. The MetroParks will even

strip the sod and provide sandstone and soil to build raised beds there.

The major concern for the guild is whether we are serious enough to maintain the garden--planting, weeding, watering and labeling the dye plants.

Laura Bentz says we need the following:

- 1) Members to do the manual labor building/planting the garden, on a Saturday morning (May 13 or 20) or Sunday afternoon (May 14 or 21).
- 2) Members who can share some older manure from their sheep, alpaca or cows or other animals on the chosen workday. Don't need a ton but every bit will help those plants grow!
- 3) Most importantly, members willing to volunteer throughout the summer to help weed during the growing season.

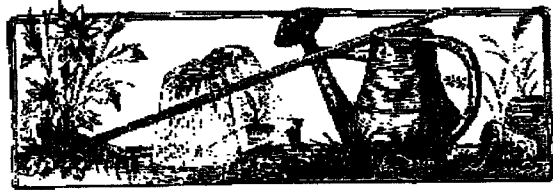
Laura has suggested a sign-up calendar-- one or two people or families each week during June, July and August. If the guild decides to do this we need a realistic idea of how many people are willing to share the labor.

Please send your thoughts and ideas to Laura before the meeting next week. She is hoping to hear from you at lbentz@oberlin.net



Q: Hey, did you hear about the cannibal who arrived late to the dinner party?

A: They gave him the cold shoulder.



Calendar

May 6-7: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Vendors, workshops, demos, prizes, www.sheepandwool.org

May 9: LOCO meeting. 7:30 p.m.

May 20: Central Ohio Weavers Guild workshop on color and creativity. Information: Ed Morrow at morrowee@aol.com or (614)443-3096.

May 23: Spinning at Beth Hines home 7 p.m.

May 27-28: Great Lakes Fiber Show, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster. Workshops, demonstrations, vendors and activities for children. Some workshops still open. www.lambzown.com/GreatLakesFiberShow.htm

May 27: Groveport Arts Festival, Groveport, OH. Exhibits and vendors in basketry, drawing, fiber art, glass, jewelry, leather, metal painting, and other crafts and arts. 10 am to 6 p.m. Information: www.thearts-alliance.org

May 28: LOCO spinning at Huntington Twp. Hall 12-3 p.m.

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. No admission fee. Information: Carol Ault, 419-347-9957.

June 15-18: Fiber Fest workshops, Lake Farm Park, Kirtland. Information: www.lakemetroparks.com

June 16-18: Fiber Fest, Lake Farm Park, Kirtland, OH

June 25-July 1: Convergence 2006 at Grand Rapids, MI. Information: 678-730-0010 or www.weavespindye.org

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

Oct. 6-7: Birmingham Antique Festival

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

A note from Huntington

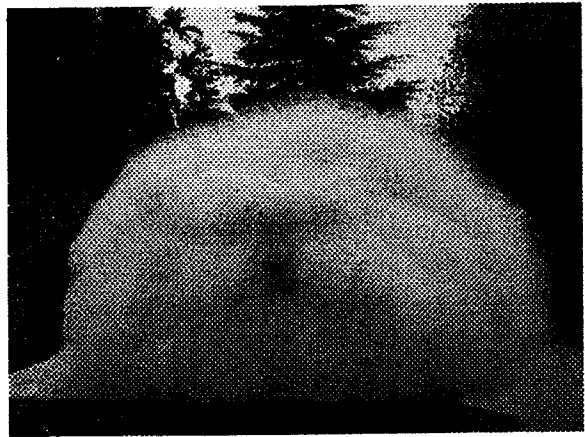
Marybeth Derikito and Anne Hauser were at the Huntington Hall the 4th Sunday (in April) for spinning and no one else came. Anne said they stayed until close to 3 pm and then gave up, thinking that perhaps people were confused by April having 5 Sundays. She said they think they should change the date to become the last Sunday of any month to make it easier to remember.

