

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

**MARCH 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 Eightleafedclover in Risingsun. Please come join us!

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



Location of Eightleafedclover

7033 County Road 11  
Risingsun, Ohio 43457  
From route 6 turn south onto  
23. Turn east onto country road  
11 and Eightleafedclover will be  
on your right 1.2 miles up.

**Officers:**

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Treasurer	Carol Perry	(419)533-5608

Fiber friends,

We are once again on a journey. We are blessed that Melissa has a bed and breakfast we can meet at. She will explain where and what is going on for our next meeting.

Market day is coming up so this is a big month for us.

Also we are having an event June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and that info is coming out.

We had a great time at the retreat and are planning for next year.

See you at the meeting and market day.

God bless,

*Deb Yeagle*

**-Spinning Warm Thoughts-**

Please keep Mari Lee Montgomery and her husband in your thoughts and prayers.  
*Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Psalms 85:11*

### **-March meeting-**

Melissa is leading us in a macramé class to make plant hangers and she will bring all supplies.  
Pleased bring in any patterns, projects or photos of vintage macramé projects for show and tell.

### **- April meeting-**

Wendy will be leading us in a spin in were in we will spin the same roving and compare results.

### **-Letter from the editor-**

Hello everyone,

As Deb mentioned above we are moving our meeting location due to the brew closing. We have really lucked out at the new location in my opinion and I hope that everyone will agree. I would like to remind members (and inform those who have not heard) that Eightleafedclover(or the b and b) is in the processes of remodeling. We will make every effort to make this meeting go smoothly and hope that you will be so happy with your visit you will forgive our mess. We hope to be dust free and smooth sailing before you know it!

I have posted the location on the top of the newsletter and corrected it on our new membership forms (please ignore the incorrect address if you have already filled one out).

The property is surrounded by trees and the sign is a little on the small side so we will post one of our BSSG signs out-front to help everyone find it. I will also be sure to have my phone by my side on Tuesday for anyone who may need direction or any questions. Many forms are floating around right now and in an effort to help everyone receive access to them I will offer several copies at the meetings, market day, and email by request. All mentioned forms will be attached to the newsletter email this month.

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

Amy Tyler is coming to our guild to teach blending color at the wheel” “plying this way and that” and “variations on long draw”. This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of spinning. A form is attached to this email for sign up. Space is limited and there are 9 out of 15 places left 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.

Several clarifications to be made:

-We have estimated the total cost of the workshops at \$1500 which includes rental of bed and breakfast, Amy's fee, mileage, materials fees for participants, continental breakfast sat and sun, noon meals both days and a closing dinner Sunday. Saturday evening we will eat at speed trap at your own expense. Amy's will be paid for.

Total cost for participants is \$100.

-the registration form has been corrected to reflect this.

**Please visit her website-** <http://www.stonesockfibers.com> and be prepared for the classes.

### **Lorain Retreat**

2018 is history and it was fun, restful, and peaceful. Now, Do You Want to Attend in 2019? It is the last weekend in February and we have both houses reserved. Carol needs the registration form (available at meetings or by email) and \$25 check to BSSG no later than June 3. This reserves your spot. We will do payments of \$30 by the September meeting and then the November meeting. This pays the entire \$85. If we do not have enough for both houses by June 3 then we will release the cottage. Questions ask anyone who attended this year or contact Kris.

### **-Membership-**

**Memberships are due by March 31.**

**There is a membership form in the back of your membership book and with the newsletter. IF you know your information is the same as in the current book you may just write same across the lines. This will save some work for the treasurer and Kris.**

**Please return it with your dues payment to Carol Perry, treasurer. Checks need to be made out to BSSG.**

### **-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!!!

thanks to those that have signed up already to help at specific spots.

We still have more spaces available.

Explanation on "door" we have had people enter thru the various doors and not pay admission. It is not the job of the vendors near the doors to police them, it is our job.

I need people to sit there and knit, spin, etc and prevent the public from coming in free. That is our way of keep track of the number of people and gives us additional income.

Needed: Someone to put out the signs on Friday and collect them on Saturday afternoon. Please let Kris Beebe know.

### **-Guild Table-**

Attached with the newsletter is the form for items placed on the guild table. You are limited to TEN items at a time. Items should be fiber related and not "flea market" items. Please think quality as these items do represent our guild. The guild receives 10% of your sale and in addition we must charge sales tax on items that do not belong to the guild. If you plan on putting items on the table please plan to work the table or a door for a shift.

### **-Election of Officers-**

All officers are running unopposed.

President; Deb Yeagle  
Vice President; Chris Beebe  
Treasurer; Carol Perry  
Secretary; Melissa Mohnney

Any write ins or nominations can be submitted via email or at the meeting

### **Proposed changes to bylaws**

The executive committee and some general guild members have gone through the current set of by-laws and propose changes to reflect how we are currently operating and corrected some errors. According to the by-laws the revisions need to be printed twice and read at one meeting. The changes will be gone over at the March meeting, reprinted in the next newsletter and voting takes place at the April meeting.

**See attachment to review the proposed changes. If you would like a paper copy please notify Melissa either at a meeting or by email.**

### **-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](mailto:BSSGnews@gmail.com) for assistance.

- 1 blending boards:
- 1 spinning wheel: Melissa Mohnney
- 1 drum carter: Melissa Mohnney
- 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 Mohnney

## **-Minutes –Feb. 2018 –**

### **Opening;**

-Melissa Mohnney called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

### **Committee reports-**

**Treasury** (Carol Perry)-. Approved as presented (no additions or corrections)

**Secretary** (Melissa Mohnney)- read January minutes. Approved as presented (no additions or corrections)

**Auditing**-sent to accountant Jeff Orgg. Prior there was no tax sent in so now we are filing for 2017 . Carol sent everything collected to Jeff for filing. We always paid sales tax and filed with the State of Ohio.

