



## Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild Monthly Newsletter

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March 2026 Newsletter



Movie Night! Our heads were spinning about spinning...

### Next Meeting: March 10, 2026 (Carlisle Reservation)

March 10, 2026: (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson; 7 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Program: Learn about Linen (before the March workshop) Gina T.

**Snack schedule for 2026: PLEASE NOTE! This has been updated based on numbers of members per groups (Apologies to A)**

Name Starts with:	First Month:	Second Month:
B-C-D	January	July
E-F-G-H-I	February	August
J-K-L-M-N-O-P	March	September
Q-R-S-T-U	April	October
V-W-X-Y-Z-A	May	November

June and December are our Potluck months this year

**Calendar for 2026:** All meetings start at 7 pm unless otherwise noted.

The schedule is subject to change so make sure you check this section month to month! Carlisle Reservation (12882 Diagonal Rd., Lagrange, OH) Wellington Reservation (535 Jones Rd., Wellington, OH)

**April:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) 7:00 pm Dye Day, no loco lesson or business meeting.

**May:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) 5:30 Loco Lesson: TBD; 7 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Program: Sewing with handwoven fabrics part 2 by Vilija D.

**June:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson; 6:30 start time for POTLUCK! Business meeting, Show and Tell; Scholarship drawing and Scholarship Presentations from Ben K., Betsy B., Elizabeth Y. Special show and tell to share the Bingo Challenge.

**July:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) 5:30 pm Loco Lesson: Possibly Knitting based; 7 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Program TBD

**August:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson, Business meeting or show and tell; 7 pm Program: Basket Raffle

**September:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) 5:30 Loco Lesson: Crocheting basics with Missy M; 7:00 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Fair Show and Tell & Our first Loco Fashion Show it/Wear it

**October:** (Location-Wellington Reservation) No Loco Lesson; 7:00 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Make it-take it Project with Gina T.

**November:** (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson; 7:00 pm Business meeting, Show and Tell; Program TBD

**December:** (Location-Wellington Reservation) No Loco lesson; 6:30 start time for POTLUCK! Business meeting, Show and Tell, Shawl Drawing

**Demonstrations for 2026:** (Watch here for listings to come and changes)

by **Betsy B.**

**Late May** Colonial ReEnactment Day (Lake Ridge Academy, N. Ridgeville)

**Sat-Sun, May 23-24, 2026** Great Lakes Fiber Show (Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster)

**June 9, 2026** Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Fiber Prep, Spindle Spinning

**June 10, 2026** Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Wheel Spinning and Kool aid Dyeing

**June 11, 2026** Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Small looms hands on project

**August** Medina County Fair

**August** Cuyahoga County Fair

**August** Lorain County Fair

**September** Lyme Village (Belleville)

**September** Oberlin Historical Society

**September** National Alpaca Day (Majestic Meadows, North Coast Alpacas)

**September** National Spinning and Weaving Week in front of Ben Franklin (Oberlin) Additional demonstration opportunities are available through the Medina's guild website.

## **February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes Carlisle Nature Center**

By Nancy P.

The meeting was opened at 7:03p.m., by President Jean C.

Minutes of the January 2026 meeting. With no corrections, the Motion was made for approval by Jean O. and seconded by Carol O. Motion was approved by all.

### **Reports**

**Treasurer and Membership**-Missy M. No new information

**Programs**-Karen L. Tonight-video, March - Linen, April - Dye Day, meeting starts at 6:30 come at 6:00 to help set up. May - Sewing with Handwoven

**Workshops**-Barb E. There are 5 signed up for the Flax Workshop with Susan Conover in March. Lunch is a brown bag, and observers are welcome. In October we will have a workshop on "What to do with the Linen" Cotton Warp and using the linen for the weft.

**Sunshine and Refreshments**-MaryAnn K. There were 5 birthday cards plus 1 condolence were sent out

**Equipment**-Julie B. Julie was not present at the meeting

**Demonstrations**-Betsy B. Wild & Woolly February 14, 11-4 There is a shared booth with the Medina Guild., Wellington Library, would like to have a Craft demonstration to kick off the summer reading program June 12, 13, & 14. Demo Times 9-11 and 1-4 Suggested crafts, spinning, carding, Kool-aid dyeing. Please let Betsy know if you are willing to demonstrate.

**Newsletter**-Ann K. will be doing updates to the site, along with changing the password for access to members personal information.

**Library**-Barb E. Jean O. Nothing new

**Historian**-Ann H., Nothing new to report,

**Service Project**-Karen L. We will be dyeing it in March. We have decided on bird colors

**Medina News**-Nancy P. Due to weather the Next meeting is a presentation on Boro Stitching. March Fiber Relocation. April Business meeting. May Fashion Show. Please join us at Wild & Woolly and let me know if you are coming.

