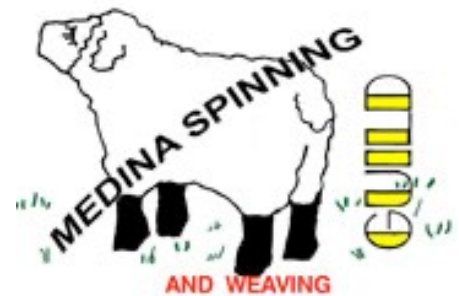


# The Woolly Pages



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I can feel the stirrings of Spring, which brings a great increase in activities for me! I'm finishing up my daughter's sweater (which will have been knit twice by the time I'm finished), planting seeds for all the spring crops so they are ready to transplant in May & early June, organizing my sewing area for the summer sewing, and making a swing through all my yarn to make sure the moths didn't invade while I was busy elsewhere! I have a few (maybe 30) rows on my Temperature Challenge scarf to complete using the temps recorded in January, as well. That needs to be done by our March meeting! The Board has been talking about several events for our spring and summer months! We have Fiber Relocation to look forward to, and all the demonstrations that get scheduled for the warmer months. Early plans are in the discussion stage for Dye Day. You've heard a little about a Sheep to Shawl demonstration at the Lorain County Fair in August - please think about joining the Sheep to Shawl group(s) that will be forming. It should be fun to work with each other and LOCO to see what we all come up with. Fiber Festivals are coming up as well - Maryland Sheep and Wool in early May starts off the season! I can almost feel the sun and smell Spring as I write this!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our March meeting!

- Dianna Phillips

### Monthly Meetings

Held on the third Tuesday of the month, September thru May  
starting at 7:00 PM  
Medina Presbyterian Church,  
5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd.  
(off Route 18)

### Guild Calendar

#### Afternoon Spinning

March 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am  
Richfield Senior Center

#### Guild Board Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

#### Guild Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Newsletter Deadline

March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Evening Spinning

March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
Richfield Library

#### Double Weave Workshop

March 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
see details later in newsletter

#### Guild Meeting

April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Guild Spring Retreat

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 - 5  
Krabill Lodge

#### Fiber Relocation

May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Buckeye Woods Park

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MEDINA SPINNING & WEAVING GUILD  
COURSE OF STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

Are you interested in taking a weaving/spinning/dyeing/fiber related class or pursuing a special fiber study? Apply for the Guild Scholarship! Recipients of this scholarship receive \$100 to help fund their learning. In return, they give a short report about what they learned to the Guild at an upcoming meeting. Send your name to the President, Dianna Phillips, by April 30, 2022, along with a description of your intent for the use of the scholarship. Drawing for the two (2) Guild Scholarships will be at the Guild meeting on May 17, 2022.

GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Want to take a class at the Great Lakes Fiber Show this year? There are two (2) Show scholarships available to help fund your learning! Recipients of this scholarship receive \$50 to help pay for a class and must show proof of registration. Send your name to the President of the Guild, Dianna Phillips, by April 14, 2022 to be eligible to be in the drawing for the two Show scholarships. Winners will be announced at the Guild meeting on April 19th, 2022.

GUILD SPRING RETREAT

Krabill Lodge, Chippewa Lake

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am to 5 pm

We will have a Spring Retreat this year. We try to get together in the Spring to have a potluck and craft together. We weave, spin, knit, crochet, anything that does not make too big a mess. For Medina Guild Members only. We do ask for \$5 per person for door prizes. Krabill Lodge, Chippewa Lake, 7597 Ballash Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

LIBRARY NEWS

The March/April 2022 issue of Handwoven has been delivered. Two new books have been purchased for our guild library.

*Twisted Tales* by Linda N. Cortright:

You may recognize the author's name, as she is the editor of the publication Wild Fibers. In her introduction she says, "We have all been in situations when we are mid-crisis or in chaos, when we pause and say, Someday this will all seem funny." So, Linda sat down and wrote Twisted Tales of her memorable encounters from her around-the-world trips as she hunted down the articles/stories for Wild Fibers.

This brought back memories of guild member Betsy Bruce's Emails from Thailand and her Peace Corps experiences from 2018-2020.

*Jacquard's Web: How a Hand-Loom Led to the Birth of the Information Age* by James Essinger

This is the newest Book Club book of Red Stone Glen. It is the story of some of the most ingenious inventors the world has ever known, a fascinating account of how a hand-loom invented in Napoleonic France led to the development of the modern information age.

- becky

GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW—  
VOLUNTEERS

I will have sign up sheets at the March meeting. We are looking for people to check-in workshop attendees, both morning and afternoon, demo in the booth and helping to clean up. This is our Fiber Show, we can only keep it going with your support, so please be generous with your time.

- Nancy Page

NEW MEMBER

Joan Horwich

2494 Palmer Drive, Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094

Email: jrhorwich@gmail.com Ph: 216-536-5242

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**Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022**

