

**BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS GUILD
(AND FIBER ARTS)
SPIN A GRAM**

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

The Black Swamp Spinners Guild (and Fiber Arts) meets September to May on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00am–3pm at Red, White & Brew in Elmore. Please come join us!

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



Location of Red, White and Brew

366 Rice St, Elmore, OH 43416
From US20 take State Route 51 North and follow the sharp right turn into Elmore. The Red, White & Brew is on the south side of Rice Street at the red light.

Officers:		
President	Deb Yeagle	419-665-2697
Vice-President	Wendy Pipes-Zeiler	419-841-5813
Secretary	Sue Nailor	419-410-4254
Treasurer	Carol Perry	419-533-5608
Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary	Kris Beebe	BSSGNews@gmail.com

Hi,

I was out of town for the Carol Densmore workshop, but heard it was a good one. Next up before we return to regular meetings is the spin in at . Please be sure to let me know you are coming! Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see everyone in September.

Deb

BSSG Website

Our website has a members only section that requires a username and password to access. If you would like access to this section, please contact the webmaster with the username and password you would like. The web address is on this page. Visit the site and click on contact us to reach the webmaster. Thank you.

September Newsletter Deadline is August 25. Please email to:
BSSGNews@gmail.com

Spinning Warm Thoughts

Remember Lee, Jane, Deb W. and all members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with loss of a loved one, medical issues for themselves or family and life in general.

If you know of a name we should include in Spinning Warm Thoughts please email Kris.

Spin In at African Safari Wildlife Park – Tuesday, August 9

Deb Y has set up a spinning event for August 9 (Tuesday) at the African Safari Wildlife Park located at 267 S. Lightner Road in Port Clinton. We will be there from 10-4. Please plan to spin, weave, felt, knit, crochet. Bring a chair! You can bring your lunch or purchase there.

Deb needs to know if you are coming as she needs to let the park know how many. So, please send her a text or call her with your "yes, I will be there". [419-680-1186](tel:419-680-1186)

Parking is on the grass across from the ticket booth. She will be there to greet you just before 10. A golf cart will be available to help transport equipment

Minutes – May 2016 – Sue Nailor, secretary

Editor does not currently have them. Will publish when received.

Newsletter Exchange

Your editor has been arranging for newsletter exchanges with other guilds to bring you additional events. Remember that you may have a higher workshop fee if you are not a member of their guild – but we do the same. You have numerous opportunities in the northern part of Ohio.

Additional Information on some events

(Thanks to Stephen Page, editor of the Wooly Pages for Medina Spinning & Weaving Guild for this)

MICHIGAN FIBER FESTIVAL August 17-20, 2016, Allegan, Michigan A variety of Workshops both full day and half day along with exhibitions and over 100 vendors. Held at the Allegan County Fairgrounds www.michiganfiberfestival.info

A WOOL GATHERING September 17 & 18, Yellow Springs, Ohio Demonstrations and Vendors, Held at Young's Jersey Dairy. Same weekend at the Springfield Antique Show Extravaganza. www.awoolgathering.com

Workshops that may be available to you. Please check with the sponsoring guild.

RIGID HEDDLE WEAVING September 10-11, 2016, Kirtland, Ohio Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild presents Constance Hall, for a 2 Day Rigid Heddle Weaving Class, at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio. Please see brochure on their website: www.wrspinweave.org/workshops

DOUBLEWEAVE: Beyond the Basics Jennifer Moore In this round robin workshop participants will explore what can be done with multiple layers of cloth on both a 4- and 8-shaft loom. We will weave samples and study the theory behind a variety of structures including the following: 4-Shaft- 4-Color Sampler, 4-Color Block Rotation, Double-block Layer Exchange, Tubular Log Cabin, Overshot-Patterned Doubleweave 8-Shaft- 4-Layer Weaves, Folded Twill Cloth, Decorative Stitching, Checkerboard, Windows, Two Double-blocks, Twill Pick-up, Block Pick-up. Level- Intermediate Students will bring a 4-shaft or 8-shaft table or floor loom warped according to instructions Material fee- \$10 Maximum- 20 students October 8-9, 2016 at the Richfield Fellowship Hall, 9-4 both days. \$150 for members, (open to non-members after June 15th, \$170). Sign-up deadline August 10th. If you have any questions, contact Vicky Byrg jovicbryg@gmail.com or (330) 659-2406.

Roving Challenge – How are YOU doing on this?

Deb Y passed out balls of very soft alpaca roving at the May meeting. Our Challenge is to create something or use it in some way in a project. You can dye it, add to it, spin it, etc. Projects will be due later in the year. If you have questions contact Deb Y.

Sauder Village – Fiber Arts Fest

Fiber Arts Show - October 1 & 2
Workshops - September 30 & October 1

September 30 Workshops

Color Theory in Textiles
with Carol Larsen

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Votter: Spinning and Knitting
Norwegian Handcoverings with Kate
Larson

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Learn to Weave on a Rigid Heddle
Loom
with Joan Sheridan

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Diversity of Wool
with Amy Tyler

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginning Spindle Spinning with Amy
Tyler

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tapestry Weaving
with Susan Cayton

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

October 1 Workshops

Plying Balanced Yarns
with Amy Tyler

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mechanics of Your Wheel
with Amy Tyler

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A Fine Thread-
Spinning for Lace
with Kate Larson

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

A Fine Thread â€“
Beginning Lace Knitting
with Kate Larson

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Introduction to Band Weaving
on an Inkle Loom
with Joan Sheridan

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hotel accommodations available at the [Sauder Heritage Inn](#) or the [Sauder Village Campground](#) for camping.

