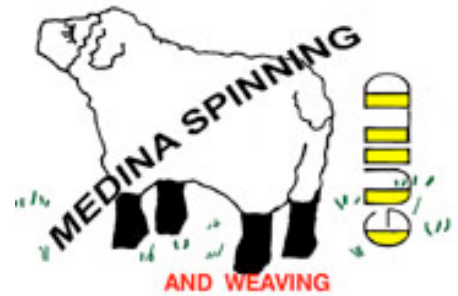


# The Woolly Pages



## PRESIDENT NEWS

I hope everyone enjoyed the MasterClass film on weaving. Thank you Jean for finding such a great program. Nancy, the short bit on sprang has me more excited. Laura, what a wonderful way to use your scholarship funds.

Congratulations to Mardi Gauer & Elizabeth Yasaki! They both won Guild Scholarships. Mardi is going to study the different methods of processing and spinning silk. Elizabeth is planning to pay part of the cost of attending the Spring weaving workshop on Huck Lace with Rosilie Neilson in May (there are only a few spots left).

We will next be drawing for the Great Lakes Scholarships. The funds are to be used to attend one of the workshop at the Great Lakes Fiber Festival. While you can not enroll until March you can pull up the website and see what workshops are available.

Next month we will be having a mini mentoring night. Please see Jean's article on what you may need to bring.

Historian—Gerrie Hotton has decided to step down from her volunteer position of Guild Historian. Gerrie was an early member of the Guild back when it was started in 1983. I do not know when she started as Historian but has performed her job wonderfully over the years. Gerrie we hope to see you at the meetings.

Laurie Jendre, who recently joined the guild, has volunteered to take up the job of being our Historian. Laurie has asked if we could gather for a group photo at the February meeting. Laurie is very excited about this position and will be working toward learning names and faces. I hope you all will support her going forward.

Betsy Bruce, who many of you know is in Thailand, is working to create a library in the school where she is teaching. She has asked for our help to fill the shelves. Betsy has located a website [www.betterworldbooks.com](http://www.betterworldbooks.com). There you can see her wish list, pick out your favorite or send her an e-gift certificate. The company will send the books to her. Further details are on the guild [website](#). You may contact Betsy at [betsylbruce@gmail.com](mailto:betsylbruce@gmail.com).

- Nancy Page

## Guild Calendar

### Monthly Meetings

Are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September thru May.  
Social time begins at 7:00 PM  
Business meeting at 7:30 PM  
Medina Presbyterian Church,  
5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.  
(off Route 18)

### Afternoon Spinning

February 7<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am  
Richfield UCC

### Board Meeting

February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

### Guild Meeting

February 18<sup>th</sup>

### Newsletter Deadline

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Evening Spinning

February 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
Richfield Library

### Guild Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup>

### How to Plan a Workshop

March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am - 11 am  
Brunswick Library

### Spring Retreat

April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Krabill Shelter

### Huck Lace Workshop

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
See flyer in newsletter

## FEBRUARY MENTORING NIGHT

Come join us at the February meeting to learn something new. A big "THANK YOU" to members who have graciously volunteered to share some of their knowledge. A couple have asked you to bring some homework to participate.

- **Different Knitting Cast-On's** with Karen Babb – bring needles and yarn
- **Basic sock knitting & circular sock knitting machine** with Claire Bourguet and Jean Crawford – bring one or more knitted rectangles for learning heels
- **Processing locks** with Vicky Bryg
- **6 hacks for your Nano spinning wheel** with Gina Talandis – bring your Nano wheel with battery pack and cord, and see how to fine tune it. Items needed will be available for use. Some On/Off switches will be available for purchase. Or just come take a look at the Nano and try one.

*- Jean Crawford*

## HOW TO PLAN A WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered how we plan workshops for our guild? It's not difficult, but there are key behind the scenes details important to making it successful. If you would like to learn more, join us for a FREE Workshop Planning Seminar.

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Brunswick Library's Olive Meyer Room

Please contact Medina Guild Workshops Chair Nancy Kilkenny for more information.  
nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com 440-623-4774

## SPRING RETREAT

*April 18, 2020, 9:00 to 3:00*

This year the Spring Retreat will be at the Krabill Shelter, 7597 Ballash Road, Medina, Ohio 44256. Please bring a dish to share, dishes, utensils and cup. Also please bring a project to work on. There is a fee of \$5, this will be used to purchase door prizes.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Watch for the "From the Archives" specials at each of our meetings. These are books/magazines/notebooks of the past that are stored because there is only so much room in the church library cupboard. I have been finding some real treasures in these stored archives.

