

# LOCO News

## A real wind-up, too

### January goodies

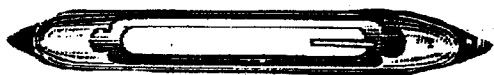
We'll be showing off what we made from the wool we colored at the January dye day at the meeting Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center. The center is on Diagonal Road south of Elyria.

Be sure to bring your show and tell items from the basket workshop last month as well.

And if you are one of the really speedy people who has already made something of the yarn from the August dye day, we want to see that, too.

Oh—if you have a ball winder, President Betsy Bruce says to PLEASE bring it. We have a lot of yarn to wind.

The 56.2 lbs of cotton yarn ordered for the October weaving workshop has arrived on huge cones and will need to be wound into smaller amounts for more efficient warping. We'll have a real ball winding/gab-fest.



**NOTICE:** If you have any piece of guild equipment out on loan please bring it to this meeting so a picture can be taken of it for the equipment record being compiled by Etta Row and Katie Farr.

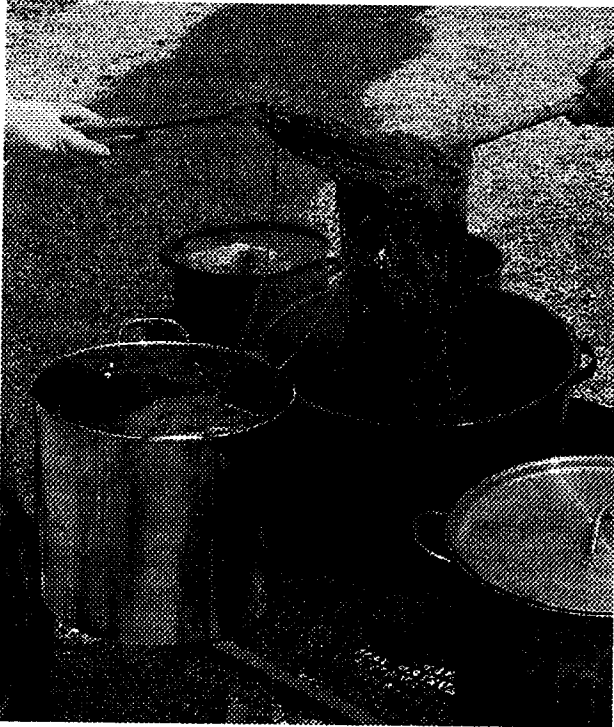
### August Dye Day



From left: Betsy Bruce, Sara Twining and Beth Hines start the process of putting the wool into a mordant bath before it goes in the dye pots.



Once the dyes have reached the proper temperature, the wool goes into the color pots.



Getting the right color means checking the wool after the minimum amount of time needed for each dye.



All done! The dyed wools hang on lines to dry at the home of Ronnie Rospert in Norwalk, who hosted the event.

### Memory shawl

A check for \$110.00 was sent to Pat Holoworth, sister-in-law of the late Laddie Rubright, for her 3-day walk to raise money for breast cancer research. Thanks to all who participated in spinning, knitting or purchasing raffle tickets. Gloria Hood won the drawing.

### Have we been BUSY!!!

The **Sheep to Shawl Demonstration** at Cuyahoga Fair Aug. 9, a fine and glorious evening, found nine members of LOCO at the sheep barn at the Cuyahoga Fairgrounds in Berea.

Thanks to Beth Hines, Holly Hines, Elizabeth Yasaki, Etta Rowe, Katie Farr and Kay Mangione for keeping wheels churning that evening producing yarn for weft. Betsy Bruce wove 26 inches that evening (and has since finished a 96" shawl) using hand spun 2 ply yarn as warp which was spun by Karen Long, Elizabeth Yasaki and others.

Weaving with handspun warp is tricky since even tension is a bit more difficult to attain with so many different spinners. But the resulting herringbone and basket weave shawl is a stunner!

Thanks also to Gen Esgar who worked the crowd, answering questions and directing curious spectators to the performing artists.

Lastly, thanks to fiber engineer Ed Rowe for winding bobbins, hauling gear and entertaining all. We had a fun evening!

The **Basket Weaving Workshop** by Jewel Cowan of Oklahoma City on Thursday, August 17 was certainly a family affair: Pat Harrison had three generations of her family there (daughter, son-in-law and two high school aged grandsons). Jewel's sister, Beth Hines and niece, Holly Hines, Betsy Bruce and her mother, Jeanne. Other LOCO members, Audrey Kolb, Gen Esgar, Pat Geisler and Etta Rowe shared pot luck luncheon and left with a completed basket in hand.

