



Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild Monthly Newsletter

June 2026 Newsletter



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Next Meeting: June 9, 2026 (Carlisle Reservation)

June 9, 2026: (Location-Carlisle Reservation) No Loco Lesson. START TIME: 6:30! POTLUCK. Business meeting and Show & Tell as usual. Program: Scholarship Presentation from Ben K., Betsy B., Elizabeth Y. Special Show & Tell to share the Bingo Challenges. Make sure to bring in raffle basket donations!!!

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)

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.](#)

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

June 9, 2026 (1-3:30 pm) Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Fiber Prep, Spindle Spinning

June 10, 2026 (1-3:30 pm) Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Wheel Spinning and Kool aid Dyeing

June 11, 2026 (1-3:30 pm) Summer Reading Program Herrick Public Library (Wellington) Small looms hands on project

July 11, 2026 (Saturday, 10-12) Bellwether Farm, Spinning with lunch after.

August 7, 2026 (Friday) (10-3pm Arts and Crafts Building) Medina County Fair

August (Thursday) (12-4 pm) Cuyahoga County Fair

August 26 and 30, 2026 (Wednesday, 10-2, Craft Barn & Sunday, 10-3, Pavillion B) 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.

Loco Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2026: (Carlisle Nature Center)

by Nancy P.

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m..

We started with Gina T. Introducing the Program speaker. Sewing with your Handwoven Presented by Vilija D.. Program ended at 7:45p.m. This was followed by a presentation of the bags that were made at the workshop that Vilija taught on Monday.

The business meeting started at 8:11p.m.

Welcomed everyone ask for visitors

Minutes of the March 2026 meeting. Motion of minutes to be accepted as written by Jean O., 2nd by Vicky B. Motion passed.

Reports

President Jean C. Hoped everyone had fun at our dye day in April. Hopes we get to see results in future show and tells.

Treasurer and Membership-Missy M. No Report

Programs-Karen L.: July will be Barb D. and a discussion of the Placemat challenge. August is the Basket Raffle, please bring items next month. September we will learn crochet and have a show and tell of our items entered in the fair.

Workshops-Barb E. Next workshop is the 2nd part of the Linen workshop weaving with the linen you have spun, or purchased; a few spots still open. Next workshop is Weaving Balken Towels with Egyptian Cotton, price will depend on the number enrolled. There will be a \$25.00 deposit. Fiber used will be 16/2 or 16/12 with 32/dpi.

Sunshine and Refreshments-MaryAnn K. April 2 Birthdays, May 3 Birthdays

Equipment-Julie B. No Report

Demonstrations-Betsy B. Sign up sheet available for Wellington Library Days and the Fairs

Newsletter-Ann K. No report

Library-Barb E. Nice to have so many items checked out. Jean O. Spoke of a new article on the updating of the Weave in the Green Book. Which will be in color and should come out the summer of 2027. There are Bingo cards over by the library.

Historian-Ann H. No Report

Service Project-Karen L., Elizebeth Y. Dyes came out great for weft, not so great for the Warp might use a burgundy. Will need to process 2 or 3 fleeces for the next project.

Medina News-Nancy P. Fashion Show on May 19. Last meeting till September.

Old Business Challenge due in June

New Business- For Ewe promoting movie The Sheep Detectives at the Apollo Theatre.

Show & Tell: Elaine- Twill Checker Boards , Woven & Sewn Vest, Dye day Yardage.

Heidi-Turned runner and placemats. Ben-Dyed t-shirts, spun Alpaca yarn, crochet afghan , Gift from Sarah's grandma from yarn I dyed. Betsy -Set of dyed waffle weave 8/12 cotton, 2 merino/Tencel extended pt. twill shawls, Naturally colored cotton top, Queen size wool blanket, Brushed HD shetland. Jean O.- Diversified Plain Weave towels, Kathy W. Crocheted shawl. Sheri Z,-Hand dyed Braids, woven towels, Sara T.- 2 sheep to shawls woven by Eve Bostic.

Meeting Closed 8:53p.m.

LOCO Sewing Workshop with Vilija D. May 11,2026:



Vilija D. May 12, 2026 Presentation:



May 12, 2026 Show and Tell:



Workshop Committee Updates:

by Barb E.

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.

Other workshops you may enjoy checking out:

Welcome Linen Enthusiasts! “Join us at the **National Museum of the American Coverlet** in Bedford, PA for a 3-day exploration of flax and linen, featuring expert-led workshops, demonstrations, and talks celebrating textile craftsmanship and tradition. It has been 10 years since the Flax & Linen Symposium was held in Deerfield, Massachusetts in 2016 - so it's time to do it again!. This time the event would be two-fold: a fundraiser for the National Museum of the American Coverlet and a gathering of flax and linen enthusiasts. We hope you join us - either in person or virtually! Presenters include: Cassie Dickson, Andrea Myklebust, Cindy Conner, Brenda Page, Michelle Parrish, Gina Gerhard, Ron Walter, and museum director Melinda Zongor. We are proud to announce that our event is being sponsored by the **Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance** (SEFAA), the **Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.** (HGA), and the **MidAtlantic Fiber Association** (MAFA). Their sponsorship is providing us with technical expertise so we are able to broaden participation to a larger virtual audience, and we sincerely thank them for their support.

Find out more: <https://flaxandlinen2026.org/>

Library News:

by Barb E. & Jean O.

From Jean O.: Celebration Time for Weavers

The word is out: The Green Book, aka A Handweaver’s Pattern Book by Marguerite Porter Davison is being updated and is expected to be available Summer 2027.