One of these finds was a 2-booklet set, reprinted in 1965, of a trip Mary M. Atwater took to Guatemala in 1946! Mary M. Atwater (1878-1956) was an American weaver, who is credited with reviving handweaving in America by collecting weaving drafts, teaching and writing. The 2-booklet set is a travel log of her month-long trip with not only textile information but her travel adventures and observations of the countryside with wonderful hand drawn pictures included with the text. A bonus is the folder of woven textile samples that are included.

*New books:*

"Potholder Loom Designs" by Harrisville Designs. The looper potholders are back bigger than when we were kids. The looms come in the traditional size and a larger 10"x 10" size. Harrisville has custom-made cotton loops of every color and Carol Leigh of Hill Creek Fiber Studio specializes in natural dyed wool loopers. I also purchased a color-card of loopers from Harrisville with the book.

"True Colors" World Masters of Natural Dyes and Pigments by Keith Recker: Recker has presented a book of the personal stories of 26 artisans around the world that specialize in creating color from natural materials. You will love the color!

*- Becky Monegan*

## GREAT LAKES FIBER FESTIVAL

I will have sign up sheets for workshop assistants, welcome/check in table, set up and clean up crew at the next meeting. There will also be a sheet for you to let me know if you will be selling, demonstrating or both at our booth. More information to come as we get closer to May.

*- Nancy Page*

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**DEMONSTRATIONS**

People have started contacting me concerning dates for demos. I will be recruiting as I get more details. I plan a lot of these to generate good will and spark interest in our guild. We now have three spaces at Great Lakes. So I hope to see more of you there. I will be trying to give equal space for sale and demos.

Granger Township Bicentennial—June 27, 2020 time for the demo will be 12:30 to 3:30. We will be in the bay of the Fire Department and there will hopefully be people to help us unload. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Pioneers in the Park has been held on the seconded weekend of October. I wanted to let those that have come to Buckeye Woods to demo in all types of weather that Medina has decide to discontinue the Pioneers and vendors at the Buckeye Woods County Park. The organizer says she will be trying to organize something for 2021.

- Nancy Page

**INTRODUCTION TO SPRANG**

With Carol James, Save The Date — October 17-18. Video of sprang history and technique:

[youtu.be/WoFMeGNshcM](https://youtu.be/WoFMeGNshcM)

More workshop details coming.

**MASTER CRAFTS - WEAVING**

If you would like to see the video we watched at January's meeting or see others in the MasterCrafts series find them on YouTube:

[youtu.be/pkqhppD4\\_AU](https://youtu.be/pkqhppD4_AU)

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**Come Join Us at the Guild Retreat**

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 10am - 3pm

Krabill Shelter at Chippewa Lake

7597 Ballash Road.

Medina, Ohio 44256

We'll be enjoying good company, pleasant surroundings, great food and working on our fiber skills.

Please bring whatever you want to work on - spinning - weaving - knitting - whatever.

Bring a food dish to share. There is a \$5 fee to cover door prizes.

Send you registration to:

Linda White, 1107 Schocalog Road, Akron, OH 44320

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

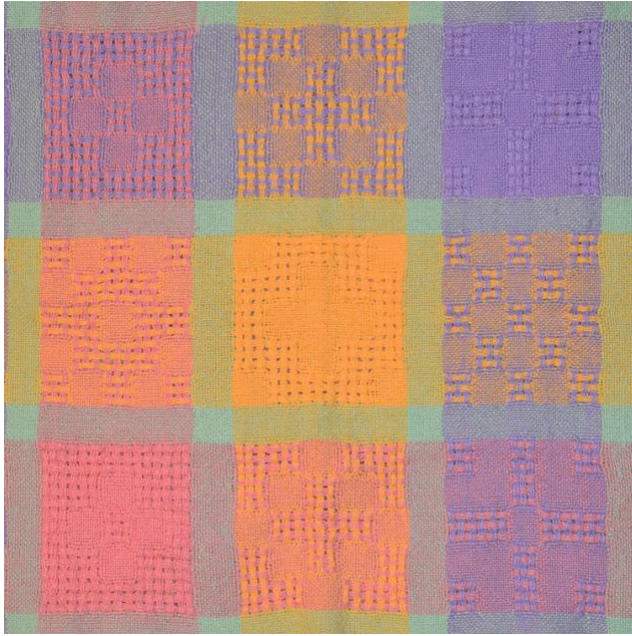
Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2020.

