

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

JANUARY 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/>



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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Happy New Year,

December 31,2016 I took our application for nonprofit to the Lindsey Post. Woopie!! Now we want to see what the government will do. I've contacted Old Zim's they have not called back. We are planning 40th birthday party in June. I will update after I talk to Zim's.

Our regular meeting is Jan.10, 2017

May you New Year be full of fiber.

God bless,

Deb

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

Remember all members in your thoughts and prayers during the winter season.

Newsletter Editor~

Hello guild and guild friends!

As mentioned in our previous newsletter Kris Beebe has handed over the newsletter job to me (Melissa Mohny). I want to thank Kris for allowing me to step in and help the guild and for all her hard

work on the newsletter. Kris will stay on as correspondent and will share the email with me as she is handling market day and helping me to transition to my new job. The email address will remain the same. I'm excited to jump in and get started! Please feel free to contact me either by text message or by bssgnews@gmail.com with any information.

Minutes – May, September, January 2017 – 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.

January Meeting

Lee Smith will be teaching us to make beautiful cowls. You will need about 150 yards of bulky yarn and a set of 11-16in circular needles.

February Meeting

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.

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.

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEss15/KSPATTnahant/KSPATTnahant.php>

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.

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](#)

Market Day – Future Plans

Market Day 2019-Future Plans- At the last meeting it was decided to further investigate the possibility of having a two-day Market Day in a newer, larger building being planned at the Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green, near the Junior Fair Building that the guild has used for many years. 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 classes. A survey will be presented at the January meeting with a list of pros and cons for taking on this exciting challenge. It may be included in the February newsletter or sent by mail to all current members and vendors for answering questions and making comments and suggestions with or without signing your name. We would have six months to a year to make final plans so we can also survey the 2017 market day buyers and make a final decision by January 2018. The Exploratory committee would like you to send in your ideas before the January 2017 meeting. Please email or call Susan at [419-324-5902](tel:419-324-5902) or caytonsj@juno.com You may see a photo of the new proposed building at www.woodcounty-fair.com

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> If you are interested Susan Cayton is looking for traveling companions. She may have more information as I have not found any new details at this time.

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 2-7, 2017

Update, Conference will be at Hope College and registration starts January 9, 2017. All registration for seminars, workshops, housing and meals will be done online and you can go to the below website to sign up when it becomes 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/ 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 VOLUNTEER! THANKS!

Coming Events for BSSG - 2017

1/10	BSSG January Meeting
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
9/16-17 A Wool Gathering, Young's Dairy Farm, Yellow Springs, Ohio youngsdairy.com
9;/29-10/1 Sauder Village Fiber Festival, Archbold, OH
10/21-22 Fiber Expo Fall Show, Ann Arbor, MI
11/2 Tinkuy Weaving Conference and tour in Peru. www.andeantextilearts.org for registration
in January

Please contact the newsletter editor (Melissa Mohney) 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 January 26, 2017. Any information received after this date will be posted in a later edition.