### **Old Business**

The Charities with the most votes were Second Harvest Food Bank of Lorain County, SEPA - Santa Elana Project of Accompaniment, Lorain County Metropark, The Good Knight. Each will receive \$300.00 from the Guild. Thank you all.

### **New Business**

Membership Information was shared on two Barn fires.

### **Show & Tell**

Ann K. - Pin loom Dog named Dalton; Betsy B.- Horoscope shawl and shawls made from leftover service projects and a quilt made for Precious; Kathy A.-Scrap yarn scarves; Sheri Z.- Fractal Spinning; Jean C.- Handspun Socks

**Service Program** - Colors chosen: Birds colors

**Program**- Movie: Topic was changed to Drafting the Long and Short of it. by Abby Franquemont

### **Name Tag Drawing ?**

Meeting Closed 8:55p.m.

Submitted by Nancy P.

**We look good!**



Weaving Study Group: Warping Front to back



Business as usual with Jean C.



Our members do what they do...work with fiber!

### **Workshop Committee Updates:**

by **Barb E.** on December 9, 2025

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 Conover.

We still have room in the March 28 th Spinning workshop. See Jean C., Heidi or Sheri for details.

We will be opening the workshop to other guilds on February 11 th .

## **Library News:**

by [Jean O.](#)

At the January LOCO Meeting several people suggested that the library acquire **Fiber Craft Heritage: Easy to Learn Textile From the Stone Age to Today, with 52 Try-It Projects by Doris Fisher.** It's here!

Doris Fischer is an archaeological field supervisor with years of hands on field work and collaboration with reenactment groups and museums. The focus of her book is Western textile historical techniques and simple tools that can be used to apply the techniques. The book begins with a discussion of what the traditional textile techniques were, why they disappeared and why they are worth preserving. It then moves into discussing fiber materials, stinging nettles, linden bast and flax. With that groundwork in place, the rest of the book concentrates on the techniques using very approachable projects requiring minimal equipment. The last part of the book, called Tool Workshop contains instructions for making the tools needed in the previous section. Projects like spinning without a spinning wheel, fingerloop braiding and fingerweaving, to name just three, would be fun to do with children or at demonstrations. For those with a camel in the back yard ,there is a lovely illustration of a handsome camel wearing a nailbound red and blue muzzle. The book is filled with illustrations as well as tips from people who actually practice the craft. **Fiber Craft Heritage; Easy to Learn Textile Techniques from the Stone Age to Today, with 52 Try-It Projects by Doris Fischer.** Schiffer Craft c2025 303 pages.

### **Drafting: the Long and Short of It with Abby Franquemont. DVD Interweave**

LOCO's February program featured this DVD which is now available from the LOCO Library. Abby Franquemont learned to spin as a child while living with her parents in South America. I suspect her teaching method reflects that history. She considers the fiber, its preparation, the yarn she wants to create and applies the technique that will do that. For example, a short staple, carded fiber will produce a lovely lofty (woolen) yarn. She illustrates ways to do that. It will not produce a true worsted yarn which needs parallel fibers, although a semi-worsted is possible. She makes it look so easy and natural. I found her opinion about why one would use one approach over another helpful, especially long draw.

## **LOCO Challenges 2026:**

by Barb E.

**Fiber Bingo:** Hard copy available from Barb E. BINGO CHALLENGE IS NOW DUE IN JUNE! Fill it out. You will be surprised as to how many squares you can cross off on the card. Bring the card to the June meeting. Bring some of your projects to share.

OR

**Chain Reaction:** Notify Barb E. (benos@oberlin.net) if you have questions. Next pass off will be at the March meeting.

**Medina Guild News:** (<https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/>)

by Nancy P.

March meeting is our annual Fiber Relocation come and shop. April is our Business Meetings and Elections, Karen L. and Vicky B. will be doing their scholarship presentations. May is our Annual Spike Neilson Fashion Show, Which ends our season. If you were interested in the Inkle Weaving Group that would meet before the meeting. We have decided to stop meeting till next September.

## **Website Updates:**

by Ann K.

- The Member only access Password has been changed. Everyone should have received a separate email with our new website member only password/code word. Please do not share this with nonmembers for everyone's personal information protection.
- Please check out our latest artist's page for Ann H! Congratulations.
- If you would like your own artist's page, contact Ann K. at: [lcswguild@gmail.com](mailto:lcswguild@gmail.com)

**For Sale:**

by (Karen L.)

One of our founding members Roni Rospert is cleaning out her stash. She has an old school electric spinner, a picker, an electric bobbin winder, hand carders, shuttles, some basketry materials, prepared fiber from her Romney sheep, and of course, some cotton and wool yarn. It's three cars full and will be at our March meeting, and it's all priced to sell. (Cash preferred)



**Officers & Appointed Positions 2025-2026:**

President: Jean C

Vice President: Sara T

Treasurer: Missy M

Secretary: Nancy P. (Barb E. alternate)

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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