



January seems to take forever to get through, but February went by so fast that I can hardly believe it is March already. I have been spinning the wool I bought at Great Lakes Fiber Show last year FOREVER, and I finally finished the beginning of February -3,2010 yards of a 3 ply! Looking around for a "quick" spin, I pulled out the two kitchen sink batts I made at Roc Day this year. They made a beautiful multi-colored single! To make a 3 ply I needed something single colored to ply with it. I thought I bought a beautiful brown wool at the sale of Jan Peseck's things. Turns out it is alpaca but was just the right color. Our beach vacation in South Carolina included lots of spinning time - and many, many campers coming over to see what I was doing, two of whom were also spinners! I now have clean bobbins - just what I wanted for the spinning workshop in March!

I've had a preview of one of the Guild Scholarship projects and am looking forward to both Scholarship presentations at the March meeting. If you've been thinking about joining the Guild Board (and I sure hope you are!!!), please let me know asap – elections will happen at the General Membership Meeting in April.

I want to thank Nancy Page for stepping in and handling the February meeting in my absence. I also want to thank all the members of the Board for helping with our meeting programming this year, since we have been running without a Program Chair since the end of 2022.

See you soon!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> II:30 am **Richfield Senior Center** 

**Guild Meeting** March 21st

**Evening Spinning** March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm **Richfield Library** 

**Newsletter Deadline** March 26th

**Spinning Gradient Yarns** March 18th [full]

Jan Pesek Memorial Spin-In March 19th **Brunswick Library** 

**Guild Meeting** April 18th **Elections and Annual Business** Meeting

- Dianna Phillips

**Guild Meeting** May 16th Spike Neilson Memorial **Fashion Show** 

**Spinning Wheel Tune-up** June 10th see flyer

# TREASURER REPORT

Checking \$5,370.45 Savings \$2,154.29 Members: 81

- Nancy Page

#### JAN PESEK MEMORIAL

#### Workshop and Spin In

The Jan Pesek Memorial Spinning Workshop "Gradient Yarns - A Spinner's Study In Shifting Shades with Kate Larsen" is full. It will be held March 18, 2023 at the Brunswick Library from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. We will plan to take Kate to dinner Saturday night.

The following day, Sunday March 19th, from 1:00 to 4:30 will be open spinning at the library. Please contact Nancy Page to sign up <u>nancy2page@gmail.com</u>.

- Jean Crawford

#### GUILD CHALLENGE

If you are a knitter or crocheter, this challenge is easy! Ravelry (<u>www.ravelry.com</u>) has many, many patterns for toys for you to make for our Guild Challenge (due at the April meeting)! If you use a pin loom, there are some really cute ideas out there on the web. If you want to felt a toy, I think this little sheep is a cutie!

But, since I'm not a weaver, my ongoing thoughts have been, "what could a weaver make?" Please – blow me away with your creations in April!



Needle Felted Ship

Is this a Corgi or a Fox?

#### LIBRARY NEWS

February Meeting: 9 books, 2 DVD's and 7 magazines were taken out. Numerous packs of Library Downsized Magazines left the Archives for new homes. Enjoy!

New books:

- Weaving for Worship: Handweaving for churches and synagogues by Joyce Harter & Lucy Brusic (gifted to guild)
- Benches, Stools sand Chairs by Walter Turpening & Deborah Held
- New Publication: Fiber Art Now--An international quarterly magazine for contemporary fiber arts & textiles.

If you hear of any great books for our library, contact me at <u>summitbluebird@sbcglobal.net</u>.

- becky monegan

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Rules state you cannot participate if you have received a scholarship in the previous 3 years.

• Great Lakes Fiber Show Scholarship – two \$50 scholarships are available towards a class at this show. To apply, please send the name of the class you want to attend to Dianna Phillips by April 14. Awarded at the April Meeting.

• Guild "Further Your Fiber Knowledge" Scholarship – two \$100 scholarships are available – awarded at the May meeting. If you win this scholarship, you will need to prepare a short (15 minute) presentation about what you learned. To apply, send a description of your intent of learning to Dianna Phillips, no later than May 12. If you have won the Guild Scholarship in the last five (5) years you are not eligible. Those who have won in the past 5 years are: 2018 - Barb Enos, Dianna Phillip. 2019 - Laura Enoch, Vicky Bryg. 2020 - Mardi Gauer, Elizabeth Yasaki, 2021 -Paula Smead, Jill Griffiths. 2022 - Ron Phillips, Jean Crawford.

#### DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstration season will soon be here, please let me know if you know of an event you would like to have people come demonstrate at let me know and I will get it on the event sheet.