The Sauder Heritage Inn is located adjacent to the Fiber Arts Fest held in Founder's Hall.

Contact them at: SauderVillage.org. Registration is online.

July Newsletter

Editor did not receive any additional information to publish so there was no reason to send one out.

Guild Needs

This is YOUR guild and we need you to participate by: attending when able, volunteering to do a job, offering a ride to another member, suggesting programs and ideas for us to consider. We have attempted to break our jobs into small parts so taking on a task is not huge. Please volunteer to do things when asked. We still have needs for Market Day and we do not want to be scrambling at the last minute. Let any officer know what you are willing to contribute to make us a better guild. THANKS!

Volunteer Needed

Someone is needed to put together an event listing for the newsletter. Once started you just need to send the editor the listing of the events to add. Please email the editor (Kris) at BSSGNews@gmail.com Thanks to Susan for many of the events listed.

Coming Events for BSSG - 2016

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| 8/9 | BSSG Spin In and Demo at African Safari Wildlife Park |
| 8/17-21 | Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan MI |
| 9/6 | TAWG-Annual Meeting, vote for officers,History Night- Creating a book for our archives |
| 9/8-11 | Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson WI |
| 9/13 | BSSG September Meeting |
| 9/17-18 | A Wool Gathering, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Saturday 10 am – 7 pm, Sunday 10 am – 5 pm |
| 9/23-24 | Northern Michigan Lamb & Wool Festival, West Branch, MI |
| 9/29-30 | Sauder Village Fiber Arts Fest Workshop inside Founders Hall, Archbold, OH |
| 10/1-2 | Sauder Village Fiber Arts Fest Show
(saudervillage.org/creativity/Fiber_Arts_Fest.asp) |
| 10/4 | TAWG-National Spinning and Weaving Week, Public program –Demonstrations |
| 10/11 | BSSG October Meeting |
| 10/15 | Autumn Fiber Festival, Ashland, OH |
| 10/22-23 | Fiber Expo - Ann Arbor MI, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds |
| 11/8 | BSSG November Meeting |
| 12/2-4 | TAWG-Heralding the Holidays Show and Sale at Toledo Botanical Gardens |
| 12/13 | BSSG December Meeting |
| 2017 | |
| 6/12-17 | Midwest Weavers, Indianapolis, IN www.midwestweavers.org |

Google event names for details.

BSSG SEPTEMBER MEETING 2016 FRACTAL SPINNING

If you have questions after reading please contact Wendy. Pictures were in the June newsletter.

Materials needed for September and November guild meetings:

TWO separate -3 to 4 ounces of multi colored dyed roving of any wool or wool blend fiber you choose. They can be identical rovings, or completely different. You can use merino, BFL, targhee, cormo, finn, corriedale, etc, *any* type of wool fiber you like to spin. I used a merino/silk blend roving for my fractal spun yarn.

You can either dye your own rovings, *or* purchase already dyed rovings. It is your choice, do whatever you are most comfortable with.

If you want to dye your own rovings, here are a few places online where you can find the rovings to dye. They don't have to be purchased here, this is just a starting point. If you have a source already, feel free to use that.

Knitpicks.com

http://www.knitpicks.com/Yarns/Unspun_Wool_Roving_L300129.html

Paradise Fibers.com

<http://www.paradisefibers.com/collections/spinning-fiber/natural-fiber>

If you don't care to dye your rovings, a good place to look for already dyed rovings are:

RiversEdgeFiberArts.com

<http://www.riversedgefiberarts.com/category-s/100.htm> This is Carol Larson's shop. She is a member of our guild, and has beautiful rovings.

AlohaBlu – a friend of mine in California

https://www.etsy.com/shop/alohablu?section_id=7282072

Etsy.com put in handpainted roving in the search box

<https://www.etsy.com/search?q=handpainted%20roving> you could spend all day here looking at all the lovely fibers

SheepSpot.com She used to do the podcast The SpinDoctor – really interesting

<http://www.sheepspot.com/shop-sheepspot-fiber?category=New%20Items>

FatCatKnits.com She also has undyed roving

<http://stores.fatcatknits.com/limited-edition-for-may/>

CJKoho – a wonderful dyer in Michigan.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/cjkoho/items>

As I said, this is just a starting point. Maybe you already have a favorite shop. I recommend the roving having at least 3 different colors, but you may have more. Mine had 7 different colors in it I think. You want there to be a good contrast of colors as well so the spinning showcases the colors.

You can use Kool-Aid, Easter Egg Dyes, food coloring dyes, or acid dyes. Your choice. I do think it is better to have more than just three colors, but that may be just my opinion. Bring your wheel and dyed roving to the September meeting.