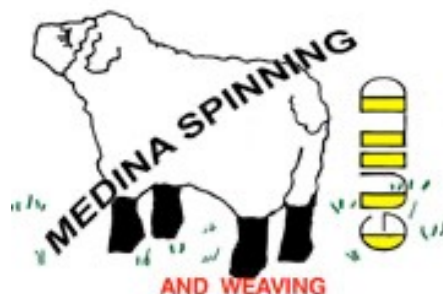


# The Woolly Pages



## PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hope everyone is staying warm and getting projects done. I took part in Becky's fabric cutting project for a new rag rug. Took a little bit of time, had to rest my back because the only table that the clamp of my cutter would fit was a little short in height for the project. The sewing part was the easy. Getting the balls rolled was also a slow go, holding on to the balls while folding the strips in half really made my hands hurt. I could only do two or three a night. I really love the colors and cannot wait to see the finished rug. I think the last time there was a project like this I was working and did not have the time, so I was really happy to be able to take part in making a rug for Hale Farm.

I really enjoyed the lecture last Tuesday on doing the burn test to try and figure out the type of fiber you are using. Susan is a great instructor and it has been wonderful that she was will to do this series for both guilds. So remember to log on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. for Susan's lecture on Fiber Properties. How certain fiber react to water, chemical, stretch, light and warmth. Hope to see you there.

*Cheers*  
- Nancy Page

## ELECTIONS

We will be holding elections. Due to Covid we put them off last year hoping to have an in person meeting. But the board has decided to go a head and hold them via email. So if you are interested in being on the Board and helping plan the future of the Guild please consider being a Board Member. There are five elected positions. President, Treasurer, Programs, Workshop, and Secretary. Usually all terms are for 2 years but due to having missed last year we are asking for a 3 year commitment from the President and Secretary to get us back on our usual schedule. Please let me know if you are interested in the positions. You will find an explanation of duties in the back of the membership book and from the current Board Members in this newsletter.

### 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

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm  
Online gathering

#### Susan Conover with LOCO

See details later in newsletter  
February 9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Link will be emailed to members

#### Board Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

#### Guild Meeting

February 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Will be online.

#### How to Plan a Workshop

February 20<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30am  
See details later in newsletter

#### Newsletter Deadline

February 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Spin-In Meeting

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm  
Online gathering

#### Guild Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Will be online.

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**FIBER PROPERTIES LECTURE**

The final presentation in the lecture series with Susan Conover will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm during LOCO's meeting. Links to Susan's Zoom meeting will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting. This lecture series was a partnership with the LOCO guild. The regular guild meetings will be held after her presentation. See description later in newsletter for more details

- *Nancy Kilkenny*

**LIBRARY**

No new purchases or donations to our Guild Library this month, but if you have an idea, send them along to me at

[summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net](mailto:summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net)

- *Becky*

**HALE FARM RUG PROJECT**

Thanks to Nancy Page, Betsy Bruce, Jean Crawford and Laura Enoch for volunteering to cut and sew wool fabric strips to make two rugs for the Spinning Room at Hale Farm. I have one more bundle of fabric ready to pick-up if we have one more volunteer. Strips are to be cut 1 3/4". Material is tagged 1-12 and that is the order the strips are to be sewed. You will probably have enough material to sew 7-10 balls. Contact Becky at 330-920-1448 or

[summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net](mailto:summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net)

- *Becky*

**GREAT LAKES BOOTH**

We will have the space of 3 booths. I have a sign up sheet ready, just send me an email if you will be selling or demonstrating or both.

- *Nancy Page*

**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](mailto:nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com) or 440-623-4774.

-*Nancy Kilkenny*

**GREAT LAKES WORKSHOPS**

At this time we are planning on going ahead with The Great Lakes Fiber Show at the end of May. I will be looking for volunteers to run the workshop check-in table, we like to have 2 or 3 per shift. Saturday, morning 8 to 9 a.m.. Saturday afternoon 12 to 1 p.m. Duties: check in participants, make sure they know where their class is, hand out name tags. Sunday has all day classes so there is only a morning shift 8 to 9 a.m. We will also need members to assist those instructors that need an extra hand in the class room. I need one Saturday afternoon for the Felted Flowers class. Sunday I need assistants for the basket, knitting and spinning classes. As these are the last workshops we would ask you to help reset the room. Please look at the workshops on the web site and let me know which class you would like to help. [greatlakesfibershow.com](http://greatlakesfibershow.com)

- *Nancy Page*

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**Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021**

Meeting Start: 8:07 pm via ZOOM Meeting End: 9:00 pm

Present: 23 members attending, including Board members.