A ride to Convergence

The spinning and weaving group from Woolly Knob is hiring a small bus to go to Convergence in Grand Rapids, Mich., July 1 if you are interested in leaving the driving to someone else. Katie Farr is planning to go. Talk to her if you're interested. Cost at the moment is \$30 each.

Check for openings

The Central Ohio Weavers Guild will have a one-day workshop on Color and Creativity at the Cultural Arts Center, 139 W. Main St., Columbus, on May 20. The instructors are Char Norman & Brooke Hunter-Lombardi. Cost is \$50 including materials fee. Contact Ed Morrow at morrowee@aol.com or (614)443-3096.



Now THAT's an angora rabbit!

This fluffy lady is a champion. She's Chu's Mariska BC4SK, White Senior Doe, who was Best in Show at the 1/10/2004 Sierra Foothill RBA Show B in Orlando CA. She also won Best in Show in 2003 and 2006. Really, folks, there is a rabbit under all that hair... (But can she see out?)

A lifetime together

Daniel Webster, the famed 19th century lawyer and statesman, was courting his wife-to-be, Grace Fletcher.

As he held skeins of silk thread for her he suggested, "Grace, we've been engaged in untying knots. Let us see if we can tie a knot which will be tied for a lifetime."

They stopped then and there and tied a random silk knot that would be almost impossible to undo. Grace also accepted Webster's proposal.

After their deaths, their children found a little box marked "Precious Documents." Among the contents were their courtship letters and a tiny silk knot—one that had never been untied.

From the Cuyahoga Weavers Guild newsletter



Remembering Laddie

Pat Holobaugh, sister-in-law of the late LOCO Guild member Laddie Rubright, has registered to complete a Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Michigan from August 11-13.

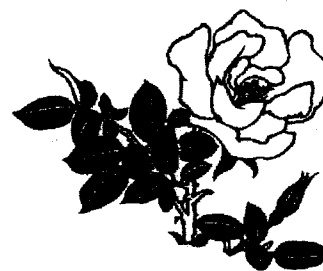
The group will walk 60 miles in 3 days (camping at night!) to help fund research to find a cure for breast cancer. Laddie died of a particularly aggressive form of the disease and Pat Holobaugh has committed to raising at least \$2,200 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (85% of net proceeds) and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund (15% of net proceeds).

She said she will be proud to carry a small token or photograph with the name of everyone who supports her walk - to remind her of the family and friends who are supporting her effort.

You can mail a donation to her or online at www.the3day.org/Michigan06/patholobaugh. Your donation is completely tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt for any amount over \$25.

"Walking 60 miles will not be easy. I'll spend the next few months building my endurance and logging in hundreds of miles on the local bike baths," she said. "My 60 mile walk will still be easier than what Laddie went through in a single week with this horrid disease."

Donations can be sent to her at Pat Holobaugh
4 Valley View Avenue, Takoma Park MD
20912, 301-270-3366 or to
holobaugh@netstorm.net



Want ads

Free: Many pairs of blue jeans owner had been saving for quilt and changed her mind. Will make great rugs. Call Teri Whidden of Amherst, 440-985-1110.

For sale: Large 6-harness jack style floor loom. Good condition. Bench, warping tree, rag strips, heavy rug yarn, shuttles and more. \$850 for all. Near Chagrin Falls. Carol A. Veleba, 440-543-6152 or callimoon@att.net.

For sale: Beautiful cherry traditional Saxony style handmade spinning wheel, double drive, single treadle, made in 1983. Has linen distaff. Like new condition. \$375. Pictures available Jerry Pulskamp, 11 Webster Pl, New Bremen, OH 45869. 419/629-2891 jnk@nktelco.net

On the internet

Here are some fun places online to visit. This is the Yarn Harlot's weblog. It's a combination of personal commentary and knittery:
<http://www.yarnharlot.ca/blog/>

And here is a link to the urban guerilla knitters:
<http://knittaplease.com/Tag.html>

Their main page logo: "Warming the world, one car antenna at a time..."

They specialize in wacky ways to knit something that will make people stop and gasp.



