



## **December 2025 LOCO News** **([locoguild.com](http://locoguild.com))**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025**  
**No Weavers Circle this month.**

**6:30 pm POTLUCK (start at 6:30), Ornament Exchange, Shawl drawing. There will also be a business meeting and show and tell.**

**Location: **Wellington Reservation****

If you wear your Name Tag and sign in at the meeting you will be entered into a drawing for a small but very useful prize.

If you have donations for the basket raffle for next year, get them to Missy M.



## **Upcoming Meetings: 2025**

**No more LOCO lessons this year.**

## **Projected Calendar for the year:**

**January 2026: President's meeting. This is an opportunity to come together and make suggestions for the upcoming year. Help shape the guild with your suggestions!**

## **Workshop Committee Updates**

### **2026 Workshops**

**Coming on March 28th, 2026 Spinning With Flax with instructor Susan Conover**

**October 16/17, 2026 Weaving With Your Spun Flax (or linen for non-spinners), with Susan.**

**More information to follow in January.**

**Susan Conover began spinning and weaving in 1980 and spent the next four plus decades studying under numerous international teachers. Her focus has always been on the historic aspects of the craft. Her expertise has included being Operations Manager at Vävstuga Weaving School in Shelburne Falls, MA for five years. She specializes in lectures and hands-on workshops for guilds and craft schools throughout North America.**

## Library News

### **Book Review by Jean O.:**

**Ply, publisher of PLY and WEFT magazines has just released the book, Twist by Canadian Master Spinner Michelle Boyd.**

**Twist is what turns fibers into thread and how that process is controlled determines what kind of thread or yarn is produced. I thought Twist was well organized with a clear text and many well placed illustrations that supported the text. Chapter 1, Force of Nature, explains what twist is and how it acts and why it is important to hand spinners. Chapter 2, How we make twist, focuses of the tools: drop spindles and the various types of spinning wheels. While each tool does essentially the same thing, each needs to be treated a little differently to produce the thread or yarn the spinner envisions. That yarn might be a nice, fat juicy yarn for a sweater or a thin, strong even yarn for warp. Chapters 3 through 6 cover twist in singles, in plies, finishing and choosing the right twist. Chapter 7 addresses what to do when things go south or “When Good Twist Goes Bad”. And for spinners taking their spinning to the heights, Chapter 8 is “All the Math in One Place”: twist per inch (TPI), angle of twist and so much more.**

**Personally, I loved this book although I am thrilled if I produce and even yarn and have not aspirations to know TPI let alone angle of twist. But if you want to enter competitions or publish information or maybe even sell you yarn knowing all that and being able to produce consistent yarn is important. Boyd is a caring supportive teacher and it feels like she’s right beside you encouraging and supporting. And did I say, it’s beautifully illustrated?**

## LOCO November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**7pm - Program featured a Member Sale**

Approximately 15 members set up tables to display and sell hand-made products ranging from weaving, spinning, crocheting, wood turning, dyeing, jewelry, 3D printing, felting and dried flowers. It was a good night to see what crafty members we have in the guild.

**7:30pm - Show & Tell was featured:** Elizabeth - quilted bag, tatting, plant to give away; Ben K - madder dyed yarns - 20 skeins from one dye bath; Barb - earth and leaves dye scarves - eco dyeing; Sara T. - hand dyed, hand spun crocheted scarf, Falkin wool dyed at LOCO Dye Day, rug woven on a 100-year-old loom; Heidi C - 2 knit scarves/shawl; Jean B. - Clasp Weft weave item; Kathy W. - 1 knit scarf, 2 crocheted scarves, small crocheted afghan, variety of sample afghan squares

**8 pm Jean opened the meeting**

- We had one guest, Marcia Burns, who joined our group this evening.
- October meeting minutes: MOTION Vicki Beaver moved and Nancy Page seconded to accept the October 2025 minutes. Motion passed.
- Jean thanked all of the members for bringing delicious snacks this year.
- The December meeting will be a potluck in Wellington.
- A major Thank You was given to Sheri for putting together a wonderful Make It and Take It at our October meeting making club designer bags.
- Annual shawl raffle in December. Don't forget to buy tickets and sell to others