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- **Minutes** – December board minutes – moved by Clair , 2nd by Jon; minutes approved.
  - **Treasurer** – Linda – Balances as of 1/12/2020
    - Checking: \$3,077.64
      - Deposits \$72.94 (membership dues)
      - Expenses: Refund of Sprang Workshop fees \$200.00
    - Savings: \$2,053.37
    - Membership: 60 members total
  - **Programs** – Jean
    - Conover lecture was program for tonight. Positive feedback was made.
    - February will be Movie night- still open for suggestions.
  - **Workshops** – Nancy K.
    - February 9 – Fiber properties – final Conover lecture. Look for e-mail with Zoom info.
    - “Planning a Successful Workshop” will be a Zoom workshop, February 20, 2021 from 10 to 11:30. (Will be videoed and available for those who cannot attend.) Will include Tips and tricks on Virtual Workshops. Presented by Nancy K.
  - **Newsletter** – Stephen - Articles due January 24, 2021
  - **Election of Board** - All positions will need to be elected, with those elected to President and Secretary running a 3 year term so terms are staggered once again. We did not have elections in April, 2020, due to COVID19 shut-down. We are looking in to on-line voting. Please consider a Board position.
  - **Service Project** – Dianna
    - Please check the Facebook page for community service ideas. Additional ideas are always welcome and you can forward them to me.
    - No additional projects have been turned in. You are welcome to drop them on my porch or bring them to the Fiber Relocation in April.
  - **Face Book** – we have 68 members on our Face Book page.
  - **Library** – Becky
    - Members should contact to see what is available at her home for porch pick-up.
    - Drop off items at her house (porch) or the church.
  - **Sunshine** – Gail
    - Deb Grale’s Dad died; card was sent and follow-up call will be made.
  - **Great Lakes Fiber Show** – Nancy K.
    - Taking a wait and see stance – teachers are all engaged, Connie is working to make this a non-profit so it will continue when she is no longer able to be involved.
    - Open registration in March.
    - Will need to start recruiting volunteers at January meeting. (continued ⇔)
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(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Spring Retreat** – Scheduled for April. Two weeks notice to cancel. Wait and see stance – revisit at February meeting.
- **Spring Fiber Relocation** – Buckeye Woods, end of April, starting at 1:30 or 2 pm. Invite LOCO as well.

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## MEDINA GUILD BOARD DESCRIPTIONS

Our current board members are sharing what their positions involve. Please think about which of these positions can use you talents either this year or in a future year.

### PRESIDENTS

Set agendas for Board and Membership, greet members, run the meetings, keep track of various committees and assist where needed. Oh and write the Presidents newsletter. Pull scholarship names.

- *Nancy Page*

### PROGRAM CHAIR

The Program Chair's major duty is the organization of monthly programs. He/She shall perform all duties of the President during his/her absence or during his/her inability to act.

Monthly programs are generally 45 minutes to an hour in length. They are meant to engage the guild member's interests in fiber-related activities and commonly commence at the conclusion of the monthly business meeting. Program activities are generally in the form of films, guest speakers, mentoring, make and takes, how-to's, and challenges as some examples.

- *Jean Crawford*

### TREASURER

The treasurer for the Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild has responsibility for maintaining an accurate balance on checking, savings and PayPal accounts and preparing reports for the monthly board meeting. They will also prepare and report on a yearly budget.

This person will be taking membership dues in cash, check, or PayPal. They will maintain accurate contact information and pass that information on to whomever is creating and distributing the directory. They will work with the Workshop person to track participants and budgets for those events. They will also write checks for any expenses incurred by the guild.

The person who takes the treasurer position needs to be comfortable preparing tax forms for a non-profit organization and those forms required by other organizations who pay us for demonstrations. The guild records are currently in Excel and Word. It would be ideal to have a knowledge of using those tools, even though it is not necessary to be an expert. Also, you will be using PayPal to receive payments and sometimes issue refunds.

- *Linda White*

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 DIRECTORY ADDITIONS AND UPDATES

*new/renewing members*

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 NEW VENETIAN CARPET AT HALE FARM

A new Venetian carpet, woven by Thistle Hill weavers, has recently been installed at Hale Farm, in the Meetinghouse. Hale Farm's Facebook page says: "Restoration and preservation work continues on the Mary Ann Sears Swetland memorial meetinghouse. New handwoven carpet is being installed today, thanks to generous foundation and community support!"

Hale Farm weavers, twice wove Venetian carpets for the building. Several Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild members worked on the weaving of those carpets. Both carpets lasted about 18 years of many visitors and weddings before it was time to replace.