LOCO Guild Meeting Minutes April 11, 2006

President: Betsy Bruce called the April meeting of the Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild, at the Lorain County Metro Parks Carlisle Nature Center on Nickel Plate Diagonal Road, to order at 7:32 pm.

Vice President: Katie Farr said this month's program on Beading was presented by Darlene Lippert of Olmsted Township.

In May she has schedule knitting and/or finishing techniques, in June - rug hooking and in July - knitting with Peggy Strang of French Creek Fiber Arts

Treasurer: Donna Uhl reported the current amount in the treasury and \$109.50 in the Heifer Project Fund. Donna also had Year 2006 Membership Directories available for members.

Samples: Beth Hines had none today, but is going to Maryland and asked for requests. She will look for something unusual.

Workshops: Beth Hines inquired about interest in making a corner basket this summer.

Librarian: Mary Louise VanDyke - has purchased a LOCO Stamp, is organizing and alphabetizing the inventory.

Sunshine: Etta Rowe sent four Sunshine Cards in March.

Refreshments: Dee Martin thanked April Hostesses, Judy Keske and Sara Twining

Demos: Kay Griggs discussed this year's demonstrations and passed around sign up sheets. Kay also thanked the Guild members who volunteered for the American Girl Party Demonstration.

She said Sheep Shearing Day at the Cleveland Metro parks Zoo will be Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 10:30am - 4:00 pm. The zoo would like us to demonstrate any craft using wool. Please RSVP by April 15 - Stacey Allen's email address is sma@clevelandmetroparks.com

In Old Business, Karen Long is plying the yarn for the Shawl Project. Weavers for the Shawl Project are: Betsy Bruce and Dee Martin.

Knitters for the Shawl Project are: Donna Uhl, Etta Rowe, Kay Griggs and Pat Geisler. Katie Farr is making the raffle tickets.

On the Dye Garden, Betsy has the OK to proceed with the plan. The Dyer's Garden will be at Mill Hollow. It is a Memorial Garden in remembrance of deceased LOCO members. Linda McNulty and Laura Bentz, co-chairmen, will be providing additional information at the next meeting.

In New business Katie Farr announced workshops at Lyme Village and provided pamphlets for those interested. Ed Rowe presented his latest invention - Heddle Bracelets.

Welcome Visitors: Darlene Lippert, Beth Barber and Tara Lacinak!

In Show/Tell: There were 7 entries in the book for April: Holly Hines - Roving, dyed, Kay Mangione - sweater, hat, shells, & slippers, Elizabeth Yasaki - socks, toe-up, Kay Griggs - mohair shawl and toe-up socks, Etta Rowe - 5-gal basket & 2 woven rugs, MaryBeth Derikito - vest, sweater & quilt, Kathy Wilson - wild stuff scarf.

The next LOCO meeting will be May 09, 2006.

Kathy Wilson, Secretary

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Knitting a pink tank cozy in Denmark...

A combat tank which was used in World War II was the setting for this work of art. As a protest against the Danish (and also the USA and UK) involvement in the war in Iraq the tank was covered from the canon to the caterpillar tracks with knitted and crocheted squares made with pink yarn. The squares were knitted by many people from many European countries and USA. The process of covering the tank was documented with a video and this video was shown in "Nikolaj, Copenhagen Contemporary Art Center" (Copenhagen, Denmark) as part of the exhibition "TIME" from April 27 - June 4.

The pink covering consists of more than 3000 pink squares- 15 x 15 centimeters – knitted by volunteers from Denmark, the UK, USA and several other countries. People were invited through Cast Off Knitting Club, from friend to friend either by word of mouth or over the internet, and by a number of knitting groups made for this specific project, or other already existing knitting groups. There were 4-5 permanent volunteers who sewed the squares together to cover the tank and many of the people that passed by the exhibit also helped sew and crochet the pieces together.

If you would like to have documentation of this project you can send an email to me at the following address: joergensen.marianne@gmail.com

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