Twining, weaving twill and lashing were all part of construction of a triangular based "waste basket". Resulting shapes were varied.

PS: the colors were wonderful. Thanks, Jewell!

The weather stayed dry for most of the demonstration at the **Lorain County Fair** Aug. 27. The cool day kept attendance down but made it a lot more comfortable for the many LOCO members who came.

Spinning weft for our second handwoven shawl to be raffled at Christmas was one goal of the members in attendance. Having a good time was a second!

Still ahead is our annual demonstration at **Pioneer Days** at Mill Hollow in Vermilion. LOCO members will be there Saturday, Sunday and/or Monday, September 9, 10 and 11. Guild members will show fiber crafts and share information on the dye garden.

Karen Long will be doing her natural dyeing. This is her 28th or so year participating and running multiple dye pots over a wood fire? Literally, HOT stuff!

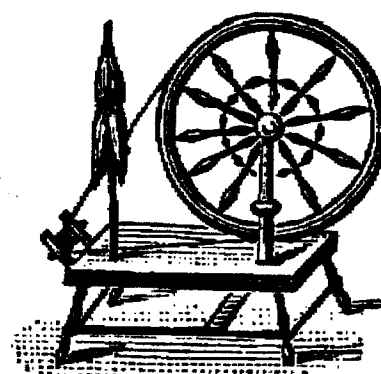
Karen will be dyeing skeins of wool with black walnut, goldenrod, onion skins, coreopsis, marigold and who knows what else. Color galore will be hanging from the line each day.

Demonstrators are most welcome (period costumes are preferred). Bring spinning and plying wheels, drop spindles, knitting needles, crochet hooks, etc... Does anyone have a walking wheel on which to demonstrate?

Dee Martin will weave the second handwoven shawl on a 36" floor loom and Phil Rubright will be weaving a triangular shawl all under the tent by the Bacon House.

On Monday, those present will provide demonstrations for local elementary school children.

**Betsy Bruce**



## Calendar

**Sept. 12:** LOCO meeting

**Sept. 13:** Stitch 'n Pitch night at Jacobs Field.  
Information: Peggy Strang, 440-934-1236

**Sept. 23-24:** Ohio Heritage Days at Malabar Farm, Mansfield, 10 am-4 pm. Barn dance with live music and caller Sept. 23 7-10 pm.

**Sept 24:** Spinning at Huntington Twp. Town Hall CANCELLED.

**Sept. 30:** Mid Ohio Knitters Guild Knit Out and Crochet Too 10-4 at the Level 3 Board Room in Columbus City Center Mall in Columbus

**Sept. 30:** Wine and wool Spin-in at Maize Valley Winery in Hartville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Information: Ann Hauser, 440-647-7195

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

**Oct. 7-8:** Birmingham Antique Festival LOCO demo.

**Oct. 7:** The Gathering, all-Ohio spin-in for National Spinning Week at Malabar Farm in Mansfield.

**Oct. 10:** LOCO meeting on hair pin lace.

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

**Oct. 20-22:** LOCO weaving workshop at FAVA in Oberlin.

**Nov. 8-10:** CWG workshop on Scandinavian Weaving. Information: Leslie Alperin, 440-473-2244

**Nov. 14:** LOCO meeting for annual fashion show.

**Dec. 13:** LOCO Christmas party with ornament exchange and drawing for Heifer Project shawls.

### *Wine and wool*

Ann Hauser says that she, Marybeth Derikito and Katy Farr agreed that it would be fun to go to the spin-in at the Maize Valley winery in Hartville on Sept 30 and have cancelled the spin-in at Huntington Twp hall on Sept 24.

The group will car pool and the event will go from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your wheel and a spinning chair.

Lunch can be obtained at the deli there and wine can be purchased by the glass or bottle. This year there will also be fiber vendors.

