

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

FEBRUARY 2018 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.

Officers:

President	Deb Yeagle	(419)665-2697
Vice-President/ Corr. secretary	Kris Beebe beebeacre@gmail.com	(740)454-8855
Secretary/news editor	Melissa Mohney	(567)315-3320
Treasurer	Carol Perry	(419)533-5608

Fiber friends,

I have a lot to discuss and unfortunately I will be unable to come to the next meeting.

I looked at the sunshine building. It is a MRDD work place and consignments for potters etc. It would cost 50 an hour and they would set up chairs and tables. Might be able to negotiate but there is not much close parking

I would suggest we discuss trying the Band B that is a mile or two from routet 6 turning south on 23 for March. This will give us a chance to view the space since we have booked it for our event in June.

The b and b(Eightleafedclover) will be serving breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Sunday. There are 15 places and it will cost 100.each with a 25.00 deposit balance paid by May 1st(first come first serve).

Hope all are surviving winter.

God bless,

Deb Yeagle

-Spinning Warm Thoughts-

Please keep Ruth Hasselman and her family in your prayers. Her mother in law Pauline passed away.

Please keep Carol Perry and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn her father's passing.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

- February meeting-

Mug cozy's with Carol Perry. Copies of the pattern will be at the meeting and on facebook if you want to get a jump start. You will need 98yds extra fine merino yarn, size 7 needles, and 1(1 ½) button.

-March meeting-

Melissa is leading us in a macramé class to make plant hangers and she will bring all supplies.

Please bring in any patterns, projects or photos of vintage macramé projects for show and tell.

-Spinning Workshop- Amy Tyler – June 2-3, 2018-

Amy Tyler is coming to our guild to teach. This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of spinning. A form is attached to this email for sign up and we will vote for the classes we intend to take at our January meeting. Space is limited to 15 and it is first come first serve so if you plan to attend get your information and 25 dollar deposit in as soon as possible.

We have narrowed the classes down to "blending color at the wheel" "spinning with commercial yarn" "spinning marl yarn" "plying this way and that" "spinning energized singles" and "variations on long draw" **Please visit her website -**

<http://www.stonesockfibers.com> and be prepared to vote.

-Membership-

In this newsletter should be a membership form for 2018-19. Please return it with your dues payment to Carol Perry, treasurer. Checks need to be made out to BSSG. Your prompt renewal will be much appreciate

-Programs for 2018/19 NEEDED-

I am working on the new program book and we need some programs. I have three possibilities for 9 spots so please help me out!!
Karen and Susan have stepped up and I think I have a third one from a person that is planning to rejoin upon retirement this summer.
Most anything related to fiber arts is good. Please email me at beebeacre@gmail.com with your suggestions and/or offers to do one.

How about a program on how to "recreate" expensive items we would like for much less - Wendy's shoebox lazy kate is one example. Maybe some of you have some items and how to do it you could share at a meeting. Let me know if you have any such items you would be willing to bring to a designated meeting to do a group program.

-MARKET DAY 2018-

Market Day is fast approaching. We need all members to help in various areas. First, be sure to let people know it is happening by printing off bookmarks or flyers and putting them out in places you go, letting your friends know via emails, facebook, etc.

We need workers!!!

Friday is set up day. Tina and company do an excellent job of marking spaces and really do not want us there until they are done which is usually around noon and then we often go get lunch together.

In the afternoon we need to set up the entrance tables, the guild area and help vendors. We also need a couple of people to put out the signs along the roadways. Bowling Green is particular about them so we need to be sure and ask someone in the know about where to place them.

Saturday is the big day!!! We need shifts of two to work the entrance table, we need one or two at the guild table in shifts, people to collect the signs around 3 pm, people assist at tear down – opening and closing doors, tearing down entrance tables, guild area, people to sit and spin or demo other fiber arts next to the guild table – 2-3 at a time.

Please email Kris at beebeacre@gmail.com to sign up for a shift. You may also sign up at the meetings.

Please sign up early to get your pick of a time and job! Thanks!!!

Oh, if you think of a job that needs done that is not listed please let Kris know. **3:30-5:00 – all members please stay and help with cleanup.** We have some paid young help to assist with tear down, but there are still things we need to help with and cars to load.

-Annual Winter Retreat – February 23-25, 2018-

The annual winter retreat is fast approaching and it should be a relaxing and fun time. We will be felting, knitting, crocheting and of course spinning. If you have not signed up and now want to come please contact Kris at beebeacre@gmail.com ASAP. The cutoff is February 9 with the money (\$85) paid to BSSG (Carol Perry, treasurer) by that date.

-Election of Officers-

The guild is preparing for election of officers. We need someone to chair the nominating committee and two other members to help prepare a slate of officers for the 2018-19 guild year. This is to be in compliance with our Buy-Laws. As you can see from the following we are a month behind. If possible please prepare the slate and get it to the newsletter editor ASAP!!! If you are willing to serve on this committee please let Deb Y. know ASAP.

