



Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild Monthly Newsletter

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 April 2026 Newsletter



2 special guests...for inspiration!

Next Meeting: April 14, 2026 (Carlisle Reservation)

April 14, 2026: (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson, Show & Tell or business meeting; Karen L. will be working on setting up at 6:15pm for dye day. Come and help out! (A separate email with dye day instructions has been sent out.)

Snack schedule for 2026:

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)

May: (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson; 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: 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 (1-4 pm) Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Fiber Prep, Spindle Spinning

June 10, 2026 (1-4 pm) Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Wheel Spinning and Kool aid Dyeing

June 11, 2026 (1-4 pm) 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.

March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes Carlisle Nature Center

By Nancy P.

The meeting was opened at 7:04p.m., by President Jean C. Welcome; visitors Kelly 5 years old, Tito is 34 years old. Minutes question on the time for Dye Day Karen would explain late motion to accept by Jean O. 2nd by Michele. All approved

Reports

President-Spinning and Weaving items were collected from a former member of the guild and were available for sale

Treasurer and Membership-Missy M. Checks were sent to the four charities

Programs & Events-Karen L. **April** there are directions for dye day available, if you want to help come at 6:15p. 25 people want to dye. **May**- maybe knitting lessons or Gina's Aunt for a sewing lesson. **June** potluck, meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Demonstration scholarship drawing. **July** nothing planned yet. **August** basket raffle.

September crochet lesson, **October** Nothing planned yet. **November** make & take.

December potluck

Workshops-Barb E. The sewing class is full. There are 1 or 2 spaces left in the flax spinning March 28 Workshop \$90.00 for Workshop, \$18.00 for materials. October 16 & 17 workshop on weaving with the flax you spun or purchased

Sunshine and Refreshments-MaryAnn K. 3 Birthday cards were sent

Equipment-Julie B. Drum carders have been located and who has them checked out.

Demonstrations-Betsy B. Bellwether farm, in Wakeman, is hosting an open house, on July 10. Spinning demo on July 11.

Newsletter-Ann K. There is a new password, Ann wants members to try it out and report problems. Please send items to Ann for the April newsletter by March 20.

Library-Barb E. The library has acquired the DVD on spinning that was shown last month. Please let her know of any items that you would like to see in the library.

Historian-Ann H. Ben K. Nothing new to report.

Service Project-Karen L., Elizebeth Y. Bird Colors, thanks to our visitors for showing their colorful plumage. The plying will be done for dye day.

Medina News-Nancy P. February meeting 17, is Fiber Relocation, April is our Business meeting. May our final meeting is The Spike Neilson Fashion Show. We have no demonstrations till May. Great Lakes Fiber Show. We are working on the website And the Workshops. If you are available to help, please see Jean C. or Nancy P. We will need booth minders, people to check in workshop participants. Handing out raffle tickets and pamphlets. Or if you want to sell at the booth.

Old Business-Nothing

New Business- Nothing

Show & Tell-Missy M., hat, headband, shawl. Debbie S., towels. Michele H., handspun crocheted sweater. Marcy B., felted bags. Lynn B., knit cardigan. Ben K., alpaca yarn and alpaca scarf. Margaret H., needle felted weaving. Emma S., quilted witches hat.

Program - Gina T., Presented a wonderful program on Linen. She showed items that her family brought over from Lithuania. Gina also showed photos on how Linen was grown from seed to plant to flower. Then harvested, retted, and described how it was prepared for spinning.

Name Tag Drawing - winner Ann K.

Meeting Closed 8:47p.m.

Submitted by Nancy P.

A Follow up to Gina's Presentation on Linen:

Here is the link to the video Gina spoke about during the presentation:

Turning Flax Into Linen:

"Linen was a very common fabric in the Revolutionary War era - but where did it come from? Join us as we visit Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation and speak with Eva Mergen about how to grow and harvest flax and then process it into linen. This overview will take you from the field to the loom to the shirt and apron!"

<https://youtu.be/Vufzi13xxng?si=3fU5522ySyWTSZpH>

Show & Tell:



Gina T's Linen Presentation

Workshop Committee Updates:

by Barb E.

March 28 th – Spinning With Flax workshop with Susan Conover.

May 11 th. – Sewing Workshop with Vilija Deutschman. The workshop is full. Vilija will do a program the following evening at our LOCO meeting.

October 16 th and 17 th – Weaving With Your Woven Flax (or linen for non-spinners) with Susan Conover. Fliers and more information will be available in July.

Participants taking the spinning workshop will have priority over other members.

Library News:

by Barb E.

Two books have been acquired for LOCO's library:

The Practical Spinner's Guide: Cotton, Flax, Hemp by Stephenie Gaustad Stephanie offers a detailed overview of each plant, the fiber it produces, and how best to card, prep, and spin the fiber. So much more is included in the book.

The Practical Spinners Guide: Silk by Sara Lamb. Learn how to create smooth lustrous yarns from a gorgeous but tricky and sometimes intimidating fiber – Silk. Sara includes brief discussions of spinning for both knitting and weaving. Both authors have been featured in many magazines and have other published books. Both books are reader friendly with many graphics.

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. No prize involved, just a sense of accomplishment. Bring some of your projects to share.

OR

Chain Reaction: Six of the nine projects have been completed. The third person in the chain has received her gifted pieces and has until June 9 th to create and produce an inspiring project. The full chain will be completed by December 2026.

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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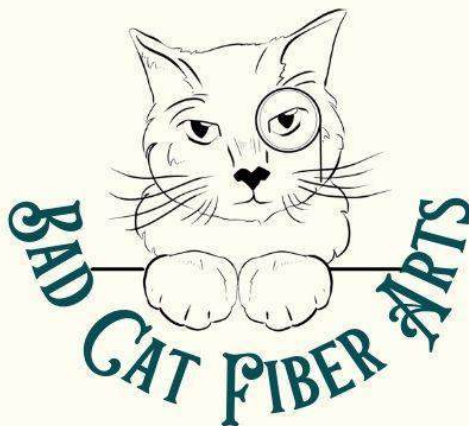
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