**Market day** (Tina Stellhorn)-no report

Deb will bring shirts and they will be sold at the same price as next year.

Carol Perry will take care of signs. She has some and Deb W. has additional ones.

Melissa is going to have people sign up for jobs at Market Day.

Someone needs to get in touch with the Boy Scouts. How do we get in touch with the troop? Does Tina know the contact info? Carol will contact Tina about contact info for Market Day.

Tina would like vendors to be at Market Day starting from 3:00 Friday to 8:00 and 7:00-8:30 Saturday. They must be set up by 8:30. You must not leave before 4:00PM.

Boy Scout Troup is scheduled to clean up with a donation of \$100 being given to them.

**Webmaster** (Karen Trautlein)-no report

**Program** (Kris Beebe)-needs class suggestions for next booklet.

Several people made suggestions and the message will be sent to Chris

We need to add next year's dates on the book mark and flyers so people can put them on the fridge to keep track

### **Old business-**

**Amy Tyler**- Scheduled B & B. All for \$300 2 breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner  
Coffee and tea all day.

The \$300 is a fifty percent discount of usual fee for the location.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Two short classes and one long class the second day.

Amy would like 2 months lead time to schedule her presentations.

Three people have reserved their spaces. There are 12 available.

There is a \$25 required sign up fee.

Classes: 'Blending color at the wheel- 6 hour' 'Variations on long draw'3 hours 'Plying this way and that'3 hours

Wendy will get info about what materials and equipment will be required for the class.

**New business-**

**Eightleafedcover** will be the location of next month's meeting. The address will be blasted a week prior to the next meeting.

Down 23 passed Rt 6

**7033 County Rd 11, Risingsun, Ohio 43457**

The space is **free**. Our payment is advertising for the location.

Mike will pick up subs for us. They will be a variety. We will owe a tip.

Nancy K will bring homemade cookies.

**Programs:**

We need some ideas for new programs. Is there anyone interested in teaching anything or do they can email Kris Beebe on this.

**Retreat:**

Dinner is 6:00

Do not arrive prior to 600PM

Mary's husband had heart surgery and she will not be attending so there is an opening.

Let Kris know if you are interested in taking this space.

**Advertising:**

Nancy is going to work on advertising for us.

The Press of Bowling Green, Centennial, and Bowling Green Blade- BGSU

Nancy will put a spread sheet together of local papers that we might utilize. Nancy will bring bright colored paper for flyers for the sale. She also made some signs to post around that include the book mark flyers.

**Elections:**

We need an Election Nominating Committee

This is required by our Bylaws

We are a month late. We need someone to step up and take this position.

There needs to be a slate by next month. We need to vote in April.

We need to have the current jobs of each Board member broken down so they can be divided by new committees.

**Committees:**

We need to review the committees and get people signing up for committees that we think are valuable.

Interest Committees:

Program Committee

Publicist Committee- Need to coordinate

Market Day Committee- Needs to work with Publicist Committee, Clean up, food....

Need several people to help here

Scholarship Committee: 2

Web Site Committee- Webmaster.

**Wendy:**

How many people are interested in the April spinning program.

Wendy wants to know how much fiber to dye for the workshop. This will be one color. Everyone will be spinning a small amount of fiber to spin in their own way so people can see differences.

April will be a Spin-in led by Wendy. If she is unavailable we will do a Spin-in. People want enough fiber to do something with.

Spinner's Flock Yearly Sale at Beach Middle School, Chelsea, MI

### **Closing;**

Nancy Kovacks made the motion to close the meeting and Annette Taylor seconded it. Meeting was closed at 11:55 AM

### **-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](http://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](mailto: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-**

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| 3/9-10      | Fiber Fest at Jay Co. Community Center Portland, IN                   |
| <b>3/13</b> | <b>BSSG March meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>                         |
| <b>3/13</b> | <b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>                     |
| <b>3/24</b> | <b>BSSG Market day and fiber festival</b>                             |
| <b>4/10</b> | <b>BSSG April meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>                         |
| <b>4/10</b> | <b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>                     |
| 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 |
| <b>5/8</b>  | <b>BSSG May meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>                           |
| <b>5/8</b>  | <b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>                     |
| 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  |
| <b>6/12</b> | <b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>                     |

7/6-12	Biannual "Convergence" Handweavers Guild of America, HGA
<b>7/10</b>	<b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>
7/13-25	International Folk Art Market, Sante Fe, NM for 180 artists from 60 countries
<b>8/14</b>	<b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>
8/15-19	Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan Co. Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI
<b>9/11</b>	<b>BSSG May meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>
<b>9/11</b>	<b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>
9/15-16	Wool Gathering, Youngs Dairy, Yellow Springs, OH
9/28-29	Fiber Fest at Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio
<b>10/9</b>	<b>BSSG May meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>
<b>10/9</b>	<b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>
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
<b>11/13</b>	<b>BSSG May meeting (Eightleafedclover)</b>
<b>11/13</b>	<b>BSSG evening meet up (grounds for thought)</b>

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 April 28, 2018. Any information received after this date will be posted in a later edition.**