For more information, contact Ann Hauser 440-647-7195

### *Our well-equipped guild*

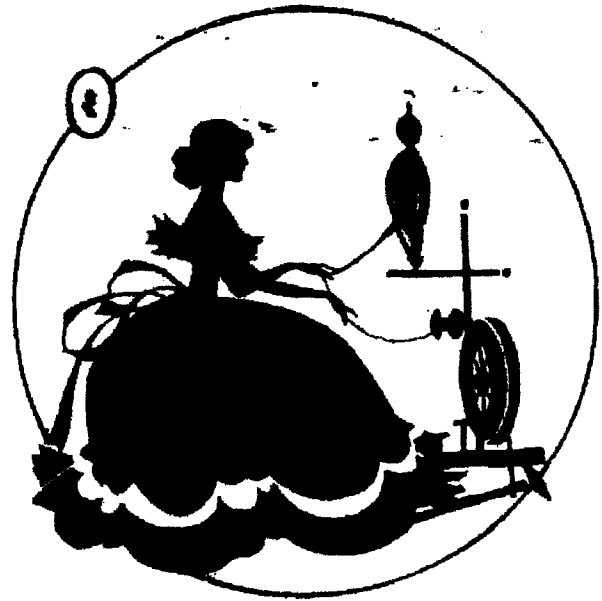
Etta Rowe and Katie Farr have been busy working on a notebook to keep track of the inventory of equipment belonging to the LOCO Guild which members can use.

They are taking pictures, writing descriptions and designing sign-out sheets for those who want to use it.

The following items are available to use:

8H 26" Leclerc floor loom with 6, 10 and 12 dent reeds

Table looms: 24" 4H Leclerc Table/Floor Loom



Inkle Loom #1 (max 8" weaving width)

Inkle Loom #2 (max 2 or 3 " weaving width, currently missing pegs)

Warping reel

Box of Loom Accessories for large Leclerc loom with boat shuttles1) and Harrisville2) Schadt3)

Bobbin winders1) Harrisville 2) unknown brand; bobbins; heddles; warp winding sticks

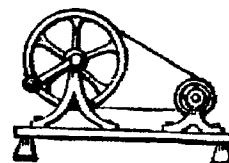
Two spinning wheels, an Ashford and a Babe, 11 drop spindles

Drum carder

Rag cutter

Misc: 2 30-cup coffee pots and aprons for demonstrations

Guidelines on using the equipment will be discussed at the September meeting. If you have thoughts on sign-out procedure, borrowing time and etc., please share them.





### Want ads

**For sale:** 57-acre farm in Sullivan with remodeled house, huge barn, implement barn and outbuilding, 6 fenced-in pastures and hay field. For more information contact Leslie Muehleim at [www.66strt58.com](http://www.66strt58.com)

**For sale:** Majacraft Spinning Wheel, \$350. Information: Call Becky Smith 419-896-2250

**Wanted:** Large tapestry loom. Contact Thais Donald, [myrddyn@abcgloba.net](mailto:myrddyn@abcgloba.net) or 216-791-2267

**Wanted:** Mountain folding table loom 22-28 inches. Betsy Tabac, [btabac@earthlink.net](mailto:btabac@earthlink.net)

**For sale:** 24" Beka Rigid Heddle loom with floor stand, 3 rigid heddles. \$100 Anita at 440-442-7094

**For sale:** 46" Lil' Stana Swedish counterbalance loom, x-frame, 3 reeds. \$400. Anita at 440-442-7094

**For sale:** 45" 8-harness Macomber with matching bench in cherry. Color-coded string heddles. \$850 or best offer. Barbro Peterson, 440-247-4353.

**For sale:** Macomber Ad-A-Harness workshop loom with reed. Presently has 4 harnesses and 6 treadles, room for 4 more harnesses. Make offer. Ellen Rosen, 216-291-8433.

**For sale:** LeClerc Nilus counterbalance loom, 45", four shafts. Breast and back beam removable to facilitate heddle threading. Lee sticks and raddle. Excellent condition, quiet working. Asking \$500 Lou Soles, 330-308-5547 after 5 p.m. or [louesoles@yahoo.com](mailto:louesoles@yahoo.com)

**For sale:** Barn loom, assembled and warped. In very good condition. Old yarn winder included. Asking \$200. Sandy Cunningham, 330-852-2981.

### Reminders...

If you can receive your **newsletter** by **e-mail**, please notify Pat Geisler ([spin9r@aol.com](mailto:spin9r@aol.com)). You'll be able to see beautiful pictures like those in this month's issue, in vivid color. Best of all, e-mail recipients get their newsletters first.

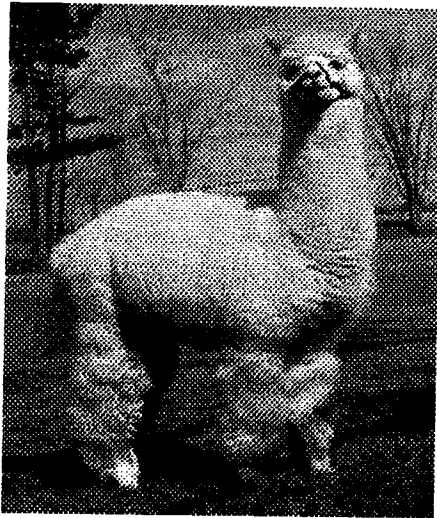
Members of the **nominating committee** are still looking to fill the posts of president, vice-president/program chair, secretary, newsletter person, and demonstration coordinator. If you are willing to serve, notify Karen Long.