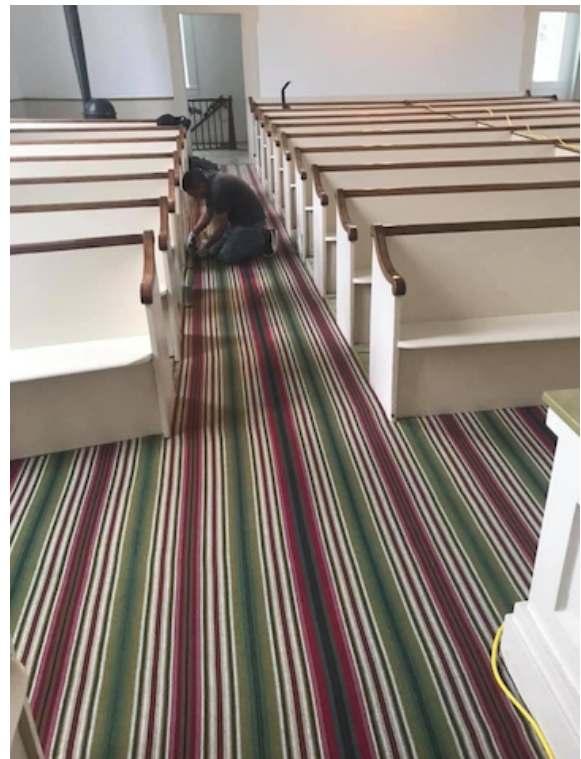
This time around, I suggested they look into Thistle Hill Weavers, the studio of Rabbit Goody, in Cherry Valley, New York, to weave the many yards of carpet needed for the building. Thistle Hill Weavers specializes in weaving custom fabrics, carpets, trims for homeowners, museums and even the film industry on antique and handlooms.

On their web page, Rabbit Goody says, "my love of machinery and my understanding that the old shuttle looms could be made to produce what I wanted more efficiently led me to find mills that were going out of business and procure old com-

mercial looms that would have been destroyed for the value of the iron."

Visit the [web page](#) of Thistle Hill Weavers and enjoy the Gallery pictures, bio of Rabbit Goody and under About Us, watch several videos of the mills machinery. And next time you visit Hale Farm, stop in the Meeting House to view the beautiful Venetian carpet.

*-becky monegan*



### JANE STAFFORD ONLINE GUILD

Several of our members have been following the lessons from Jane Stafford's online classes. A new season is beginning focusing on Lace weaves. You can also access previous years classes including the Fundamentals of Weaving. For details visit:

[janestaffordtextiles.com/online-guild](http://janestaffordtextiles.com/online-guild)

### CRACKLE WEAVE WORKSHOP

The Toledo Area Weavers Guild is hosting a virtual workshop on Crackle Weave on 4-shafts with Susan Conover. This will be two days of weaving on the loom, lectures and instruction April 10 & 11, 2021. Cost: \$100. Contact Lou Ann Glover : [lglover@mvcds.org](mailto:lglover@mvcds.org) for details. Phone: 419-824-5373

### WOOLERY WEAVE-OFF AND SALE

The Woolery is having a Weave-Off to celebrate the New Year and new beginnings by being creative and providing something to those in need. What you need to do: Weave a dish towel with Bluegrass Mills Cotton to compete for prizes in four separate categories. Here's the thing though, you don't get your towel back, because we're donating them all to a local area women's shelter, because women in crisis need the special energy that handwoven textiles provide, too!

You need to use our Bluegrass Mills 6/2 Cotton Yarn to weave your entry, so we're offering 25% off the price of this yarn from January 15th - February 17th! See details and rules at

[woolery.com/woolery-weave-off](http://woolery.com/woolery-weave-off)

### GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW

The workshops being offered are now listed on line. Registration will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be a discount if you register the first week. This year is the Great Lakes Fiber Show's

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The show is held Memorial Day weekend May 29 - 30, 2021

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

### 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](http://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://eglfcc.org>

### FIBER RELOCATION-SPRING EDITION

We have been granted permission to hold another Fiber Relocation Sunday April 25, 2021, 2 to 4. At Buckeye Woods Park, 6335 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio 44256. Same rules as last time: Mask, Social Distance, I will have hand sanitizer and water. Members of Lorain County Spinners and Weavers Guild will be joining us. So more stuff to trade and sell. If we get rained out we have a back up date of May 2.

- Nancy Page

## Fiber Properties, Feb 9, 2021 at 7 pm

Let's explore fiber properties which include absorbency, chemical reactions, elasticity, light resistance, resilience, strength and warmth. Susan will focus on wool, silk, linen, co-on 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.
- This is the Final Fiber Lecture with Susan Conover in the series presented by the LOCO Guild, in collaboration with the Medina Spinning & Weaving Guild .

Questions:

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

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

## How to Plan a Successful Workshop

Have you ever wondered how we plan workshops for our guilds? 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, February 20, 2021, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

On Zoom (a link will be sent once you register)

Handouts provided

Please contact Medina Guild Workshops Chairperson Nancy Kilkenny to register and for more information.

[nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.kilkenny28@gmail.com)

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