**Reports:**

**Treasurer - Missy - 1 new member paid, voting on 2026 Budget Proposal in January**

**Programs - Karen - December meeting will be a potluck starting @6:30 (NOTE new meeting time!) in Wellington, Ornament exchange and raffle of shawls. Program suggestions wanted, will continue Weaving lessons before meetings start, and new budget proposal in January.**

**Workshops - Barb - The Oct. 4th, Yarn and Color Coordination Zoom workshop went well. A flier will go out in Dec/Jan for a March workshop (being finalized). Looking for Workshop and Teacher ideas for 2026.**

**NOTE: March 28 th Flax spinning workshop and then October 16 th and 17 th Weaving with spun flax or linen. Both presented by Susan Conover.**

**Demonstrations - Betsy - No report**

**Sunshine - Mary Ann - 6 birthdays in November, 1 Get Well and 1 TOY cards sent out**

**Equipment - Julie - Has all equipment at her house now, including a new drum carder. Large loom is out. She will be getting a variety of books donated by former member, Dee M.**

**Refreshments - Mary Ann - Yummy year!**

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## LOCO November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes cont.

Newsletter - Ann - Updating New Artist Pages, revising newsletter and web page(s), looking for feedback in January.

Library - Barb and Jean - 4 new books, if you borrow current magazines/new books please return within 2 months

Historian- Ann and Ben - All newsletters have been scanned and uploaded into the archives. Will post items recorded in binders for member viewing. LOCO library will house some of the archival notebooks.

Service - Karen, Elizabeth and Betsy - We have plenty of fiber donated for 2026, but will take 'snippets. Have 3 bags of fiber this evening. If interested they need to be returned by the Feb. meeting. December meeting will be our annual shawl raffle. Buy tickets!

Medina Guild - Nancy - Nov. will be Santa Claus demonstration. Medina needs volunteers for Bay Village to demonstrate the next three weeks.

Dec. meeting will be a Make It Take It program. Jan. 3 is our Rock Day.

Old Business -

Charities we have donated to in the past: Second Harvest Food Bank of Lorain County; SEPA - Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment; Lorain County Metroparks; Livestock Conservancy; Adopt a Native American Elder; Heifer International

Charity suggestion: The Good Knights (Lorain County) who build youth beds and provide bedding. Housed in Lorain County.

\*Any other suggestions?

Chain Reaction will have their first Trade Off in December

New Business -

- Nov. 22 @ 10am there will be a Get together @ Sheri's Coffee House in Norwalk if anyone wants to bring a project(s) to work on and meet other Fiber Enthusiasts.

- Wild and Woolly Fiber Expo will be Feb. 14th, 2026 with a Friday night presale from 6 - 8. Sat. hours are from 11 - 4 in two buildings with food and hangout tables, plus vendors from Ohio, Mich., Indiana, and New York. There is a bus that goes to Rhinebeck. Rooms are extra with a total cost of \$700-\$1000 per person. More information to come.

- Elizabeth won our evening nametag goodie! Congrats.

- December Meeting will be in Wellington @ 6:30 with a Potluck and Christmas Ornament exchange.

Meeting closed with no more business to discuss

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Doerr

# November Member Sharing/Sale





(No members were harmed....)





## LOCO CHALLENGES: 2025-2026

**Fiber Bingo:** See the next page or there will be a hard copy at the next meeting. (Check with Barb E.)

There are 24 activities you can participate in during the year: Use two different kinds of fiber; dye some fiber; create something that makes you happy; Design a project using monochromatic colors; design a holiday piece are some of the ideas on the card.





Choose as many squares as you want during the year. Any fiber craft is appropriate for the challenge. When you finish a project bring it in for show and tell or wait until April 2026 when you bring in your fiber bingo card.

Fiber Bingo cards will be available in June and then it will be included in July's newsletter.

**Chain Reaction:** We are also planning to bring back the Chain Reaction Challenge. Chain reaction is when 4 or 5 members make a team. The first member of each team receives an inspiration item and makes something using that item. (weaving, spinning, baskets, crochet, knit, beading) Then that item gets passed to the next person and that person is inspired by the project received. And so on and so on. We need at least 20 people to participate. Each member has 3 months to complete the project. Notify Barb Enos [benos@oberlin.net](mailto:benos@oberlin.net) if you are interested.