### Stitch 'n Pitch night

In conjunction with The National Needle Arts Association (TNNA), the Cleveland Indians will hold its first Stitch N Pitch night Wednesday, Sept. 13 for the game against Kansas City.

Peggy Strang will have a bus running from her shop on Rt. 254 in Avon. For \$19, the 1st 56 to sign up will get free parking in Avon, round-trip bus service to the game, a reserved seat in the mezzanine with other Stitch N Pitch-ers, and a goody bag filled with stuff from local shops.

Call 440-934-1236 for reservations. (Non-knitters welcome, too!!!)



### Workshops

Magical Farms in Litchfield will offer 2 workshops on **Creating with Alpaca Fiber** Saturday and Sunday Sept. 9 and 10 at 10 a.m. daily. The Saturday class will be on Funky Felted Alpaca Scarves and the Sunday class is Fabulous Felted Alpaca Hats.

Cost for each class, which includes lunch, is \$45. All materials are included, though if you wish to bring bits of handspun or other fiber to add they are welcome.

Wear clothing you don't mind getting wet, especially shoes, and bring an old towel. The course at the farm at 5280 St. Rte. 83 in Litchfield (Avon Lake Road) will be taught by artist and alpaca owner Holly Harman Williams. To register, call Diane at Magical Farms, 330-667-3233 or [diane@alpacaafarm.com](mailto:diane@alpacaafarm.com)

A workshop on **Scandinavian weaving** by Joyce Robards will be held by the Cuyahoga Weavers Guild Nov. 8, 9 and 10, from 9-4 daily.. Fee will be \$55 and each participant provides their own yarns. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 15. Send check made out to CWG to Leslie Alperin, 325 Cobblestone Dr., Mayfield Heights, OH 44143. Information: 440-473-2244.

### Internet goodies

The American Textile History Museum has just posted the pilot of its Chace Catalogue on its website, [www.athm.org](http://www.athm.org).

To find 292 images of woven coverlets from the collection, click on Collections at the top in the black area, drop the menu down and click on Chace Catalogue. Click on Search the Collections Now and type in 'coverlet' in the blank space. Click on small photo images to enlarge.

ATHM is the depository of America's textile history and the collections are unsurpassed.

Another item to check is WeaveDesign, a free program to create drafts and drawdowns, at [www.pikespeakweavers.org](http://www.pikespeakweavers.org)

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LOCO Guild Meeting Minutes  
August 08, 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 22 members and guests present.

**Vice President:** Katie Farr shared her experiences and pictures of Convergence. Future programs include:  
September – Dye Day Projects – Display what you made from Dye Day in January.  
October – Hair Pin Lace  
November – Fashion Show  
December – Christmas party and ornament exchange

**Workshops:** Beth Hines said The Basket Workshop will be at the Extension Office on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

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

**Sunshine:** Etta Rowe sent four Sunshine Cards in July.

**Refreshments:** Thanks to Anne Hauser and Kathy Wilson for furnishing the refreshments for the August meeting.

**Treasurer:** Dee Martin will take on the treasurer's responsibilities. We need a member to coordinate the refreshments so Dee can focus on her new position...any volunteers?

**Demos:** Kay Griggs The demonstrations scheduled are:  
August 11, 2006 7:00 – 9:00 Cuyahoga County Fair  
August 27, 2006 10:00 – 3:00 Lorain County Fair  
September 9 and 10 10:00 – 5:00 Pioneer Days at Mill Hollow (costumes)  
September 11 TBD Pioneer Days  
for school children (costumes)  
October 7 & 8 9:00 – 4:30 Saturday  
Birmingham (costumes)  
11:00 – 4:30 Sunday  
Birmingham (costumes)  
October TBD TBD Lake Ridge  
Academy Colonial Re-enactment

**Guild Equipment:** Betsy has compiled a list of items. Etta Rowe volunteered to manage the equipment list, take pictures and track items. Loaner time limits will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Old business:** Karen Long is still plying the yarn for the Shawl Project and needs more yarn to ply. She has roving available.

Spinning and Weaving Week will be celebrated October 2 – 8, 2006. There was discussion on a window display in Oberlin

**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).

Katie Farr and Etta Rowe spearheaded a Special Shawl Raffle in remembrance of Laddie. A donation of \$104.00 will be made! Phil Rubright drew the winning ticket and Gloria Hood won the gorgeous shawl. Congratulations Gloria!

