

CABIN TALK

The Newsletter for the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Guild

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From the President

Our June meeting was “unusual” to say the least. I would like to thank all the members who attended for their patience and co-operation. There was an electrical problem at the cabin. The lights were going on and off, dim and bright, and very unpredictable. I have heard of the “Ghosts” at the Celey Rose House but did not know of any at Pugh Cabin. However, there were moments when we wondered if “something” was teasing us. A dead battery in the van and delay in transporting the members to the cabin also hindered the evening. Larry & Ken had this situation under control in a short time, we never got the electrical problem solved but moved out to the patio for the remainder of the meeting. Becky Langley gave a very interesting program on African Art. Becky added many personal experiences to her lecture. We all enjoyed her

collection of African Art items. Her display was lovely. She is recovering from hip surgery and I’m certain standing on the cement patio was not comfortable for her.

We enjoyed having Betty & Al White at the meeting. They will be doing a flax display at the Fiber Arts Festival on July 17th at Malabar. Show & tell was “short” due to the lack of light. Most of the time I could not see who was sharing their items. Bill More used his flashlight as much as possible. Lynn Reimer made dishcloths and Pat Reed showed her quilting. Shaun Rausch shared skeins of yarn she had spun, Cathy Lee wore her triangle loom shawl, Betty White showed a shawl she made, Debbie Kovac brought the tartan plaid she wove for a kilt. Toni & Dale Smith’s daughter Joan showed her purses she makes from placemats. They were very nice. Patsy Chema made an Ohio Flag wall hanging. I hope I didn’t miss anyone. Refreshments were great as always. I think we all needed “comfort” food for the night.

July Picnic

The July picnic will be held on July 6th at Pugh Cabin at **6:00 pm. Please note this time change.** Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided by the Guild. At press time there was some discussion about possibly having a small preview of demonstrations that will take place at the Fiber Arts Festival, (which will be held on July 17th). At any rate, please plan to stick around after dinner to visit and catch up with old friends.

News From Other Guilds and Around the States

**August 18 – 22 – Michigan Fiber Festival – Call 269-948-2497 or mff@iserv.net for information.

**August 11 – 22 – Indiana State Fair

**July 5 – July 17th – Sale at the Yarn Shop in Columbus – Call 800-859-YARN for information

**August 4 – 15 – Ohio State Fair

**Through September 26 – “Draped in Splendor: Renaissance Textiles and the Church” – religious

paintings and related textiles – and don't miss the interactive displays – Cleveland Museum of Art

**June 4 – through August – coverlet display opens at the Shaker Heights Main Library on Lee Rd. celebrating the Youngstown Area Weaver's Guild 50th year

**August 13, 14, & 15 – Spinning retreat weekend, "Blending and Spinning Lavish Luxury Fibers," with Patsy Zawistoski. This is sponsored by the Northwest Pennsylvanis Spinners and Weavers Guild with the help of the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts. It will be held at the McKeever Environmental Center at Sandy Lake, Pa. 16145. Contact Donna Wellman at 21116 Taylorstand Rd. Centerville, Pa 16404 for further information.

Spinning Group

The Spinning Group will meet on July 11th from 1:30 to 4:00 at the work area.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will **not** meet in July because of the July 4th holiday. See you next month.

Sunshine Corner

**Elvanor Straw is at Infinia Assisted Living Center, Room 212; 2124 Park Avenue West; Mansfield, Ohio 44906. Send her a card and wish her a speedy recovery.

**Stan Rickel is still in the hospital. Please send him a card and wish him good thoughts.

For Your Information

**There will be an open house on July 27th from 2:00 – 5:00 to visit Sally Rickel's sister, Penny MacFarlane & husband Reg. It will be held at Cathy & Dan's house at 711 Edgewood Drive, Mifflin, Ohio. Sally's sister and husband will be in from Australia for a short visit.

