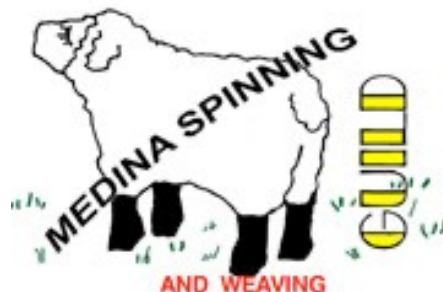


The Woolly Pages



PRESIDENTS LETTER

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Let us all hope that we will soon be able to hug each other again. I am sitting here drinking tea and trying to stay warm while thinking of positive things to write. Our Christmas gift list for my family is very uninspired this year. We have had to fall back on gift cards. Usually we go to craft shows and see items that scream a relatives name. If we can afford it and it will ship safely that is it. Yes, I can make things but I do not always know what I want to give, till I see it.

I hope many of you tuned in to see the first, three of Susan Conover lectures. I learned some new terms that are used in the counter balance loom world. Much was way over my head but I should be able to make some sense of the conversations between weavers. Next up is a lecture on burn test. There was a workshop years ago, so I am happy to have a refresher course. This lecture is being hosted by Medina, on January 19, at 7:00p.m. There will be PDF's and you will have access to the lecture for one week to view as many times as you like. There is no copying or saving the lecture. You will get an email with Susan's log in. Then after the lecture you log out and then log back on for our meeting which I will try to keep short.

Once again Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

January 5th 7 pm
Online gathering

Board Meeting

January 14th 7 pm

Guild Meeting

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

Newsletter Deadline

January 24th

Spin-In Meeting

February 2nd 7 pm
Online gathering

Guild Meeting

February 16th 7 pm
Will be online.

Susan Conover with LOCO

See Flyer
February 9th 7 pm
Link will be emailed to members

LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

SPRANG WORKSHOP

After long consideration, the Medina Board has decided to cancel the Sprang Workshop scheduled for April. Until we can guarantee the safety of members next year, we will wait to reschedule. Please know that we are committed to offering the workshop and will get it back on our calendar as soon as possible.

If you would like to learn more about Sprang, check out this link to a recent lecture she did for HGA online. [facebook.com/HandweaversGuildofAmerica/videos/1048649222266779](https://www.facebook.com/HandweaversGuildofAmerica/videos/1048649222266779)

To learn more more about Sprang or see other Carol James videos, please visit her website:

www.spranglady.com/

Questions? Contact Workshops Chair Nancy Kilkenny at nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com

- 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

Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2020

Meeting Start: 7:04 pm via ZOOM Meeting End: 8:12 pm
Present: 21 members attending, including Board members.

- **Minutes** – November Guild minutes – moved by Jean, 2nd by Claire; minutes approved.
- **Treasurer** – Linda – Balances as of 12/11/2020
 - Checking: \$3,204.70
 - Savings: \$2,052.11
 - Membership: 57 members total
- **Programs** – Jean
 - December – tonight we have fiber related decorations to share.
 - January is the Conover lecture
 - February will be Movie night
- **Workshops** – Nancy K.
 - Sprang workshop has been canceled until travel and gathering in groups is safer.
 - Susan Conover – December 8 was first lecture - 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. Members will receive e-mail with Zoom link for this lecture and PDF hand-outs prior to 1/19/21. After the lecture, please log out of that Zoom meeting and join the guild at the link sent by Stephen Page for our regular Guild meeting.
 - February 9 – Fiber properties
- **Newsletter** – Stephen - Articles due December 20, 2020
- **Service Project** – Dianna
 - Wool cloth donated by Rosie Brown & by Betsy Bruce to Hale Farm. Becky will distribute fabric to those the four who have offered to help with this project.
 - Visit Face Book page to find a list of groups for Community Service projects – they are listed on a page in the Files
- **Face Book** – we have 60 members on our Face Book page – some from other states, countries – all are vetted for being interested in spinning, weaving or fiber related arts. No inappropriate posts have been noted, but we do have the ability to delete if necessary.
- **Library** – Becky
 - Drop off of library items can be arranged – please contact Becky.
- **Equipment** – N/A
- **Historian** – N/A

Meeting was followed by the challenge decoration items and by show and tell items.

During the show and tell, mention was made of the following shops where members have items for sale:

- Jean's Alpaca
 - Cheryl's Fashion Boutique in Vermillion
 - Ginko
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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.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS AND UPDATES*new members***Abbot, Janet**

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*email update***Vourlojianis, Sarah**

sallyvour@gmail.com

THE STORY OF INDIA'S 'BLUE GOLD'

An interesting story about production and dying of indigo in India.

www.aljazeera.com/features/2020/12/13/indigo-and-the-story-of-indias-blue-gold

- *Mary Carmosino*

MAFA CONFERENCE

The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association's biennial conference will be virtual with a new format to the event, featuring a variety of class lengths from 2-hour classes to 1-day and 2-day workshops. You can register for any combination of classes on weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, baskets and other fiber arts. Notable teachers will include Robin Spady, Daryl Lancaster, Mary Zicafoose, John Marshall and Patsy Zawistoski.

Details at mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2021

EASTERN GREAT LAKES**FIBER CONFERENCE**

EGLFC is planning on an in-person event October 9-11, Columbus Day weekend 2021.

Details at <https://egllfc.org>



Free Fiber Lecture Series!



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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)