**New Business:** Nominating Committee was selected – Karen Long and Audrey Kolb

The Slate will be presented at the October meeting with elections taking place in November.

Anne Hauser has volunteered for the Historian position and Dee Martin has offered to be the Treasurer.

If anyone else would like to run for an office, please see Karen or Audrey.

Etta requested tri-fold flyers. There are several changes that need to be made first.

Holly Hines has moved and Betty Roll will be responsible for the address change for the Heifer Project.

There was discussion on the next weaving workshop. The tentative date will be October 20, 21, & 22, 2006. Pat Geisler moved that the Guild spend \$100 for the FAVA Rental Fee, Karen Morgan Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Betsy Bruce will order supplies for making towels.

**Welcome Visitor:** Beth Whitson

**Show/Tell:** There were 10 entries in the book for June. There was a beautiful display of yarn that was dyed at Roni Rospert's by:

Betsy Bruce, Elizabeth Yasaki, Karen Long, Beth Hines, Gen Esgar, Sara Twining & Roni Rospert, Betty Roll – newspaper article, Katie Farr – basket made at Lyme Village Workshop Elizabeth Yasaki – alpaca & silk lace scarf, fiber from the Great Lakes Show.

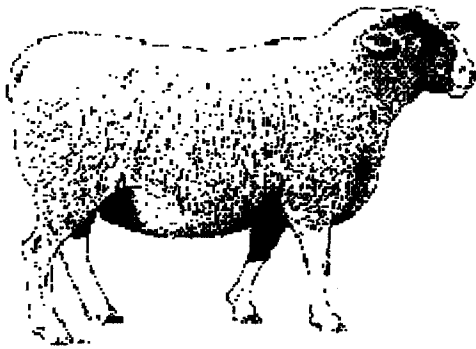
The next LOCO meeting will be September 12, 2006.

Kathy Wilson, secretary

## Coming attractions

In October the LOCO meeting program will be on Hair Pin Lace and there will be lace looms for sale. Might be a good idea to bring a little yarn and a crochet hook to the meeting as well.

Sara Twining has volunteered to help run our November meeting fashion show but can use some volunteers for models.



### *The farmer and the ram*

Farmer Ken Kellogg raised sheep. He had a surly, unpredictable ram that tried to escape the pasture at every opportunity.

A number of ravens that had nests nearby loved to harass the ram. There were two swoops of 10 ravens each that would fly down to the field and caw at the ram until he charged. Then, at the last second, they'd fly upward, and the ram would hit the fence.

One day, a raven didn't get out of the way in time and was crushed. It drove the ravens into a frenzy. When Kellogg visited the pasture the next day and failed to shut the gate the enraged ravens lured the ram into the hayfield.

They flew toward the bailing machine with the ram in hot pursuit. At the last moment, the ravens pulled up again, but this time the ram ran straight into the bailer. He came out the other side in a mangled package. 20 big black birds perched on him with obvious satisfaction. The farmer was left with two swoops of ravens on a package of Kellogg's brazen ram.

### **Basic lace stitch**

*Faggoting Stitch (even number of stitches)*

K1, \* yo, ssk; rep from\*, end K1 Repeat this row Use at least 12 stitches so that you get a better idea of what the pattern looks like.

Barbara G. Walker

### **The running of the sheep**

It started out as a parody of the Spanish Running of the Bulls each year but has become a town moneymaker in Reed Point, Montana (population 185). It also helps promote the sheep industry.

In 2004 Doug Skoog, 58, visited the town and was persuaded by an old friend to take part in the town's goofy Great Montana Sheep Drive, better known as the Running of the Sheep.

He learned one important thing: Stay ahead of the sheep. "Get behind them and it's messy," he said.

Skoog's friend, Russ Schlievert, 65, is one of the founders of the event and owns the town's Hotel Montana. Each year he convinces a few nervous volunteers to put on the uniform (white shirt and pants, red sashes and a black beret) and run with the 500 black-faced Suffolk and Columbia-Targhee sheep.

About 2,500 visitors attend annually to see the event and cheer for the runners.

The money raised by the concessions stands, demonstrations and merchandise sales (tee shirts anyone?) raises about \$5,000 annually for community projects. Last year it bought two lots for a community park. Over the years it has paid for a fire truck, refurbished the town library and supported children's educational programs.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," accords to Tom Goddard, the event's vice president.

This year the running was held on Labor Day.

The sheep had no comment.

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