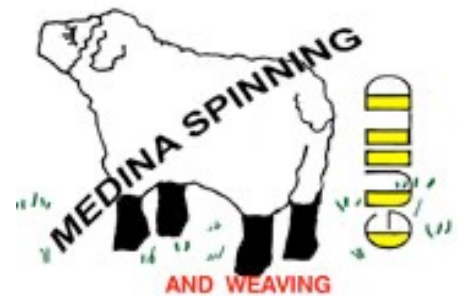


The Woolly Pages



PRESIDENTS LETTER

By the time you all get the newsletter Thanksgiving will be over. I hope everyone enjoyed their virtual get together and are starting to plan their virtual Christmas gathering. It is so great to see you all once or twice some of you three times a month, I really need the contact.

I am looking forward to the shared programs with the LOCO Guild. I have never had a class with Susan Conover but I have been next to her at craft shows and I got to visit with her a lot. Susan showed me a tape loom that sat on the floor and you worked the treadles. I was in lust. Maybe in about 20 years I might have room for it. Anyway back on topic, these three programs that the workshop and program committees have chosen look to be very informative. Even if you are not a weaver or a spinner, I hope you will Zoom in and join us, I have always found information that I can take away and use. I try to take advantage of instructors when I can. You might say, or think why should I waste my time. It is because of those little bits of knowledge that sink in and stick that bubble up and solve a problem. Whether it is a crossword puzzle or a kids homework or project question. One never knows what is useful in the future, as we work our way through quarantine to spring.

Everyone stay safe and we will see you at the Zoom Gatherings.

Cheers
- Nancy Page

Monthly Meetings

Currently via Zoom.
Details will be emailed.
Held on the third Tuesday of the month, September thru May starting at 7:00 PM
(When we resume)
Medina Presbyterian Church,
5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.

Guild Calendar

Spin-In Meeting

December 1st 7 pm
Online gathering

Susan Conover with LOCO

See Flyer
December 8th 7 pm
Link will be emailed to members

Board Meeting

December 10th 7 pm

Guild Meeting

December 15th 7 pm
Will be online.
Ornament Show 'n Tell

Newsletter Deadline

December 20th

Spin-In Meeting

January 5th 7 pm
Online gathering

Guild Meeting

January 19th 7 pm
Fiber Lecture at 7 pm
Business Meeting 8 pm
Will be online.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to members for their book selections. Our library now has three new books, featuring fiber, knitting and weaving.

Carol Thombs suggested "The Art of Washing Wool, Mohair & Alpaca" by Mary Egbert. The author states: "Scour Wool Like a Boss", "Secrets even the pros don't know!" It looks informative and amusing.

Mardi Gauer suggested "Making Marls" by Cecelia Campochiaro. This knitting source book is about knitting a marl--which is knitting a yarn with two strands of yarn worked as one. The pictures of the multi-strand knitting are beautiful and will make you want to dig out your knitting needles.

Nancy Kilkenny suggested, "Thread Magic weaving for shape and texture" by Lotte Dalgaard and Paulette Adam. Using thick and thin threads, texture and elasticity is created. Advice, projects and ideas for us to enjoy.

If you would like to drop off any books or magazines, you can contact me at summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net and we can make a drop-off appointment in Richfield or Cuyahoga Falls.

- becky

FIBER LECTURE SERIES

You are invited to attend a free lecture series with Fiber Expert and Instructor Susan Conover. In partnership with the LOCO guild, Medina will be sponsoring a Tuesday night, 3-lecture series on Zoom starting in December. Links to Susan's Zoom meeting will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting. The regular guild meetings will be held after her presentation. See flyer later in newsletter for details

- Nancy Kilkenny

HALE FARM SERVICE PROJECT

Rag Rugs for the Hale House

A recent, very generous donation of wool fabric by guild members Rosie Brown and Betsy Bruce to Hale Farm has led me to ask if anyone would like to participate in preparing the fabric for new rugs in the spinning room at the Hale House. The project would involve cutting fabric into strips with a rag cutter or rotary cutter and/or sewing the strips together, in the comfort of your own home. If you are looking for a great winter project, contact me by email summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net or phone 330-920-1448

- becky

GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW COMMITTEE

Our Medina Guild is responsible for the workshops at the Great Lakes Fiber Show every year during Memorial Day weekend. We currently have a committee of four people (Nancy Kilkenny, Deb Grale, Vicky Bryg and Nancy Page) who come up with workshop ideas, hire the instructors, put together the contracts and find volunteers to help in the classroom. We are looking for more members to join our team.