- Nancy Page

#### EMBELLISHMENTS WORKSHOP

Cuyahoga Weavers Guild has openings for their March 23-24th workshop with Sara Bixler from Red Stone Glen Fiber Arts Center. The workshop is on Embellishments. Workshop description is available a <u>thttps://</u> <u>redstoneglen.com/class/surface-embellishments-</u> <u>on-the-floor-loom-or-rigid-heddle-2</u>. Our cost will be \$150 per person. It will be at the Bainbridge Township Hall very conveniently located to Rt. 422 & 306. Please call or email Patty Hridel, 440-289-0355, <u>hrideljerpat@aol.com</u>.

#### NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS

Lilley, Jon 164 N. Prospect Street Kent, Ohio 44240 330-554-4392 jlilley12@neo.rr.com

Rusnak, Melissa 244 Baird Avenue Wadsworth, Ohio 44281 440-591-0123 scratch,<u>n.stitch@gmail.com</u>

Lowe, Rick 91 Colonial Hills Drive Akron, OH 44310 330-861-9391 tinastewart83@gmail.com

#### OFFER FOR GUILD MEMBERS

From Tina of The Wooly Appalachian. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Medina Spinners and Weavers Guild has a Etsy Promo code for 25% off everything but raw wool as that does not belong to us. Use the group's code: MEDINA at check out.

www.etsy.com/shop/TheWoolyAppalachian

Thanks for the support. See you at the next meeting.

- Tina Stewart

#### SHEEP SHEARING March 4, 2023, Paris Ohio

Diane Schrader will have a shearing day for our Shetland sheep on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This is our fourth year having an "Open House" while we shear and invite you to just watch or actually get put to work. Dress for the weather.

This is a great opportunity to purchase freshly shorn fleeces. We have about 57 sheep that will be shorn, with a variety of fleece colors: black, many shades of grey, a few brown and brown based, fawn or light cream color and white fleeces. Most of the sheep have sheep coats, so those fleeces will be very clean. We have both very crimpy fine wool and a few that are wavy.

This is the first time that we have increased our pricing since having an Open House. Unfortunately our shearing cost has increased, so to offset this expense there will be a \$10.00 cost added to each fleece purchased. Skirted fleeces will be sold at \$1.00 per ounce and you will be given what is skirted off (neck and britch). The average skirted fleece last year was 1 lb. 6 oz. Shetland sheep are smaller sheep so their fleeces are smaller and the finer the wool, the less fleece weight you will have.

2330 Freedmont Road S.E., Paris OH 44669. Please RSVP to <u>dschrader001@yahoo.com</u>.

- Diane Schrader

#### Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2023

Nancy Page presided over the meeting as Dianna was on vacation.

We welcomed new and returning members. Nancy reminded us to donate to the church pantry.

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting. Rosanna – moved; Mardi – seconded, All approved.

Treasurer – Nancy P. Checking - \$5370.45; Savings - \$2154.29; # of Members – 80.

#### Workshops – Jean C.

- Linda White kumihimo braid shoelaces on February 25, 2023.
- Kate Larson spinning workshop March 18.
- Both workshops are full. Both are at the Brunswick Library. There is also an open spin on March 19 at the Brunswick Library.
- New workshop Ed Rowe. Spinning wheel maintenance. June 10 from 10 am to 4 pm. \$25. In conjunction with LOCO. Jean will have fliers.

#### Programs -

- March Scholarship presentations. Jean Crawford and Ron Phillips
- April Annual business meeting and elections. Open positions will be Program Chair, Workshop Chair and Secretary.
- May Fashion show

Newsletter – Stephen P. The deadline for articles is February 26.

Community service – We continue to accept hats, mittens, and baby blankets.

Library – Becky.

- Subscriptions: New 1 year subscription to FiberArtNow, an international quarterly magazine for contemporary fiber arts and textiles. The first issue should arrive by April.
- We renewed Handwoven magazine for 2 years.
- Arrived: Handwoven, March/April, Interweave Knits, Spring 2023
- New Book: Benches, Stools and Chairs by Walter Turpening/Deborah Held
- Library downsizing of magazines continues magazines will be available at the Guild meeting for sale or for free.

**Demonstrations** – Nancy P. Nancy will make up a chart showing opportunities. Let her know if you have an event to add.

**Raffle**. At the May meeting we will raffle the "Sheep to Shawls" and any other donations. We have these suggestions for recipient organizations. Please be prepared to vote in March.