Meeting Start: 7:30 pm

Meeting end: 8:15 am

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- **Minutes** – Motioned by Linda, seconded by Alice; Accepted by unanimous vote.
  - **Treasurer** – Linda
    - Checking: \$ 4,325.15 as of January 4, 2020
    - Savings: \$2052.35
    - Membership: 78 Regular, 5 Family, 3 Lifetime
    - 11 registrations received for Huck Lace Workshop
    - Received \$17 rebate from Halcyon for purchases made by Guild members.
  - **Programs** – Jean
    - February - Mentoring night
    - March – Fiber Relocation
  - **Workshops** – Nancy K.
    - **Huck Lace Workshop** – 11 registrations received – only 4 more space left.
    - **Sprang Workshop** for Oct. 2020. Cost will be \$200 + \$45 material fee, for 2 day workshop with Carol James – A beginner workshop, cost includes pre-warped frame. 10 participants is the maximum. Through show of hands we have 8 or 9 currently interested. Short video explained a little about Sprang.
    - **How to Plan a Successful Workshop** seminar fliers on the table.
  - **Newsletter:** Stephen - Articles due January 27, 2020
  - **Service Project** – Dianna
    - File on the Guild Face Book page has links to all the service project suggestions.
    - Completed articles can be brought to any meeting.
  - **Library** – Becky
    - Potholder Loop Designs & Looper Color Card are now available.
    - Highlighted a weaving diary from the archives.
  - **Equipment** – Denise – The Guild loom has been booked for the Spring Workshop.
  - **Historian** – Gerrie (not present) – Laurie volunteered to step in as Historian.
  - **Spring Retreat** – to be held at Chippewa Lake on April 18. Please pay the \$5 fee asap.
  - **LOCO update** – Barb – February is movie night. March is make/take it. There is a Spin-In at FAVA in Oberlin – flier on the table.
  - **Great Lakes Fiber Festival** update – list of classes available on the website. Registration opens March 1, 2020.
  - **Additional Business:**
    - Terrie asked for any interest in helping with an article proposal on Icelandic Sheep.
    - Interested in business cards or Guild patches? See Nancy P.
    - There is a flier on the table about quilting done by a group in Berea. See Elizabeth if interested.
    - Fiber week is February 11 – 17.
    - Betsy Bruce has asked for donation of books sent to her from a specific organization. Flier on the table.
    - Wild & Wool Fiber Festival is February 8, 2020, 11 am to 4 pm.
    - Laura Enoch – Scholarship presentation on her conference at the National Museum of the American Coverlet, in Bedford, Pennsylvania. She asked for any old cotton sheets or pillow cases to be donated to the Museum – she will deliver.
    - Guild Scholarship drawing - \$100 scholarships go to Elizabeth and Marty Gauer. Congratulations!

Guild meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm., with show & tell, snacks & movie following.



## Color and Design in Huck Lace Towels

With Rosalie Neilson

**May 1-3, 2020**

(9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday)

(9 a.m.-noon Sunday)

Weymouth Historical Preservation Society

3314 Myers Rd.

Medina, Ohio 44256

Huck Lace provides a treasure trove of design for weavers. It is a shaft-efficient weave structure where an 8-shaft loom can produce six blocks of design; and a 4-shaft loom can produce a myriad of different ways to combine 16 different textures of warp/weft floats with plain weave.

You will learn how “blocks” or units of huck lace are threaded on four and eight shafts, and how they can be combined to expand design possibilities within a single threading by changing the tie-up.

Using Design Pages and Transparent Overlays plus a Huck Lace Template from Neilson’s book *An Exaltation of Blocks*, you will practice how to convert black and white patterns into 6-block Huck Lace designs.



Rosalie Neilson loves using color and geometric design in her weavings and kumihimo braiding. As both designer and teacher, she was featured in a 2-hour DVD by Interweave Press called *Rep Weave*. She publishes regularly in weaving and braiding journals and maintains an active teaching schedule throughout the United States, Canada, and England. Her most recent book, *An Exaltation of Blocks* is a toolkit of design pages and transparent overlays for exploring symmetric block design.

