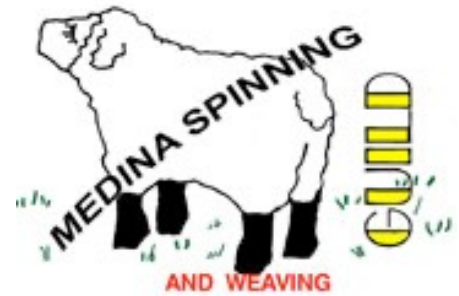


The Woolly Pages



PRESIDENTS NEWS

Well even though the States are starting to open up, we have decide to cancel the May Meetings. We are hoping to feel safe enough to start having our small group meetings soon. By that I mean the Spinning Groups at the Senior Center, Library, etc...For some this might seem overkill. But while I feel fine and you feel fine, we have enough members that have medical conditions that they might catch something from us. So let's be safe.

Like the rest of you, I have been keeping myself busy. Trying to build up my stock for when we get to have markets again. The garden has been tilled and the weed barrier fabric is down. when it is warm I have been skirting the fleeces, I have collected.

We are planning on getting back together in September, at which time we will have a formal vote for our new President. What we need is for one or two of you to step up for the position of Secretary. This is an important post, we need you to keep us on track and to record our decisions. There have been many times we have had to go back and see what was decided. So please consider volunteering.

- Nancy Page

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues are due. I know money is tight right now, but we use our dues to support the church where we meet. Pre-pay for the halls where we hold workshops, instructors, scholarships, prizes and Library video, books and subscriptions. This year we will not have the share of profits from Great Lakes. So when you can, please pay your dues. Renewal form is later in the newsletter.

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)

Board Meeting

May 14th 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline

May 24th

Guild Meeting

September 15th

Dye Day 2020

September 26th

LIBRARY NEWS

I won't charge you any late fees for enjoying the guild library books and magazines until we meet again. The spring cleaning in my weaving room unearthed some long-forgotten books that I have enjoyed looking at again. Hope you found some good reading too.

- *Becky Monegan*

DYE DAY 2020

Yellow-to-Green, Saturday, September 26

We now don't feel so bad about having Dye Day in September. Hopefully we will be able to meet and enjoy some yellow to green color experiments. Our annual Dye Day will be experimenting with four yellow dyes: Marigold flowers, Yellow Onion Skins, Goldenrod and Osage Orange wood chips. We will dye two skeins with each yellow dye and then top dye one skein with Indigo for a green. You will need 8 skeins, 50 yards each, for the Yellow-to-Green project. Also bring 2 skeins, 50 yards each, for dipping in Indigo for blue. Dye Day will be held at the home of Hollie Krenz, 16100 Cowley Rd., Grafton, 44044 on Saturday, September 26.

Grow and Collect Our Dye Day Plant Material

With a later date for Dye Day, we can take advantage of a summer's growing season to collect Marigold flowers, Yellow Onion Skins and Goldenrod flowers. If you have some extra garden space, plant some Marigolds and clip the blossoms and freeze. Collect the outer yellow skins of your cooking onions. Let them air dry. And the first of August, be on the lookout for Goldenrod to start blooming. The best color comes from these early blooms. Clip the flowers and freeze. I save the plastic sleeves that our newspaper comes in and it is perfect for stuffing with flowers to freeze.

- *Becky Monegan*

DEMONSTRATIONS

I have been notified the Granger Township Bicentennial has been cancelled for 2020. It has however been rescheduled for June 26, 2021. As of right now the County Fairs are still on, along with the September 26, OSU AG Day at Medina County Fairgrounds. I will keep you informed as more decisions are made.

Now I realize everyone is worried and figure that these events will be cancelled. But it is so much easier for me to call or email and say "Sorry, the events been called off" then trying to find members to do the events. So please remember, we do get paid for some of these events and this is how we show our face to the public. So please either sign up at the meetings or email Nancy Page at nancy2page@gmail.com.

- *Nancy Page*

SHOW AND TELL

Since we can not get together Becky and Elaine have shared some of what they have been working on. The pictures will also be on the Website.

Becky has been weaving place mats, table mats, towels and mug mats



FACE MASKS

Elaine Hicks has been making masks and shares some tips from experience wearing them for a full day. The pattern she has been using is available at

www.craftpassion.com/face-mask-sewing-pattern

This pattern has multi sizes and several tutorials. Being a nurse with oncology patients we have been hyper-vigilant to protect our patients as well as ourselves from this current health crisis. Many masks have been donated to the hospitals and we appreciate these so much. Because we wear these masks continuously for 10 or more hours comfort is a major factor. As soon as we enter a SUMMA building we must wear a cloth mask. Then when caring for a patient I am required to wear a N95 and goggles.

Please, please with future mask sewing consider the following tips if able. I use woven cotton for the outer fabric then flannel for the inside lining. The flannel helps absorb the moisture we exhale. This pattern gives an option for make the inner pocket for additional filter material such as furnace air filter.

