

**BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS GUILD  
SPIN A GRAM**

**APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER**

The Black Swamp Spinners Guild meets September to May on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00am–3pm at the Wood County Historical Center (13660 County Home Rd Bowling Green, OH 43402).

Please come join us!

Our website is: <http://www.blackswampspinnersguild.org/>



**Officers:**

President	Deb Yeagle	419-665-2697
Vice-President	Tina Stellhorn	419-439-3087
Secretary	Tamilyn Shean	419-350-8560
Treasurer	Colleen Maher	567-201-9958

Hi.

Another successful market day.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS.

Hope everyone is rested up by now.

We are looking forward the Tamelyn beading demo. Bring seed beads, needles and string.

Also we are starting our dye garden adventure with 577 next month.

And Patsey Z is coming up.

Remember dues are due.

Happy early spring

Deb

**Newsletter Deadline  
is April 26. Email to:  
BSSGNews@yahoo.com**

**Hostesses and/or Programs**

**April Meeting: Beading on Felt with Tamilyn** Please bring scissors or snips. Limited materials will be provided but bring the following if you already have them: a variety of beads, especially seed beads (delicas, czechs, Mill Creek, etc...), and a few beads in other sizes, beading needles, and bead thread.

April - Shirley Floro & Deb Wilburn

May - Tamilyn Shean & Deb Yeagle

## **March Minutes** – Tamilyn Shean, Secretary

**Show & Tell :** Deb Y. – Vessel in progress from the retreat, Deb W. - doll blanket that turned into something much larger, Colleen – Sheep yarn handspun natural colors and knitted blanket, Pam M lovely swatches of veil thin sheep felt and lovely felted scarves playing with felted squares. Anita G – scarf, Judy C – lovely striped vest, Ruth is learning to knit and brought her ruffled scarf still on the needles and her vessel from the retreat, and a felted book, Wendy – hand spun alpaca 2-ply from fleece from Christmas exchange, and ruffled scarf in handspun. Karen T. – beautiful knitted lace shawl and knitted vest, Sue Nailor – lovely baby blanket in progress of squares knitted together

**Check these out:** The Fleece and Fiber Source Book – recommended by Wendy and The Fifth Stitch in Defiance Ohio – yarn Shop

**Welcome new members:** of Toledo & Anita Grieber from Oak Harbor

**Treasury Report:** \$2093 – \$1041

**Learn to Spin:** 10 November 2012 , \$45 for members and \$70 for non members (includes membership) limited to 16 people.

**Dye Days:** LIMITED TO 8 People July at 577 in Perrysburg and at Deb's Studio

**Demos:** June Heritage Days - Wood County Historical Museum, Black Swamp Art Festival Sept 8

**Market Day** – Please keep veteran vendors " " and Margarete Leidrich of Rouge Lucette in your thoughts and prayers this year, both had to bow out for personal/health reasons.

**We need a volunteer to run a BSSG Facebook page**

**Please note changes to all spin guild correspondence.** Everything except newsletter items go to Tina Stellhorn, VP. She will then disperse everything to the appropriate people. Please see the March newsletter for more details.

**MEMBERSHIP IS DUE APRIL 1st!** Please make sure you are renewed by then to be in and receive booklets this year. PLEASE FILL OUT THE NEW FORM!!! No matter how long you have been a member, YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM!!! Forms are available in the March Newsletter and on the website. Fees are now \$25.

**Margaret Bouyack** - thank you for your many years of dedication and work with the spin guild. We have unanimously decided to award Margaret an honorary lifetime membership to BSSG. Motion by Sue Nailor Second by Pam all agreed.

Judy Copis motioned to keep the officer slate the same, second by Pam McGregor. All approved.

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**Website Homepage:** We are discussing ideas including pictures of everyone's wheels, fiber animals, etc... What do you think? Let us know your thoughts.

