

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

FEBRUARY 2017 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/>
www.facebook.com/blackswampspinnersgiuld



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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Hello,

It's that time of year again! Market day is coming up next month and we will be discussing details at the February meeting. I'd like to remind everyone to distribute post cards continue to advertise.

Our yearly retreat is also coming up at the end of the month. We will finalize plans for this and I will be looking forward to seeing those that have signed up.

God bless,

Deb Yeagle

-BSSG Website-

Our website has a member's 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.

-Spinning Warm Thoughts-

Jane Schreiner has been dealing with difficulties related to an elbow injury and I would like to ask our members to keep her in our thoughts while she heals. Please continue to remember all members in your thoughts and prayers during the winter season.

-Newsletter Editor-

I have recently started a facebook page www.facebook.com/blackswampspinningguild and I'll keep this updated with a calendar of events, reminders of our meetings, photos of our group, and more! Please take the time to go to the page and like it so you can stay up to date and get in on the fun. Also take the time to share the page on your wall and tell friends about the page! This is a chance to show our friends and loved ones all the fun we are having and hopefully entice a few new friends to join us.

Don't have a facebook page? Want to try it but just don't know how? Email me at BSSGNews@gmail.com and I can give you some tips. Ask me at a meeting and I will walk you through the process.

Minutes – January 2017 – Deb Yeagle

Called to order at 11 a.m. January 10, 2017 by Deb Yeagle.
Present- Katen, Shirley, Deb Yeagle, Deb, carol, Melissa, and Marilee

Discussed t-shirts and canvas bags.
Approved design and decided on count
50 short sleeve, half white half light aqua
31 long sleeve teal
50 canvas bags with zipper
Across the top "40 years of fiber fun"
Picture of a sheet as a coloring page
Logo underneath

Discussed retreat
7 people are to attend

Melissa will create a facebook page for the guild

Carol circulated a profit and loss sheet for all of us to see. Anyone who would like to review this may do so at the February meeting where it will be circulated.

Discussed market day and future planning

Post cards

Possibility of a different day for classes for 2018 and future events

Deb Yeagle called end of meeting. Karen seconded and motion was approved
Lunch, kitting and spinning followed

-February Meeting-

The following link is for the scarf pattern shown to members at several meetings showing how their fractal spun yarn could be used. This is the one that we will start at the February meeting.

Please read through the pattern, print it out, and bring it and needed supplies to February's meeting, where we will get started on our Fractal Spun Yarn knitting project.
<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEss15/KSPATTnahant/KSPATTnahant.php>

Here is another link for a different scarf pattern I think would work well for fractal spun yarns for those of you who are interested: [Pioneer Braid Scarf](#)

Here is a link for the Fractal Spinning method we did in November just in case anyone would like to review that method. It is:
<http://samuraiknitter.blogspot.com/2014/02/fractal-spinning.html> The method we used is about half way down the page.

-Market Day 2017 –

We need all hands on deck to work and make Market Day successful. Tina has the vendors and food organized. We also need people to demo spinning, blending boards, drop spindle and other fiber activities. This is in the area beside the guild table. We need members to step up and work the registration table, the guild table, watch doors to prevent free walk ins, put up and take down signs, help with set up on Friday and tear down on Saturday. Be thinking what you can do and send an email to Kris at beeebeacre@gmail.com to let her know what you can do! Remember many hands make light work! And yes, you can do more than one thing.

-Market Day Future Plans(2019)-

At this time we continue to investigate the possibility of moving market day to a new building in the wood county fairgrounds. We will discuss this possibility at the February meeting. The exploratory committee will have time to present any pros and cons that they have found.

The new three million dollar building will be over four times larger with new restrooms, kitchen area, small meeting room and large multi-purpose room that would enable us to have more vendors, larger booth spaces, animals for display, and You may see a photo of the new proposed building at www.woodcounty-fair.com

-Roving Challenge – Are you finished yet?-

Remember that lovely white roving you received last May? WELL, you were to create a project with it for display on the guild table at Market Day - so get busy and be sure it is there. You can spin it, dye it, weave it, etc. - whatever you want to do with fiber and show our visitors the possibilities! Be sure you clearly and neatly label your project with what you did and your name.

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 learning 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

-Guild Needs/ Volunteer Needed-

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. 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. PLEASE VOLENTEER! THANKS!

Coming Events for BSSG - 2017

2/10-12	Knitter's Retreat - Sauder Village
2/14	BSSG February 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

3/10-11	Jay County Fiber Aft Festival, Portland, IN
4/8-9	Fiber Expo – Ann Arbor, Michigan www.fiberexpo.com
4/11	BSSG April Meeting
4/14-15	Fiber Event Greencastle, Indiana
5/ 6-7	Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Friendship, MD
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
6/3-4	Mid-Ohio Fiber Fair, Worthington, OH
6/9-11	577 FIBER for workshops at the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg, Ohio (www.fiber577 for upcoming information soon)
6/12-17	Midwest Weavers, Indianapolis, Indiana www.midwestweavers.org
8/16-20	Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan, MI
9/11	BSSG September meeting
9/16-17	A Wool Gathering, Young's Dairy Farm, Yellow Springs, Ohio youngsdairy.com
9/29-10/1	Sauder Village Fiber Festival, Archbold, OH
10/9	BSSG October meeting
10/21-22	Fiber Expo Fall Show, Ann Arbor, MI
11/2	Tinkuy Weaving Conference
11/13	BSSG November meeting
12/11	BSSG December meeting

Please contact the newsletter editor with any editions /corrections to the Newsletter/calendar or if you know of a name we should include in Spinning Warm Thoughts at BSSGNews@gmail.com
February Deadline is February 24, 2017. Any information received after this date will be posted in a later edition