

# The Woolly Pages



## PRESIDENTS LETTER

I felt the annual meeting went well, for those of you that were not able to be present to vote.

The Board officers are now: Dianna Phillips - President, Nancy Page - Treasurer, Jean Crawford - Workshops, Stephen Page - Newsletter, Becky Monegan - Librarian. We would like to welcome back Claire Bourguet - Secretary, and newest member to the Board is Jon Lilley - Programs. We would like to welcome Jon to the Board. He has been a member for a few years and we look forward to the new ideas he will bring to the meetings.

Generally the new officers will assume their position in August. But will be taking the Summer to get up to speed so if you have any suggestion please feel free to contact them, or the past Board members will cheerfully pass on any suggestions.

I would like to thank the two board members that are stepping down, Linda White - Treasurer, Nancy Kilkenny - Workshops. Those of us that are stepping in to their shoes will be calling on them for guidance.

I do not know if people got rid of a lot of stuff, but who cares. It was so great to see one another. I lost count of the number of people there, but we filled the lot. It was suggested that we continue to do this outside. So please let me know how you feel about that, email, call or stop by the booth at Wooster.

- Nancy Page

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues are due. Renewal form is later in the 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

May 4<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
 Online gathering

#### Board Meeting

May 13<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

#### Guild Meeting

May 18<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
 Virtual Fashion Show  
 Will be online.

#### Newsletter Deadline

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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#### Spin-In Meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
 Online gathering

## MAY'S MEDINA GUILD PROGRAM

2020 was a blah year, I think we can all agree. 2021 is working toward being a little better.

Let's all join in to put on a virtual rendition of our Spike Neilson Fashion Show at the Medina Guild's zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm. Model (or hook a spouse, child, friend, mannequin, or even table to model) the items you have put your hard work and effort into creating and share them with our guild.

Please email pictures of up to five (5) of your finished items with descriptions to Stephen Page no later than Saturday May 15, so he can assemble them into our virtual extravaganza and you can strut your stuff on the 18th. Put "Spike Neilson Fashion Show" in the subject line of the email so Stephen can easily find those emails. Be prepared to read the descriptions of your items during the fashion show portion of the meeting.

- Jean

## GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW BOOTH

*Building 39 at the west end.*

We have three booths spaces altogether, so we have more room too spread out, to sell and demo. I will be there Friday afternoon to start setting up the booth. On Friday, you can drive up and unload. All items for sale need to have your name and price. I will keep track of the sales, then send you a check the following week after the customer's checks and credit cards clear. This method has worked well for the past few years.

Demonstrators please bring a chair, drink, and your craft. I will have some water, hand sanitizer, and a few masks. I do not know if there will be food vendors, this year. If you can get through, you can drive up and unload your tools, But I would recommend using a wagon. If you just want to stop and visit show us what you bought I will try to have a few extra chairs for visitors. Please contact me with questions.

I like to shop too. So it is nice to have enough people in the booth to watch it.

- Nancy Page

## DEMONSTRATIONS

If you like to demo and show your craft or just be with others, we are welcome to come to the Brunswick Farmers Market, at the Brunswick Heritage Farm, 4613 Laurel Road. The Market opens on June 13, and is open every Sunday until October 3. It opens to the public from 11 am until 2 pm.

I have a booth at the Ashland Fall Fiber Show, October 16 & 17. You are welcome to come sell, demo, visit or just relax between shopping.

Then there are the County Fairs

Medina County Fair Demo Day is August 6, 9 to 3. The Guild is compensated for their time. You do need to let Beth Hines or Nancy Page know you are coming to be let through the gate.

Cuyahoga County Fair, August 10 - 15th TBA

Lorain County Fair, August 22 - 29, Spinning Day is the 29th. Contact Beth Hines

Sometimes things happen, an example is with the farmers market sometimes it rains so much the person in charge calls it off so it is important that you give your contact information to us, so we can let you know if something like this happens. We do not give anything other than your name to get through the gates at the fairs.

- Nancy Page

## MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are currently planning on returning to the Church for the September Meeting. We will advise you in the August Newsletter as to the Church protocols. We will observe the protocol that the Church Board sets out.

## GUILD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Terri Prosis, Spotted Sheep Farm and one of her Icelandic Sheep (Lukka), have been profiled in the Spring 2021 issues of Ply Magazine. For those who do not know Terri, she brings Icelandic fleeces and fudge to our fiber Relocations.

## DYE DAY 2021

*Saturday, September 25*

*Yellow to Green—Let's try again.*

We are planning to have our annual Dye Day on Saturday, September 25.

We will be dyeing with four yellow dyes, Marigold flowers, Goldenrod, Yellow Onion skins and Osage Orange. After dyeing 2 skeins in each dye pot, you will be top-dyeing one of the skeins in Indigo for green. Your skeins can be handspun or purchased. Wool or other animal fiber works best with the natural dyes. Each skein should measure 50 yards in length and tied beginning to end. Three figure-eight ties in white or natural cotton or wool should secure your skein. Bring 8 skeins for the yellow to green project and 2 extra skeins to dip in Indigo for blue.

Dye Day will be hosted by Hollie Krenz, in her family barn in Grafton.(16100 Cowley Rd, Grafton, 44044).

Later this summer we will ask you to sign up to participate so we can plan for supplies.

*Dye Day Dye Stuff / Help Us Collect*

Help us fill our dye pots with marigolds, onion skins and Goldenrod for Dye Day.

- Grow marigolds this summer and pick the flower heads and freeze for us.
- Save the outer yellow skin of onions when cooking.
- And watch the fields for harvesting goldenrod the first of August. The flower heads can be frozen until Dye Day.

Contact Cris or Becky with any questions.