**Patsy Z. in June** – Limited to 16 people. Friday Night is potluck at Deb's. Dinner on Saturday night at Red White and Brew in Elmore for \$10 including dessert.

**Karen Trautlein** is heading the Christmas Tree again.

**Wooly Knob** trip the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May. Whole day – bring a dust mask if you suffer allergies.

**Congratulations to Pam McGregor and Sharon** who are in the Owens Art Show. The show is over 23 March. See the events calendar for more info.

**Spin A Prayer Wheel:** Susan's husband (health), Jan (health), Margaret Leidrich (family and personal), Shirley Floro (recovery/health).

## **Milan Fiber Retreat Past and Future** – registration form in newsletter

The 2<sup>nd</sup> winter fiber retreat is now in the planning stages for Milan February 22-24, 2013. Limited to 20.

## **Patsey Z Workshop** – registration form in newsletter

We have a limited number of spots so sign up ASAP.

### **Natural Dye Days...** See registration form in newsletter

If you want to learn how to dye your own yarn with plants grown in your own garden or from plants collected nearby in a simple and safe way please consider coming to the July or October workshops. We will try exotic dyes and homegrown dyestuffs. Even if you cannot come you can help by saving your onion skins and hollyhock flowers. Just put them in a brown paper bag to dry or put them into zip loc bags in the freezer. Limited to 8 participants each dye day with 4 dyepots.

### **Learn To Spin 101 Workshop...**

Once again we will offer our services to 16 participants for a day of drop and wheel spinning. Susan Cayton and Ruth Steinacker will co-chair the 11/10/12 event at the Center Township Fire Hall. Some Romney roving was purchased from Per Ardua Farm and the Ashford beginner spindles were ordered from Anne Tullett of Luxury Fibers at the recent Market Day. The guild has also purchased some other nice fibers. If you would like to donate some fibers please put them into 16 snack zip lock bags with your business card and label the type of fiber please. Now we just need about 8 more members to volunteer to bring their wheels and sit with the new spinners to help them learn how to spin. Please contact Susan or Ruth. This is always a fun day!

### **Membership Year Change and Dues**

Dues of \$25 are due April 1 and are payable anytime. Send to Tina. The membership year is changing due to contact difficulty during the summer months. Our year will run April 1 through March 31. If you wish a snail mailed newsletter you need to pay an additional \$10 to cover postage and printing.

### **Program Book**

The new program book will run May to May. If you have program suggestions be sure to notify Tina or Deb. Our goal is to have a completed book with current membership list for the May meeting.

### **Guild Communication Change**

All items should be mailed or emailed to the guild - be it signing up for a program, a membership form, change of address, phone or email, vendor application or an inquiry for information. This information will then be sent to the person or persons needing it. You will receive an email confirmation of an email sent. If you do not get a confirmation email within one week please resend. Things do float in cyberspace.

Use the following addresses beginning March 1, 2012.

Tina Stellhorn, 4208 Evansport Rd, Defiance, OH 43512; 419-428-0303

email: [BSSG001@yahoo.com](mailto:BSSG001@yahoo.com) The email is BSSG zero zero one

### **Newsletter Contact Change - [BSSGNews@yahoo.com](mailto:BSSGNews@yahoo.com)**

In addition to the above change the newsletter will now have an email dedicated to just the newsletter. Any articles or information for the newsletter, contact issues such as missing newsletters needs to be sent to the newsletter email. **Changes to addresses or email addresses will need to go thru the [BSSG001@yahoo.com](mailto:BSSG001@yahoo.com).** All emails will receive a confirmation. If you do not receive one within one week, then please resend as it is probably floating in cyberspace.

