

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

DECEMBER 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.

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Hi,

Our December meeting features a fiber related gift exchange or auction of the items. There is no special program, just a time to visit, spin knit, etc. and enjoy the company of each other. We will have a business meeting prior to lunch. Come join us! Please remember your donations for Cherry Street Mission.

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.

December Newsletter Deadline is December 26. Please email to:
BSSGNews@gmail.com

Spinning Warm Thoughts

Remember all members in your thoughts and prayers during the holiday season!

If you know of a name we should include in Spinning Warm Thoughts please email: BSSGNews@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor –

I am turning over the newsletter to Melissa Mohny. The email address will remain the same. It has been a long run and time for a new face! I am grateful for the opportunity to have done the newsletter, but she volunteered and I took her up on it! Please welcome her! She begins with the January newsletter. Welcome Melissa!

Charity Project—Cherry Street Mission – Last Call!

Members are asked to create hats, scarves and mittens for the less fortunate in the area. Please consider helping with this worthy project. We would like any items at the December meeting so they can be ready for the winter weather.

Minutes – May, September, November 2016 – Sue Nailor, secretary

Editor does not currently have them, will publish when received.

October business meeting was suspended due to the length of the felting program/workshop.

December Meeting

This year we will decide whether to auction our fiber related items with the proceeds going to Cherry Street Mission or to do a gift exchange with them. Be sure to bring a fiber related item for this.

Market Day – Future Plans

This is exciting news!

The Wood County Fairgrounds is building a new conference center. If you open the Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green, Ohio website you can view and/or copy the info and diagrams for the proposed new pavilion. Susan Cayton shared the Sentinel-Tribune article and the website information at the last guild meeting. A committee is being formed to investigate a possible two-day fiber event in the near future. Please consider being on the committee to explore the possibilities!

Trip Opportunity – Tinkuy November 2017

Tinkuy: Gathering of the Textile Arts is an international conference organized by the Centro de Textiles Tradicionales del Cusco and Andean Textile Arts. The four day event is held in the city of Cusco, Peru and brings together textile artists and enthusiasts, art historians, anthropologists, and many others to celebrate the wealth and diversity of our textile traditions. We invite you to learn more about the event by exploring this site.: <http://www.textilescusco.org/index.php/our-mission/>

The CTTC is a non-profit organization that promotes the empowerment of weavers through the sustainable practice of Peruvian ancestral textiles in the Cusco region. Through workshops, opportunities, and the promotion of their textile art, the CTTC enables weavers to maintain their identity and textile traditions while improving their quality of life. <http://www.textilescusco.org>

I could not find many details or costs on the tour package – but I assume that will be coming. If you are interested Susan Cayton is looking for traveling companions. She may have more information.

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 displayed at Market Day. If you have questions contact Deb Y.

Fiber Arts Spinning Class

Fiber Arts Spinning Class will be held April 29, 2017 at Ft. Meigs, 29100 W. River Rd. (Rt. 65), Perrysburg, Ohio. Students will learn how to spin on a hand spindle and various types of wheels. Class size is limited to ten. Instructor is Susan Cayton. Contact her: 419-874-4121. www.fortmeigs.org

MLH Conference June 2-4, 2017

Conference will be at Hope College! Specific information will be coming in late December once information from Hope College is finalized about the rooms and tables that will be available. Checkout the website: www.MLHguild.org

Do we want to have an exhibit?

It's time to start planning your guild's exhibit of work for the conference. You may use the conference theme of **Fiber Inspirations** or the conference colors of **Bright Purple & Turquoise**, or **choose your own theme**. Guilds have used **past workshops they've taken or guild challenges** to present a group of work. The Lakeshore Fiber Arts Guild will handle the Guild Exhibit job. The deadline for responding is April 15 to Jennifer Gould at jgould1526@gmail.com. Some guilds have already contacted me about their guild's desire to have a display, and I look forward to hearing from more of you.

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

Coming Events for BSSG - 2016

12/13	BSSG December Meeting
2017	
1/10	BSSG January Meeting
2/10-12	Knitter's Retreat - Sauder Village
2/14	BSSG Febuary Meeting
2/24-26	BSSG Annual Winter Retreat, Lorain, Ohio
3/14	BSSG March Meeting
3/24-26	Pittsburgh Creative Crafts Festival
3/25	BSSG Market Day
4/8-9	Fiber Expo – Ann Arbor, Michigan www.fiberexpo.com
4/11	BSSG April Meeting
April ??	Fiber Event Greencastle, Indiana
5/9	BSSG May Meeting
5/27-28	Great Lakes Fiber Show Wooster, Ohio
6/2-7	MLH Michigan League of Handweavers Conventions, Hope College, Holland, Michigan www.MLHguild.org
6/12-17	Midwest Weavers, Indianapolis, Indiana www.midwestweavers.org
9/16-17	A Wool Gathering, Young's Dairy Farm, Yellow Springs, Ohio