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

Cris Voorhees: [crispins314@yahoo.com](mailto:crispins314@yahoo.com)

BOOK REVIEW: *THREAD MAGIC*

*by Lotte Dalgaard and Paulette Adam*

If you are a weaver who also spins, you are going to love the newest addition to the Medina Guild library. Thread Magic is a unique and well-written book that will open your eyes to textures and structures you never thought possible.

Lotte Dalgaard is a well-known Danish weaver noted for using weave structures to create three-dimensional fabrics through the use of active and passive threads. Her collaborator Paulette Adam is an expert in yarns and unusual materials.

Active yarns – those twisted beyond the usual level, elastic threads and threads that shrink—are used in weaving to create structural fabrics for everything from shawls and scarves to t-shirts and coats. The authors illustrate how raised lines as well as folds and spirals can be woven into a fabric, how three-dimensional structures are created and how perfectly ordinary threads can essentially be made to react in almost magical ways by combining them with “active” yarns.

The reason this book is more suited to the adventurous spinner is that the weaving yarns highlighted in the book are very hard to find in North America. Most of the resources at the end of the book are European vendors. The only American vendor I have found to carry active (over-twisted) yarns is Lunatic Fringe, which has just released a line of crepe silks and linens in both s and z twists. They, and Lone Star Loom Room, also carry elastic yarns.

This book is a deep dive into active yarns, how they are combined with other fibers, how they react after washing, and how to handle unruly yarns when weaving. Although I wasn't a huge fan of their fashion choices, the book gave me many inspirational ideas to take to the loom.

I would highly recommend that you borrow this book from our library.

*Reviewer:  
Nancy Kilkenny*

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**Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021**

Meeting Start: 7:06 pm via ZOOM Meeting End: 8:18 pm

23 members present

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- **Minutes** – March board minutes – moved by Linda, 2nd by Jean; minutes approved.
- **Treasurer** – Linda – Balances as of 4/15/2021
  - Checking: \$3,034.26
    - Deposits \$23.97 – PayPal Membership, \$263.34 from the Woolery
  - Savings: \$2,053.63
  - Reported by Vicki that she has received the refund from Richfield Township and will mail it to Linda.
  - Membership: 61 members total
- **Programs** – Jean
  - April – Elections and Vicky’s scholarship presentation
  - May – virtual fashion show, scholarship drawing
- **Workshops** – Nancy K.
  - nothing to report due to elections
- **Newsletter** – Stephen - Articles due April 25, 2021
- **Service Project** – Dianna
  - New project – Costume Department at Hale Farm would like several triangle shawls knitted – specific pattern & yarn provided; will have kits available at Fiber Relocation – would like them finished by September or October.
  - Karen Long has fiber to be spun for the shawls that LOCO makes for their raffle.
- **Face Book** – We have 76 members on our Face Book page.
- **Library** – Becky
  - Accepting items at Fiber Relocation. Current issues of magazines will be available at Fiber Relocation.
  - Watch for book review by Nancy K in newsletter.
- **LOCO** – Barb -
  - ongoing programs with photos of members stash & studios; they have been working on a “chain reaction” project that will be displayed at Ginkgo Gallery in June.
- **Great Lakes Fiber Show** – Nancy K
  - Classes are still available – did a great visual presentation of classes; suggested by a member to do that presentation for other guilds.
- **Spring Fiber Relocation** – Buckeye Woods, April 25, LOCO will be participating as well.

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• **Demonstrations:**

- Medina County Fair – August 6, 9 am to 3 pm. This is a paid demonstration.
- Cuyahoga County Fair – August 10- 15. Spinning days are Thursday and Friday. th
- Lorain County Fair – August 22-29. Spinning day is the 29 . th
- Ashland Fiber Festival – October 16, 10 to 5 and 17 , 11 to 4.
- **Dye Day** – September 25, 2021. Theme is Yellow to Green. Members to collect marigold flower heads & freeze; Golden Rod (in August) heads, freeze; and yellow onion skins.
- **Election of Board:** Slate as it stands:
  - President – Dianna Phillips
  - Secretary – Claire Bourguet
  - Programs – Jon Lilley (not present at meeting)
  - Workshops – Jean Crawford
  - Treasurer – Nancy Page
  - Yea/Nay vote – Board was elected by majority vote.

Scholarship presentation by Vicki – gradient dying workshop. Show and tell followed.

Respectfully submitted by Dianna Phillips, Secretary

## FIBER EVENTS

### 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. The brochure is now available on the website. Registration is now open.

[mafafiber.org/conferences/mafafa2021](http://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafafa2021)

### SPRING RETREAT - APRIL 23, 2022

For everyone's safety, we will be pushing the annual Spring Retreat back another year. So please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23, 2022. It will still be held at the Krabill Shelter at Chippewa Lake.

**SUPPORT THE GUILD**

When you order from the Woolery or Halcyon Yarns the Guild receives a rebate.

**WOOLERY**

Support the Guild by shopping the Woolery via the link on our web site or [www.woolery.com?aff=16](http://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/](http://halcyonyarn.com/guild/)
2. Find Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild and click on it.
3. Order your stuff.

**KNIT A SHAWL**

*For the Hale Farm Costume Department*

It can get pretty cold in the houses at Hale Farm & Village during the Spring, Fall and Winter programs. A new service project for our guild and Hale Farm is to knit a triangle shawl. Yarn is supplied and a choice of two patterns, but you could use a pattern you like. The yarn is wool that was purchased for another farm project and it has been in-storage for many years. Contact Becky Monegan if you would like to participate. We are looking at September or October as a return date. A packet of yarn & pattern can be picked up at our Fiber Relocation on April 25 from Becky.

Contact: [summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net](mailto:summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net) or 330-920-1448

MEDINA SPINNING & WEAVING GUILD MEMBERSHIP 2021/2022

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.

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

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