If you are on dial-up for internet connection please contact me. I will work with you to see if you can download a text only version and send in smaller files. Let me know - Kris

## **2012 BSSG Upcoming Events / Other Area Opportunities**

[www.blackswampspinnerguild.org](http://www.blackswampspinnerguild.org)

- 4/10 **BSSG Meeting at WCHC:** Hostess; Shirley Floro & Deb Wilburn. Program; Beading on felt with Tamilyn Shean. Bring small beads. Show & Tell. Slate of Officers for May. Market Day evaluation and ideas for 2013.
- 4/20-21 The Fiber Event at Greencastle, IN for vendors, workshops, competitions  
[www.TheFiberEvent.com](http://www.TheFiberEvent.com)
- 5/5-6 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairground, West Friendship, MD... [www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org)
- 5/8 **BSSG Meeting at WCHC:** Hostess; Tamilyn Shean & Deb Yeagle. Program: 577 Foundation, "Dye Garden". Annual business meeting with election of officers for 2012-13.
- 5/15 **BSSG Trip** to Wooly Knob for processing fibers...more info later.
- 5/19-20 Upper Valley Fiber Fest, Troy, OH [www.uppervalleyfiberfest.org](http://www.uppervalleyfiberfest.org)
- 5/26-7 Great Lakes Fiber Show, Wooster, Ohio/ [www.greatlakesfibershow.com](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com)
- 6/1-2 **BSSG Spinning Workshop with Patsy Z.** Friday: Tweak your spinning after potluck. Saturday: "Learn to Spin Your Own Hand-Painted Roving"
- 6/4-5 Perrysburg Arts Council "Fiber Arts Show" at the 577 Foundation, 577 E. Front St., Perrysburg, juried exhibit and demos. [www.Perrysburgartscouncil.org](http://www.Perrysburgartscouncil.org)
- 6/9-10 **BSSG demo & sale** in tent at WCHC Wood County "Heritage Days"
- 6/23 "Focus on Fiber Day" at Sauder's Village in Archbold. Vendor \$20 for 8' table. Contact: register by 5/21, Andi Erskorn...[erbskorn@saudervillage.org](mailto:erbskorn@saudervillage.org)
- 7/14 **BSSG Summer Natural Dye Day** at 577 Foundation in Perrysburg. Exotic dyestuffs of brazilwood, logwood, weld, annatto or henna.
- 7/15-21 HGA Convergence in Long Beach, CA for workshops, classes, juried shows, gallery exhibits, tours, lectures, and vendors. [www.weavespindye.com](http://www.weavespindye.com)
- 9/9-11 MLH, Michigan League of Handweavers Summer Conference, Holland MI Hope College, [www.mlhguild.org](http://www.mlhguild.org)
- 8/15-19 Michigan Fiber Festival Inc., Allegan MI, for vendors, workshops, animals [mffestival@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mffestival@sbcglobal.net) or [www.michiganfiberfestival.info](http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info)
- 9/8 **BSSG at Black Swamp Arts Festival:** Demo and Sale in Bowling Green [www.blackswamparts.org](http://www.blackswamparts.org)
- 9/15-16 Wool Gathering / Midwest Festival of Fibers at Youngs Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs, OH at Young's Dairy
- 10/6 **BSSG Fall Natural Dye Day** at D. Yeagles. Use locally grown dyestuffs of onion skins, sunflowers, madder root, hollyhocks 9-5
- 1021-27 SOAR-Spin-Off Autumn Retreat at Granlibakken Resort, Tahoe City, CA [www.interweavesoar.com](http://www.interweavesoar.com)
- 10/27-28 Fiber Expo near Ann Arbor at Washtenaw County Fairgrounds. [www.fiberexpo.com](http://www.fiberexpo.com)
- 11/10 **BSSG "Learn to Spin Workshop"** Center Township Fire Hall, BG 10-4
- 12/8-21 **BSSG at WCHC "Home for the Holidays"**, silent auction, museum decorated.

## BSSG Milan Retreat 2013

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> fiber retreat at the wonderful Milan Villa. Reservations are limited to the first 20 and then a waiting list.