Fiber Arts Festival

Malabar Spinning and Weaving Guild will present their first Fibers Arts Festival on July 17th from 10:00 to 4:00 at The Barn by the Big House. We will try to demonstrate as many fiber arts as

possible. Our Guild has many talented people and we can have a nice variety of handwork.

There will be several areas for "hands on" teaching.

Louie Andres has asked us to do this Festival for 2004 and 2005. We are on their brochure and calendar. It will be a great way to promote our Guild and our talents.

Our goal is to show and teach visitors about fibers, their content and how to use them.

Demonstrations will be Sheep to Shawl or Scarf, Spinning, Weaving, Carding, Knitting, Crocheting, Tatting, Bobbin Lace, Rug Hooking, Penny Rugs, Sock Machines, Basket Making, Quilting, Applique, and Cardboard Weaving.

We have over 30 members who have signed up to help with this festival. Thanks members, for being so enthusiastic to share your talents. Please mark your calendar if you have signed up to help at this and if you haven't signed up yet but want to help, give Carol Rahall a call at 419-756-2344.

Workshop News

** We will have a gourd workshop on August 28th from 10:00 to 3:00. Everything will be furnished. We will be making Santa's to use in the George Hawkins room for Christmas. There will be more information on this later.

**There will be a silk painting workshop with Gunter Schwegler on August 21st. Several members have signed up for this class. The cost will be between \$45.00 and \$50.00. All materials will be furnished and you will take home 2 silk projects. More information will be available about this later.

For Sale

Most of our alpaca fleece is already sold but we will be receiving more soon. If you want fleece please let us know and we will set it aside for you. Please call Anne Presterl at 419-368-5019. The cost is \$10.00 for a white fleece and \$15.00 for a color fleece.

Thank Ewe

**We really appreciate Larry Ault and Ken Anderson taking over the van transportation while Don Yockey is recovering. Floyd Moody is also helping as usual. A big thank ewe to Larry & Ken for fixing the van the night of the meeting.

**Donna Gower did a great job setting up the Susan McFarland's workshop on fiber, combs, and carding. It was very interesting and we all learned so much about preparing fibers to spin.

**Some of our members demonstrated at the "Old Fashion Days at Morton school in Shelby. Wanda Flor helped organize the schedule. We also had members doing handwork at the Tractor Show at the Fairgrounds. Thanks everyone.

**Thank ewe to Betsy Rush for donating a nice bookcase for the work area. It is larger than the one we had and our library fits into it so nicely.

New Members

Nancy Kalinowski
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Bonnie Kemp
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Interests: weaving, gardening, baskets

July Work Schedule For The Work Area

We need members to be at the work area in July on the weekends. You may bring a friend to sit with you. We are obligated to have the Guild work area open during the summer weekends to give Farm visitors an opportunity to see what we do. We need people on July 10th, 18th, 24th, 25th, and 31st. Call Gloria Ault if you can help at 419-347-9957.

From The Editor

I would like to apologize to Helen Fowble and Marcella Garverick because I put Helen's picture in the newsletter last month and Marcella's name below the picture. Sorry!

Mishler Mill News

Mishler Mill will be open the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month this summer. If you can help, let Fae Evans know. We are also still trying to get the Tuesday and Thursday groups together for trips there. Sunday hours are 2:00 to 4:00 and you can call Fae Evans at 330-723-1895.

Ohio State Fair News

The Ohio State Fair will be held from August 4th to the 15th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. We have been asked to demo at the State Fair again. We will be at the Natural Resources area at the cabin. Two people will be needed each day. You do not have to spend the entire day at the cabin but at least 3 hours would be appreciated. You will receive a parking pass and free entry into the Fair. We need to return the work schedule soon. If you would like to help and have not signed up, please call Carol Rahall at 419-756-2344. The days that are still open where we need volunteers are August 4, 8, 9, 13, 14, & 15.

Show & Tell at the June Guild Meeting



Lynn Reimer shows her domino knitted potholders



Happy July 4th!