We usually have a series of meetings in late summer and early fall to put together our line-up of classes, contact instructors, and get contracts issued and signed. Once our work is done, we typically don't meet until the show weekend the following year.

Would you like to be part of this wonderful event? Please contact Nancy Kilkenny for further information at nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com or 440-623-4774.

-Nancy Kilkenny

Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020

Meeting Start: 7:10 pm via ZOOM Meeting End: 8:15 pm
Present: 21 members attending, including Board members.

- **Minutes** – October Guild minutes – moved by Linda (with the change identified – check was not to the church but for the Sprang workshop), 2nd by Bonnie; minutes approved.
- **Treasurer** – Linda – Balances as of 11/12/2020
 - Checking: \$3,157.00
 - Savings: \$2,053.11
 - Membership: 52 members total
- **Programs** – Jean
 - November – tonight - show and tell of finished Item(s) from last year's challenge
 - December – Please make to show and tell at December's meeting an ornament that is fiber related.
- **Workshops** – Nancy K.
 - Sprang workshop has been put on hold.
 - Susan Conover – 3 lectures – 45 minute lecture, 15 minute Q&A, each hosted jointly with LOCO – Zoom link & PDF will be sent prior to the lecture. Access to the YouTube video for 1 week after the lecture.
 - December 8 – 7 pm - Understanding North American drafts
 - January 19 – 7 pm Fiber Burn Tests plus the Yarn Balance - Medina Guild meeting will start at 8 pm this night.
 - February 9 – Fiber properties
- **Newsletter** – Stephen
 - Articles due November 22, 2020
 - Directory will be sent out by e-mail/via USPost Office this week.
- **Service Project** – Dianna
 - Wool cloth donated by Rosie Brown & by Betsy Bruce to Hale Farm. Becky still needs Guild volunteers to prepare the wool for use in a rag rug.
 - Joanne is collecting scarves, hats and mittens for Lakewood Department of Youth distribution.
- **Library** – Becky
 - 3 new books available.
- **Equipment** – N/A
- **Historian** – N/A

Meeting was followed by the show and tell items created from the exchange in 2019 and completed items from guild members.

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

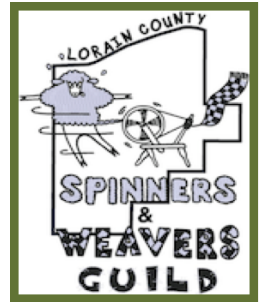
We joined the Guild Rewards Program at Halcyon Yarns. That means the Guild will receive back a bit of the money you spend.

To participate:

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



Free Fiber Lecture Series!



You are invited to attend a free lecture series with Fiber Expert and Instructor Susan Conover. The LOCO Guild, in collaboration with the Medina Guild, will be sponsoring a Tuesday night, 3-lecture series on Zoom starting in December. You are welcome to attend any and all of the talks. Susan will present the following topics:

December 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Understanding Loom Actions in Relationship to Drafts aka the differences between North American and European weaving drafts

Many North American hand-weavers have been indoctrinated into the weaving world of jack loom actions. But wait what about counterbalance and countermarch actions? And of course, there is the confusion of the weaving draft itself. Is the draft written for jack, counterbalance or countermarch looms?

During this one-hour introduction to understanding these different loom actions and how weaving drafts are written, Susan will shed some significant light! This is a lecture that all weavers, regardless of experience level, will gain more knowledge than imaginable.



Jan 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Fiber Burn Tests plus the Yarn Balance

If you have some yarns in your stash that are not readily identifiable, you may be able to ascertain their fiber contents by safely performing a burn test. Susan will burn cotton, linen, rayon, wool, silk and nylon. The Yarn Balance (aka the McMorrin Balance) is a handy device to measure the approximate yards per pound of a chosen yarn.

Feb 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Fiber Properties

Let's explore fiber properties which include absorbency, chemical reactions, elasticity, light resistance, resilience, strength and warmth. Susan will focus on wool, silk, linen, cotton and rayon.

Details:

- Each lecture is on a Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Susan will utilize PowerPoint presentations including short videos, drawings, and charts.
- A pdf of the handouts and a Zoom link will be sent to each member about a week before the talk.
- The lectures are approximately 45 minutes with another 15 minutes of question and answer time.
- If you cannot join the LIVE lecture, a YouTube video will be made available for 7 days afterward. Video or audio recording of the live talk is strictly prohibited.

Questions:

Lorain County Guild - Contact Program Committee
Gina Talandis (darzas@msn.com)

Medina Guild - Contact Workshops Chair
Nancy Kilkenny (nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com)