The towel project for this workshop will consist of three 4 ½” sections of Huck Lace, each a different color, separated by a one-inch stripe of plain weave. The overall width of the project is 16 ¼” suitable for looms with a weaving width of 18”. For looms narrower than 18” wide, a narrower draft will be sent.

*\*\*Pre-workshop threading instructions will be sent via email to registrants. Warp and weft are 8/2 unmercerized cotton in four different colors.*

Students will work on their own looms exclusively.

**Workshop fee: \$220 members, \$245 non-members**

**Open to members exclusively now until January 1, 2020, then open to non-members.**

**Skill level:** Advanced Beginners and up

*Materials fee (paid directly to instructor on the first day of the workshop): \$20 for a coil bound booklet with Design Pages and Transparencies.*

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Loom (table or floor) (harnesses- 4 or 8)\_\_\_\_\_

Loom width (in inches) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:** Full refund if instructor cancels the class or 60 days prior to workshop. After 60 days, a full refund will be given only if another student can take your place. If another student cannot take your place, you will get a 50% refund. No refunds 30 days prior to class date.

Make all checks payable to Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild and mail to:  
**Linda White, 1107 Schocalog Rd., Akron, OH 44320**

For more information about the workshop, contact Nancy Kilkenny at [nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com) or 440-623-4774

## Fiber Events Calendar

### WILD & WOOLY

*February 8, 11 - 4 Berea, Ohio*

This indoor event features 20+ vendors, including local yarn stores, dyers, designers, and yarn companies. Plus lots of space to sit, stitch, spin and be social. Feel free to bring a project and food and stay a while.

Cuyahoga County Fair, 19201 E. Bagley Road

Admission is \$5.00 per person at the door.

### INTERWEAVE YARN FEST

*April 29-May 3, 2020, Loveland, Colorado*

Explore your passion for fiber crafts, hone your skills, and enjoy one-on-one instruction with leading artists at Interweave Yarn Fest. This retreat-style experience gives you access to a huge range of workshops, a Marketplace stocked with fibers and tools from around the world, and many opportunities to form new friendships with other enthusiasts.

[interweaveyarnfest.com](http://interweaveyarnfest.com)

### CRACKLE WEAVE WORKSHOP

*May 2 & 3, Toledo, Ohio*

Sponsored by Toledo Area Weavers Guild with Susan Z. Conover

Crackle weave is an elegant weave structure when woven with fine materials. If you are able to weave Overshot, you can certainly weave Crackle. Both structures are woven on four shafts and both use the same tie up; they are a two-shuttle weave with a shot of tabby alternating with a shot of pattern weft. That is where the similarities ends. Overshot pattern blocks have skips for floats varying from two warp threads to over an inch long. In Crackle, a three thread float is the rule.

For, more information contact Lou Ann Glover 419-824-5373 or [lglover@mvcds.org](mailto:lglover@mvcds.org)

### CONVERGENCE 2020

*July 24-30, 2020, Knoxville, Tennessee*

The national conference put on by the Handweavers Guild of America. A large range of seminars and workshops on weaving, spinning and related crafts. Multiple exhibitions and other activities. A preliminary schedule available. Registration opened October 1<sup>st</sup> so many sessions and workshops are filling up. Medina S&W Guild is a member of HGA

[www.weavespindye.org/convergence](http://www.weavespindye.org/convergence)

### CLASSES AT THE WOOLERY

The Woolery in Frankfort, Kentucky has a variety of one and two day classes including introduction to weaving and spinning. See their schedule at

[woolery.com/fiber-arts-class-schedule-at-the-woolery](http://woolery.com/fiber-arts-class-schedule-at-the-woolery)

Wild & Wooly Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

Fiber Celebration 2020 is a juried fiber arts show sponsored by the Northern Colorado Weavers Guild. 2020 marks the 46th year of exhibitions. It provides an exhibition for fiber artists and encourages competition with local, national and international peers. The show is national and international in scope and is open to all fiber artists. All fiber media are welcome, including spinning, weaving, dyeing, basketry, sculpture, felting, quilting, papermaking, knitting, beading, crocheting, embroidery and surface design. In recent years we have had more than one hundred entries from across the United States and internationally.

Details at

[www.nocoweaversguild.org/fiber-celebration](http://www.nocoweaversguild.org/fiber-celebration)