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm on-line meeting

- Minutes of previous meeting: motion to approve Mardi Gauer; second Jon Lilley; all in favor.
- Treasurer's report: Nancy P.
  - Checking: \$3804.73
  - Savings: \$2054.08.
  - 72 members.
  - The Guild received a refund check of \$2.70 from Halcyon Yarns
- Programs: Jon L.
  - We expect to be in person in March.
  - Jordan Salkin program on photographing your work using your cell phone has been moved to the March 15 meeting.
  - April. Mardi and Jill will report on their scholarships. We will have the annual business meeting and the guild challenge will be due.
  - May will be the fashion show.
- Workshops: Jean C.
  - There is still space available in the Deflected Double Weave workshop with Natalie Drummond. March 25, 9 am to 4 pm. March 26, 10 am to 4 pm. At the Medina Church.
  - The workshop is Friday and Saturday. There will be set-up time on Thursday from 5 to 7 pm. There will also be a ZOOM meeting in advance to answer question about the workshop.
- Library: Becky M. The new Handwoven has arrived. Also arrived two new
- Newsletter: Stephen P. Date for submission is Sunday February 20.
- Guild Exhibits: A suggestion has come from Laurie Jendre that the Guild hold exhibits at some of the local libraries. Several have exhibit spaces including Lodi and Highland. Exhibits could show-case the work that we do and perhaps might include some demonstrations. We tentatively decided on the Lodi library in September and Highland in October. (Claire has since learned that Brunswick also has a nice exhibit space)
- Sheep to Shawl: Nancy explained the plans. There will be an orientation at the July LOCO meeting. The signup form will be available in March. There will be 4/5 people on a team. Each team will need their own equipment e.g. a warped loom, spinning wheels, carders, a washed fleece and persons to use all of these.
- Stephen sent out an email from Dianne Schrader about sheep shearing on March 5. All are invited to help and perhaps purchase a fleece. Check your email.
- Nancy talked about the Passion Walk at Zion Lutheran Church in Valley City – April 9 and 10 in the evening. An opportunity to demonstrate village crafts from the life of Christ. They provide costumes. Contact Nancy Page if you are interested.
- The business meeting was followed by Show and Tell. We then discussed our craft interests and crafting disasters that we have experienced.

— Claire Bourguet

**FIBER RELOCATION**

We will be having Fiber Relocation at the Buckeye Woods on Sunday, May 1, from 2 until 4. Buckeye Woods is in Medina Country 6335 Wedgewood Road (Route 162), Medina, OH 44256.

Remember nothing stays at the park. If you cannot find a new home it returns with you.

- Nancy Page

**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.

**WOOLERY WEAVE-OFF 2022**

The 2022 Woolery Weave-Off has begun. Entries must be postmarked by May 20th, 2022.

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. We donate all the towels we receive to a local area women's shelter, because women in crisis need the special energy that handwoven textiles provide, too!

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

**ROMANOV WOOL FOR SALE.**

Our Etsy page has pictures of the animals and the fibers on it: [www.etsy.com/listing/1162662557/romanov-sheep-wool-raw-and-unwashed](http://www.etsy.com/listing/1162662557/romanov-sheep-wool-raw-and-unwashed)

We sell per ounce because the wool of our sheep is a bit different; it has a dual coat, and the two fibers are a pretty similar length. This makes it work a little bit different from typical wool, and so we recommend getting smaller amounts, just to get a feel for it.

The wool is very strong, and makes great rugs, mats, and outdoor garments that get a lot of use, and can also make nice sweaters. It takes to the felting process very well, but it will also resist spontaneous felting if a fleece is used for lining in a garment, due to the second set of fibers.

Anyone interested can contact us via email at [ironheartranchsheep@gmail.com](mailto:ironheartranchsheep@gmail.com) or through our Etsy shop. If anyone wants an entire fleece, we are also willing to offer a discounted price."

Thank you! Rebekah Stephens, Iron Heart Ranch

**FIBER EVENTS****SHEEP SHEARING**

Diane Schrader will be having a shearing day, tentatively scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to come and participate, hold baby lambs and purchase your own freshly shorn fleece send Diane an email. [dschrader001@yahoo.com](mailto:dschrader001@yahoo.com). If date changes she will update you.

**BLACK SWAMP SPINNER'S GUILD MARKET DAY & FIBER FEST**

*Saturday, March 26, 2022, Bowling Green, Ohio*

37th Annual Market Day & Fiber Fair, 9am to 4 pm \$1 Admission. Lunch available Held in the Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds 13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Be sure to save March 25, 2023 for the 38th Market Day.

[www.facebook.com/blackswampspinners/](http://www.facebook.com/blackswampspinners/)

**INTERWEAVE YARN FEST**

*April 20-23, 2022, Loveland, Colorado*

An event for crochet, knitting, spinning, weaving, and more! It features three and six hour workshops and a shopping marketplace perfect for creating and discovering new inspiration.

[www.interweaveyarnfest.com](http://www.interweaveyarnfest.com)

**GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW**

*May 28 & 29, 2022, Wooster Ohio*

Workshop Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>. The competitions have been expanded to include spindle, wheel or e-spun skein and knitted or crocheted garments. The website is being updated with more information.

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

**CONVERGENCE 2022**

*July 14-21, 2022, Knoxville, Tennessee*

The national conference put on by the Handweavers Guild of America. A large range of seminars and workshops on weaving, spinning and related crafts. Multiple exhibitions and other activities. See the website for exhibition entry dates. Registration is now open. Medina S&W Guild is a member of HGA

[www.weavespindye.org/convergence](http://www.weavespindye.org/convergence)

**RHINEBECK SHEEP FESTIVAL BUS TRIP**

*October 14-16, 2022*

From \$650 per person based on double occupancy. Included: Comfortable charter bus from Cleveland area (east side & west side locations) to Rhinebeck NY for the New York Sheep Festival; gourmet box lunch (Fri.); sit down dinner (Fri. & Sat.); admission to the festival Sat. & Sun.; 2 nights hotel (double occupancy)

We will leave the west side at 8 a.m., making a stop on the east side to pick up additional people. We will return late in the evening on Sunday.

Registration will begin at the Wild & Wooly Fiber Expo on February 12, 2022 between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. After Feb. 12 and until Sept. 1 (or full), you can register by email. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration to confirm your spot. Balance is due by September 1st.

We will follow the Health Department's requirements about masks at the time of the trip.

Contact Stacy Allen [stacallen@outlook.com](mailto:stacallen@outlook.com)