I know it is all over the internet to use hair ties for the elastic ear straps. No offense and please I hope I'm not upsetting anyone but please **DO NOT** use this option. They are too short, too heavy and hurt. I wish I could send you all a picture of our valet Doug, his ears looked like Baby New Year because they were so folded forward from the tension. The favorite one my fellow staff like are one large continuous loop made from T-shirt yarn, baby head bands or other such soft stretchy material (actually, most regular elastic is ouchy too). My personal favorite is using one of those tubular bandanas cut at 2cm width with my circular cutter. This style band lets the strap go around back of our neck and over top of head instead of behind our ears. Because it is one large loop that passes through a casing it lets us adjust it comfortably over everything from pony tails and buns to shaved heads.

If you have the sewing ability place a wire in the nose piece. I use a piece of green floral wire folded in half with the cut end bent over to make it not sharp. Pipe cleaners, twist ties work too. This lets us fit it to our face contour, keeps our eye glasses and goggles from fogging up as well as helps keep the mask in proper position. I know we are all so skilled and multi talented, thank you all for your support.

Love you all, miss you all. Hope to see you soon!

Elaine

Elaine has also been working on some kitchen towels.



Introduction to Sprang

An ancient technique for today's handweaver

October 17-18, 2020

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Richfield Fellowship Hall
3909 Broadview Rd.
Richfield, OH 44286



World-renowned instructor Carol James joins the Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild for a two-day workshop on **Sprang**, an ancient handweaving technique that uses your fingers to create a very elastic interlinking stitch. Carol will teach you her amazing way to create two rows of cloth for every one row worked.

Participants receive an introduction to the basic stitch on a frame with ready-to-go warp focusing on the use of the fingers to create the structure. Once the basic stitch is mastered, she will introduce other stitches, pattern reading and adaptations for garments.

Carol has examined the very extensive collection of textiles at the Kelsey Museum, has written patterns for many of the designs, and made replicas of some of them, which she will share that weekend.

Carol James is a world-recognized teacher in Sprang. She has spent the past 20 years rediscovering textile forms that had been considered lost, resurrecting these ancient techniques and making them accessible to everyone through her publications, books and workshops.

Workshop fee: \$200 members, \$225 non-members

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

Skill level: suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced. Must have good use of the fingers and reasonable eyesight.

Materials fee (paid directly to instructor on the first day of the workshop): \$45; includes materials for 3 warps and a frame loom to take home.

Registration:

Name _____

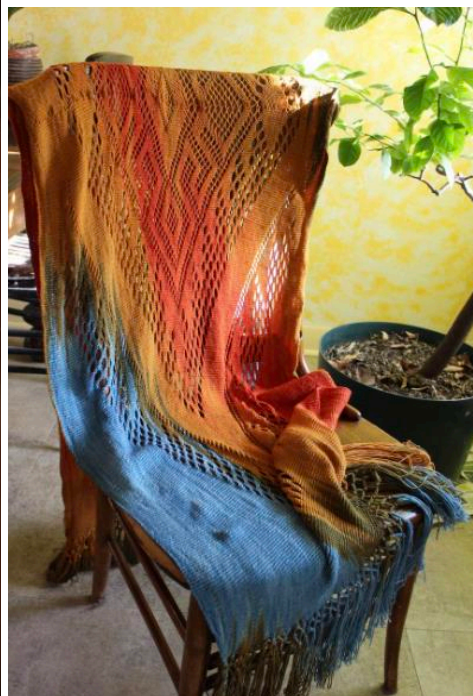
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Cancellation policy: Full refund if instructor cancels the class or 60 days prior to workshop. After 60 days, a full refund will be given only if another student can take your place. If another student cannot take your place, you will get a 50% refund. 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 or 440-623-4774



SUPPORT THE GUILD

WOOLERY

Support the Guild by shopping the Woolery via the link on our web site or www.woolery.com?aff=16

The Woolery will donate up to 5% of guild members' total purchases to our guild.

HALCYON YARN

We joined the Guild Rewards Program at Halcyon Yarns. That means the Guild will receive back a bit of the money you spend.

To participate:

1. Go to halcyonyarn.com/guild/
2. Find Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild and click on it.
3. Order your stuff.

FOR SALE

Cotton Yarn

Weaving Supply and Studio has Maurice Brassard cotton, 8 oz spools, 8/4 and a small amount of 8/2 spools, Harrisville potholder looms and loops (The larger size) and purl and loop looms. The website will be up soon and in the meantime please text or call Joanne Burns 216-533-7791.

Shetland Fleeces

Diane Schrader, an instructor in the Fleece Judging Class, has set up a site where you can purchase her fleeces.

fiberartistmarket.com/vendors/dls-shetlands

MEDINA SPINNING & WEAVING GUILD MEMBERSHIP 2020/2021

Dues are \$25.00 per individual or \$30.00 per household

If renewing please confirm your contact information in the previous directory and check the box if anything needs to be updated.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL _____

EMAIL _____

CHECK# _____ \$ _____

Make checks payable to Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild and mail to:

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Mark to have membership directory mailed. Otherwise directory will be emailed.