You must pay your \$25 dollar deposit to hold your reservation. Balance is due by the December 2012 meeting. Late payments will incur a \$25 extra charge. You can make payments on this event. You may cancel your reservation with a full return prior to December 1. If we have a waiting list after that date and you need to cancel can be done

Classes will require a sign-up by the December meeting. A material fee may be necessary. You will know this in advance.

The planning committee will be formulating meal plans and activities with more information available later.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address if no email \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Tina Stellhorn, 4208 Evansport Rd, Defiance, OH 43512; 419-428-0303;

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Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Paid Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Spinning with Patsy Z "Learn to Spin Your Own Hand Painted Roving" 1-2 June 2012

Hone your skills and learn new techniques with the amazing Patsy Zawistowski. Learn the ins and outs of spinning with painted roving on Saturday. Friday night will be a meet and greet potluck with a tweaking your techniques workshop.

### PLEASE SEND CHECKS AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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email: [BSSG001@yahoo.com](mailto:BSSG001@yahoo.com) The email is BSSG zero zero one

\$65.00 Spinning with Patsy Zawistowski (Friday and Saturday – save \$5!)

\$55.00 Spinning with Patsy Zawistowski (Sat only)

\$15 Friday Night only

\$25 New Member Fee (*This only applies to non-members, required to attend.*)

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guild Use Only

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR**

**20** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

(April 1 - March 31)

Please print neatly

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FARM/BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark what pertains to you:**

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter delivery: Via E-mail (free) \_\_\_\_\_ Via Post Office (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed:**

Annual Dues: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Dues: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter via mail: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form and your check made payable to BSSG to:**

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If you have any questions, please contact us at 419-428-0303 (Tina) or email us at

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Office use only:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Date to Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_



What: BSSG 2012 "NATURAL DYE WORKSHOPS"

When: Saturday, July 14 (9-5) & Saturday, October 6, (9-5)

Where: 7/14 at 577 Foundation, 577 E. Front St. in Perrysburg, OH, 43551 and  
10/6 at Deb Yeagles, 2882 CR 82, Lindsey, OH 43422 (near Fremont)

Who: Instructor, Susan Cayton (retired art teacher and local fiber artist)  
24477 Dixie Hwy., Perrysburg, OH 43551 / 419-874-5633 or caytonsj@juno.com

Why: To learn how to grow, care for, and use plants and exotic dyestuffs for dyeing protein fibers in skeins with mordants on wool & blends, of mohair, alpaca, llama, angora or silk fibers.

With: 7/14 Exotic dyestuffs of Weld, Brazilwood, Logwood, Annetto or Henna  
10/6 Local dyestuffs of Hollyhocks, Sunflowers, Onion skins & Madder Root

Cost: \$20 for members each day.

Registration Deadlines: 6/30, & 9/22 Cancellation Dates: 7/7th & 9/29, 2012

Supplies to be brought by participants: Wear old clothes, hat, bug spray, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, apron, heavy duty rubber gloves, old towels, bucket, OPT. 8 -1/2 oz. / 1 yd skeins of protein fibers, commercial or handspun of 1-2 ply wool or blends or wool with alpaca, mohair, silk, angora or llama, scoured & tied loosely in four places...bring wet in zip lock bag, two for each dyepot.. Some may be used for overdyeing also. Guild will have yarn for sale too. Dyestuffs may be donated., collected or grown or purchased for 4 gal. pots, 1/ 2 to 1 lb. of yarn per pot.

Receive: Dye charts, recipes and view displays, books, projects ideas, gardens



BSSG 2012 Natural Dye Day Workshops:

Cost: 7/14 \$20 members only \_\_\_\_\_  
10/6 \$20 members only \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your Check # \_\_\_\_\_ for total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

Guild contact person : Tina Stellhorn, V-P & Program Chairman

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes or No (circle one) I have a garden space available or these flowers growing...



Yes or No (circle one) I can come to help with BSSG dye garden at 577 a few times.

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c/o Kris Beebe  
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Nashport, Ohio 43830