- The Socially Responsible Sweat Shop in Kent.
- Esperanza, Cleveland, OH https://esperanzainc.org/programs.
- Stage 4 Ministry. Sponsored by St. Luke's Church in Copley. They prepare comfort bags for patients who are starting chemotherapy. Jan showed us examples of the handmade bags and their contents. www.stlukesakron.com

#### **Other Business**

- Fiber Relocation will be April 30, 2 to 4 pm at Buckeye Woods Park.
- Remember to apply for the Great Lakes and Guild Scholarships.
- Shearing at Diane Schrader's farm will be March 4. All are welcome but she needs a head count.

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- Great Lakes Fiber Show Nancy Kilkenny. Nancy gave us the list of workshops. Registration will open March 14. GreatLakesFiberShow.org.
- Nancy P. will have sign up sheets for booth time and class registration assistance. There will also be a new volunteer opportunity "booth minder" to watch over a booth while the vendor takes a break no sales involved.

The business meeting was followed by an amazing Show and Tell. Jean Crawford made a presentation on Warping using a Trapeze.

- Claire Bourguet

#### 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 <u>www.woolery.com?</u> 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.

#### FOR SALE

Baby Wolf with AVL Baby Dobby

8 shaft, 26" weaving width. Has AVL mechanical dobby. Includes bench, accessories and original treadles.

Ellen Moore, 330-925-2708

#### Yarn Stash

From Jeannine Hausch, Long Tail Knits

I have been contacted by a couple who have purchased the home of a woman that ran the yarn shop in Kent, Ohio. She recently passed away and they asked me for help with the yarns and fibers that were left behind. This woman still lived in the house and everything was temperature and humidity controlled so the yarns are still good. There are fibers for spinning as well. The smell I have encountered is from the bags these were stored in. They are looking to sell these items. I checked the yarns via the stretch and snap method and they are good. The fibers I purchased did not have any evidence of bugs or rodents.

If you are interested in seeing what they have, please contact Julie at 330-815-0754, leave a message or text her and she will get back to you.

#### **FIBER EVENTS**

#### MARKET DAY & FIBER FEST

March 25, 2023, Bowling Green, OH

Sponsored by the Black Swamp Spinner's Guild. Featuring spinning & weaving supplies, yarn, roving, fleeces, exotic fibers, books & dyes, hand crafted items. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, \$1.00 admission.

Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

blackswampspinnersguild.com

# INTERWEAVE YARN FEST

#### April 12-15, 2023, Loveland, CO

Interweave Yarn Fest is the premier event for crochet, knitting, spinning, weaving, and more! It features workshops and a shopping marketplace perfect for creating and discovering new inspiration.

Later this year Yarn Fest will be in Milwaukee, WI and then Lancaster, PA.

www.interweave.com/yarnfest

#### GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW

May 27 & 28, 2023, Wooster, Ohio

Workshops are listed on the website. sign up starts in March. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691

www.greatlakesfibershow.org

#### MAFA CONFERENCE 2023

June 22-25, 2023, Millersville, PA

The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Conference offers a range of workshops on fiber arts, vendor market place and other activities. Registration is open.

mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023

#### EASTERN GREAT LAKES

October 6-9, 2023, Chautauqua, NY

Plan now to attend the biennial EGLFC. Six workshops are offered along with a fashion show and marketplace

Conference registration starts April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 https://eglfc.org

#### HGA CONVERGENCE 2024

July 11-17, 2024, Wichita, Kansas

Mark you calendar for the Handweavers Guild of America biennial conference. This features a variety of fiber-arts sessions and workshops along with exhibits, fashion show and vendors.

Registration opens in October 2023. see website for updated details

weavespindye.org/convergence

The Northwest Pennsylvania, Lorain County and Medina Spinners and Weavers Guilds Present:

## "You Cannot Treadle Your Way Out of Trouble"

A Spinning Wheel Tune Up Workshop by Ed "The Wheel Healer" Rowe



Saturday, June 10, 2023 10 am – 4:00 pm at Pittsfield Township Hall, NW Corner of 303 and 58, Oberlin, OH 44074 Cost \$25 which includes lunch, beverages, snack, instructions and oil.

Workshop Overview: A hands on workshop which will cover a quick review of spinning wheel history, types of wheels, parts, and drive systems and why they are different. Learn when or when not to oil, tools for emergency repairs, is it you or the spinning wheel, choosing a wheel, and lots of fun facts and useful information. Participants should bring: A wheel, floor protection (rug or towel), rags and paper towels, small crochet hook, hand cleaner, pen/pencil for notes and optional gloves and apron.

Spinning Wheel Tune Up Workshop Reservation Form – Please return with your check payable to LOCO

c/o Jean Crawford, 10480 Indian Hollow Rd, Elyria, OH 44035

Contact Jean at 440-670-1724 or jeancrw8@aol.com with any questions.

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