## LOCO 2025-2026 CHALLENGE – FIBER BINGO

# F I B E R

<p>Use two different types of fiber.</p> 	<p>Design something to wear.</p>	<p>Finish an old piece.</p>	<p>Lead a presentation, workshop or LOCO Lesson.</p>	<p>Complete a fair project whether entering or not.</p> <p><a href="http://anyflip.com/pphfm/doem">anyflip.com/pphfm/doem</a></p>
<p>Use a color you would not normally choose.</p>	<p>Design a project using monochromatic colors.</p>	<p>Create something that sparkles.</p> 	<p>Show someone a technique or quick tip.</p>	<p>Design a holiday piece.</p>
<p>Use a different piece of equipment than normal.</p>	<p>Practice a new technique.</p>	<p>Rest Day</p>	<p>Create in the great outdoors.</p>	<p>Create something that makes you</p> 
<p>Participate in a demonstration.</p>	<p>Use an old pattern or old magazine.</p>	<p>Create something from some fiber that someone else gifted.</p>	<p>Take inspiration from a piece made by a friend.</p>	<p>Upcycle a project. (example: shirt to vest)</p>
<p>Collaborate on a project.</p>	<p>Dye some fiber.</p> 	<p>Your choice.</p>	<p>Take a class or workshop.</p>	<p>Keep a diary of your projects.</p>

CHOOSE AS MANY SQUARES AS YOU WANT FROM JUNE 2025 TO APRIL 2026.  
DO ANY FIBER CRAFT(S) – SPINNING, WEAVING, CHROCHETING, KNITTING, FELTING, ETC.

WHEN YOU FINISH A PROJECT, BRING IT IN FOR SHOW AND TELL OR WAIT UNTIL APRIL 2026 TO SHARE WITH YOUR BINGO CARD. HAVE FUN – GET BUSY

## Medina Guild News:

(Contact Nancy P.)

December 16, is our annual Make & Take. At this time we are asking people to bring scissors, glue gun and glue sticks. If the instructors need you to bring additional supplies we will try to get the word to you.

January 3, is ROC DAY, at Medina Presbyterian Church, 5020 Burgundy Bay, Medina, OH 44256. We will have a gift giveaway, potluck lunch and our annual event making kitchen sink batts. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

### **PLEASE BRING:**

- A gift labeled for a spinner, dyer, weaver, felter, or any crafter
- A dish to share for our potluck lunch
- Your own table service- plate, bowl, silverware, coffee or drinking cup
- Donations to the church pantry- specifically personal hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, and peanut butter or jelly in plastic containers. Cash donations also accepted.
- Fiber for the kitchen sink batts activity

January 20, our meeting will be about BORO - a Japanese mending technique. Please bring your handmade scraps or leftovers of projects. Melissa will show how to make them into works of art. All Scraps have to be homemade no commercially made scraps.

**DEMONSTRATIONS:** If you have some spare time December 6 & 7, 13 & 14, and 20 & 21. I could use some more demonstrators. at Rose Hill in Bay Village.

<https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/>

## Happening in our Area:

**Praxis Workshop:** <https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org/classes.html>

**Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild** are putting on a 3 day workshop that will be focusing on Rep Weave with custom woven interiors April 10,11,12 of 2026. More information is available at: <https://wrspinweave.org/workshop-announcement/>

## Officers & Appointed Positions: 2025-2026

**President: Jean C**

**Vice President: Sara T**

**Treasurer: Missy M**

**Secretary: Carol D.**

**Workshops: Sheri Z, Barb E, Jean C. Heidi C.**

**Programs: Ann K, Jean O, Karen L, Gina T, Sheri Z,  
Vicki B, Heidi C.**

**Library: Barb E & Jean O**

**Demonstrations: Betsy B.**

**Membership: Missy M**

**Sunshine: Maryann K.**

**Guild Equipment: Julie B**

**Refreshments: Vicki B supplies**

**Historian: Ann H, Ben K**

**Newsletter/Website: Ann K**

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