The Handweaver’s Pattern Book was first published in 1944 and has been reprinted 19 times. It’s the go-to book for four shaft weavers. Under the leadership of Gather Textiles, a weaving store in Canada, a group of weavers and weaving guilds has been working on updating the drafts to the format used in North America, that is replacing the vertical line with the shaft number and adjusting the tie up from sinking shed to rising shed. They are attempting to correct errors and have rewoven the samples and had them photographed in color. The leadership team included Jamie Hurlburt, Madelyn Van Der Hoogt, Anita Osterhaug, Suzie

Liles, Sara Bixler . Guild weavers wove many of the samples. The announcement came in early May 2026.

At that time there was on-line discussion about a second Handweaver's Pattern Book revision project lead by BARN (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network). I found information on the BARN website. That information is no longer there and I assume it was redacted because of the confusion it created. Probably all will be revealed at a later date. Davison published the first edition in 1944, right after the conclusion of World War 2. It had an orange cover. She then revised it removing some patterns and adding others and published it with a green binding. That edition went through 19 printings, a tribute to how important a resource it was to handweavers. The new forthcoming edition will also not include all the patterns from its predecessor as some patterns are still covered by copyright or licensing agreements. New patterns are being added and the introductions to the chapters being rewritten. The new edition will be published by Schiffer Craft Publishing. An extensive discussion of the project on the Gather Textiles website (Gathertextiles.com) indicates that in addition to the hard copy, there will be a digital version with wifs. It's an interesting website.

Jean O. Book Review, now in our LOCO Library:

Patty Lyons' Knitting Bag of Tricks; Over 70 Sanity Saving Hacks for Better Knitting. David & Charles Ltd. C 1922

This little book is built on the premise that when one understands why something happens, it's easier to remember how to do it. Chapter 1 is "Fundamental Truths of Knitting". It's followed by chapters on gauge, patterns, cast-ons, increases & decreases, problems and their solutions, and finishing. Each chapter includes fixes for common problems as well as hints for easier ways to accomplish tasks. The illustrations, by Franklin Habit, support the text making the text clearer. The book has a detailed index making it very user friendly. Words of Wisdom—When you don't know what you can't knit, you can knit anything. pg. 18

The Knitting Bag of Tricks will be available for loan at the conclusion of the LOCO Program on knitting.

Jean O. Book Review, now in our LOCO Library:

The Practical Spinner's Guide: Cotton, Flax, Hemp by Stephanie Gaustad. Interweave. c2014.

Barb Enos found a copy of this book for the library. It's a gem. Among other things, there are not that many resources about preparing and spinning hemp and Stephanie Gaustad was a very good teacher, in my opinion. I never took a class with her, but learned a lot from her videos. The editors at Interweave did such a good job of describing the contents of the book, I am going to quote them rather than reinventing the wheel. "Cotton, flax and hemp behave very differently from wool and special handling is required, In the Practical Spinner's Guide ..Stephanie

Gaustad offers a detailed overview of each plant, the fiber it produces and how best to card, prep, and spin the fiber, specifically detailing trouble spots like drafting and adding twist. She also covers finishing yarns –cleaning, setting twist, and plying--and even touches on what dye processes are best for adding color. She also includes a discussion of spinning for both knitting and weaving, covering fabric properties of each fiber and what you need to take into account while creating the yarn and using it in subsequent projects” There is also a Forward by spinning titan, Judith MacKenzie.

LOCO Challenges 2026:

by Barb E.

Fiber Bingo:

Bring your FIBER BINGO card to our June Meeting! LOCO members will be sharing Fiber Bingo cards in June. Bring your card to our June meeting to share. There will be a table for cards. During show and tell, members will have the opportunity to share FIBER cards and TWO of the projects. A larger chart will be available for everyone to tally projects completed since April, 2025. Print out the FIBER card (end of newsletter) if you don't have one. Cards will also be available at the June meeting.

OR

Chain Reaction: Third participants have until June 9th to pass their projects to 4th participants. If you finish early you can pass it along to give the next person more time. Remember to take a photo of your project with a small paper with name and member number. Send a photo to Barb. It can be a text with a photo. The full chain will be completed by December 2026.

Great Lakes Fiber Show May 2026:

by Nancy P.

I would like to thank the members of Lorain County Spinners and Weavers for the time, energy and help with the Great Lakes Fiber Show. We could not do it without you.

Cheers. Nancy Page, Great Lakes Fiber Show, President & Workshop Chairperson.

From our membership:

by **Elizabeth Y**

I found this in some things from the estate sale of Myrtle Donavon. She was an active member a few years ago at CWWG and the Fleece and Flax Guild. It's from the South Landing Craft Centre, Queenton, Ontario by Mabel E. Fells.

IF

If you can wind a warp
And never miss the cross,
If can thread the heddles one by one
And never suffer loss,
If you can reed the threads
And never miss a dent,
And smilingly repeat your pattern
And never once resent
An interruption or a muttered curse
From workers by your side.
If you can start to weave
And find the threads you thought were tied
Are loose; if you can cheerfully retrace
Your steps and do it all again,
Then call yourself a weaver, friend;
Your patience had no end.

Free Items: FLEECES!

by **Barb D.**

I have been given approximately 8ish fleeces by Dick and Ronnie Rospert that are Romney or Romney crosses. If anyone in the guild is interested they can contact me at 419-744-0302 and we can schedule a meet up. They are free. Dick didn't want anything for them as they were going in the trash otherwise.

Items for Sale:

by Heidi C.

Schacht weaving bench with two bench bags. Like new condition, selling for \$360 (\$650 value), . Adjustable height and option for a tilted seat. Extremely sturdy. Pick up in Lorain County or Cleveland, OH.

Contact Heidi Curtin at heiditomcurtin@gmail.com



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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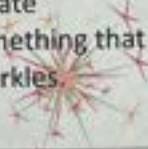


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LOCO 2025-2026 CHALLENGE – FIBER BINGO

F I B E R

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

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