Section 8: The **Nominating Committee** shall consist of at least three (3) members who shall not be present officers. They shall prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the February meeting, and given to the Newsletter Editor immediately after the February meeting for publication in the March newsletter. An absentee ballot will be sent electronically to members. Members using an absentee ballot must print and mail it or hand it to the Nominating Chairperson by March 6. Ballot must be in an envelope with voting member's name clearly written on the outside. Ballots will be separated from the envelopes prior to being counted. The envelopes will be destroyed once the election is finalized. They will be the record of members voted absentee along with members at the meeting. If all offices are unopposed no ballots will be sent.

The officer duties are below. If you have questions about a position please contact the current person in that position for further information.

Duties of the four elected positions of BSSG as stated in our By-Laws

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint all committees. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall fill vacancies of committee chairs when they occur.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall act as an aide to the President, preside in the absence of the President; serve as chairperson of the Program Committee & prepare a program listing for the coming year and submit it to the Executive Committee by March 31.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep all records of all meetings, handle all correspondence of the Guild; keep an alphabetical list of all members; and have members notified of special meetings via email and/or other electronic means.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies; pay all bills; keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures; and present a written monthly report at each meeting, and an annual report at the May business meeting. The Treasurer shall present to the incoming Treasurer the financial records as audited by the auditing committee or a paid independent accountant at the conclusion of the May meeting.

-Inventory-

This is a completed list of all our supplies known to me and the persons who have them. At any time if these items change hands or if you would like an item and need help finding it please email the BSSGnews@gmail.com for assistance.

- 1 blending boards: Melissa Mohney
- 1 spinning wheel: Melissa Mohney
- 1 drum carter: Melissa Mohney
- 1 triangular loom: Colleen Maher
- 1 ridged heddle loom: Deb Yeagle
- 1 tent: Deb Yeagle
- 1 floor loom: Colleen Maher
- 1 warping board: Colleen Maher
- 1 sample board: Susan Cayton
- 1 kureg coffee machine and pods: Melissa Mohney

-Minutes –Jan. 2018 –

-Deb Yeagle called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

Committee reports-

- Treasury** (Carol Perry)-. Approved as presented (no additions or corrections)
- Secretary** (Melissa Mohney)- read December minutes. Approved as presented (no additions or corrections)
- Auditing**-n/a
- Market day** (Tina Stellhorn)-no report
- Webmaster** (Karen Trautlein)-no report
- Program** (Kris Beebe)-needs class suggestions for next booklet.

Old business-

- Kris speaks of retreat; 2 buildings... felting sat...still spaces
- Do not send post cards for 2018 fiber festival motion by Lee Miller second by Cindy Ernst. Motion passed majority vote
- Deb plans to place an advertisement in bowlinggreen tribune and there will be inquiries for the Perrysburg messenger journal and the suburban press.
- Melissa social media photo no go email or I will post pictures in future.
- Joann says the red white and brew will be available for another month.
- general discussion of possible future meeting spaces; Jan found restaurant in Pemberville with cater free and The Library in Pemberville (15 per month no food). Melissa, b and b(free without food, cost of food negotiable)... Marilee fort Meigs.

Further Research and discussion must be emailed to bssg.

New business-

-election of officers is to be done in please think on the subject and consider your vote.

- vote Amy Tyler workshop. 1st-6hr class "blending color at the wheel 2nd- 2 3hour classes "variations on long draw" "plying this way and that"

-Deb Yeagle closed meeting at 11:45am. Motion by Sue Nailer second by Karen t

-BSSG Website--Facebook-

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.

www.facebook.com/blackswampspinnersguild

Take the time to share the page on your wall and tell friends about us! 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.

-Coming Events for BSSG – 2018-

2/9-11	Sauder Village Knitting & Fiber Arts retreat
2/13	BSSG February meeting (Red, White, and Brew)
2/13	BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)
2/17	Spinners Flock Fleece Fair at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, MI
2/23-25	BSSG retreat
3/9-10	Fiber Fest at Jay Co. Community Center Portland, IN
3/13	BSSG March meeting (Eightleafedclover)
3/13	BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)
3/24	BSSG Market day and fiber festival
4/10	BSSG April meeting (location to be determined)
4/10	BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)
4/13-14	The Fiber Event at Putman Co. Fairgrounds, Greencastle, IN
4/14-15	Spring Fiber Expo at Wastenaw Co. Fairgrounds, Ann Arbor, MI
5/5-6	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, W. Friendship
5/8	BSSG May meeting (location to be determined)

5/8	BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)
6/2-3	Amy Tyler workshop
6/9-10	577 Arts workshops at 577 foundation (call for instructors)
6/8-10	Michigan League of Handweavers Conference, Hope College, Holland, MI
7/6-12	Biannual "Convergence" Handweavers Guild of America, HGA
7/13-25	International Folk Art Market, Sante Fe, NM for 180 artists from 60 countries
8/15-19	Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan Co. Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI
9/15-16	Wool Gathering, Youngs Dairy, Yellow Springs, OH
9/28-29	Fiber Fest at Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio
10/13	Autumn Fiber Festival, Ashland Co. Fairgrounds, Ashland, OH
10/6-7	Taos Wool Festival, Taos, NM
10/20-21	Fall Fiber Expo, Wastenaw Co. Fairgrounds, Ann Arbor, MI

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**](mailto:BSSGNews@gmail.com) **Deadline is Feb. 28, 2018. Any information received after this date will be posted in a later edition.**