

CABIN TALK

The Newsletter for the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Guild

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The President's Corner

Our April meeting was well attended and our guest speaker, Barb Morejon, gave a wonderful program on needle "wet" felting. She created little felted people and felted animals. She is very talented.

We're hoping by our May meeting that our second winter season will be over, and spring will finally be here. Since our sheep have been shorn they are also looking forward to spring and warmer weather. Hoping by May 1st to be able to get into our work area and begin the cleaning and painting process. The building is looking really great. The floors

have been refinished and all new drywall and trim have been put around the new windows. The Guild was saddened by the death of one of our founding members, Stanley Rickel. A memorial dinner/potluck is being held on Thursday, April 26th, at Pugh Cabin. Stan will be missed. Another sad event was the sudden death of the husband of Guild member Dottie Schmitz Cassidy. Both members will be missed.

Donna

May Meeting

The May meeting will be held on May 1st at 7:00 pm at the Visitor's Center at Malabar Farm. The speaker will be Julie Patty. Julie owns Alpaca Meadows and will bring animals with her. She will speak about alpaca and the alpaca fibers.

May Refreshments

Those members who signed up to bring refreshments for the May meeting are: Ruth Moody, Annie Rozell, Hattie Watkins, Marie Bilsing, and Beverly Willis.

May Birthdays

May 8th – Marie Bilsing
May 8th – Jane Sargent
May 9th – David Whisler
May 12th – Janice Watson
May 20th – Don Flor
May 22nd – Iva Mahler
May 25th – Eva More
May 29th – Donna Richert
May 30th – Rebecca Langley
May 31st – Beverly Willis

May Calendar

**May 1st – Guild Meeting – 7:00 pm
**May 5th & 6th – Demo at Grist Mill Pioneer Days
**May 13th – Spinning Group 1:30 – 4:00
**May 7th – Board Meeting – 1:00 pm
**May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th – Monday group – 11:00 – 4:00

Malabar May Events

**Spring Plowing Days – draft horse plowing skills and contests – May 12th & 13th – 11:00 am
**Bluebird Sunday – bluebird displays and tours of bluebird trail – May 20th – 10:00 am
**Spring Barn Dance – Live music and caller. Beginners welcome. May 26th – 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Spinning Group

The Spinning Group will meet on May 13th from 1:30 until 4:00 at Linda Nowakowski's home. If you need directions, you can call Linda at 419-368-3107. The group will meet even though it is Mother's Day.

New Members

Vonda L. Zaika
466 Lexington Steam Corners Rd.
Lexington, Ohio 44904
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Interests: Sewing, penny rugs, cooking
Welcome!

Sunshine Corner

**Dottie Schmitz Cassidy's husband Sid, passed away very suddenly recently. Dottie and Sid had only been married for a short time. We send her and her family our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers.
**Joann Williams recently underwent tests at the hospital. She is doing fine and we are glad about that.
**Donna Richert has been having tests done recently in the hospital. We hope all the news is good for her.

Around the States and Other Guilds

**May 26th & 27th – Great Lakes Fiber Show – Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00; Sunday, 10:00 – 4:00 – www.greatlakesfibershow.com
**Through August 12th – Crazy quilts and figured and fancy coverlet exhibits at Kent State University Textile Museum.
**May 22nd – 6 to 7 pm. Textile Art conservation lecture Textiles (including wall hangings, quilts, tapestries, clothing, rugs and antique dolls) at Cleveland Public Library, Carnegie West Branch, 1900 Fulton Rd. Call 216-623-6927 or www.ica-artconservation.org
**May 4th, 5th, & 6th – Buckeye Alpaca Show, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
**June 23rd & 24th – Woolfest, formerly Fiberfest, at Lake Farmpark, Kirtland. For information call 440-256-2122 or 800-366-3276.
**June 9th – Spin-in by Ohio Hills Guild (Zanesville, Cambridge area) in Lore City. For information: www.goodnewsllamas.com/fiberguild
**June 28th – July 21st – Central Ohio Weavers Guild fiber show at High Roads Gallery in Worthington, Ohio. For information contact Kim Johnson at 614-436-2532 or jjohnson5355@wowway.com

Thank Ewe

Thank ewe to the members who helped out with the sheep sheering.

We Need Ewe

**Our Guild will demo on April 21st and 22nd from 9:00 – 4:00 in costume at the Grist Mill. We could use at least one more person for each day. If you would be interested in helping out on those days, give Donna a call at 330-279-2079.
**Our Guild will demo on May 5th & 6th at the Grist Mill Pioneer Days in costume. Call Donna at 330-279-2079 if you are interested in helping out on those days.

For Sale

Our sheep have been shorn along with one goat. We will have that fiber for sale. It will be priced and weighed at \$2.00 per lb for white and \$3.00 per lb for colored. If you are interested you can call Donna at 330-279-2079. The fiber can be picked up in May or make arrangements with Donna.

Info Just For Ewe

Back in March at our Guild meeting, Donna shared a teacup pincushion she had made out of felted sweater pieces. She had seen instructions for this on the Martha Stewart Show. Debi Britton loved the pincushion and had also seen the Martha Show. She sent in the web site for this and also one from a cupcake pincushion that she wanted to share with our group. Here are the web sites:
<http://www.marthastewart.com/page.jhtml?type=content&id=stv4070083&layout=martha>

<http://loomlady.blogspot.com/>

Wanted

Spinners and crafters to produce yarn and hand made items from alpaca to sell at farm stores or at shows across the country. Breeder also has both huacaya ("fluffy") and suri ("dreadlock") fleece for sale, including most of the 22 natural colors, in various levels of fineness. Those interested in purchase or production can contact Mary Knutty, Serenity Grove Alpacas, Louisville, Ohio at 330-887-2107 or spookymk@yahoo.com

Call For Entries

Wearable Arts Fashion Show (and boutique)
Cleveland Museum of Art: Textile Arts Alliance
Sunday – October 21st, 2007
Westlake, Ohio (near Cleveland)
This is a fund-raiser event for the TAA. A 30% commission is charged on all sales. It is a juried event. Click on Entry Brochure to see all the details for entering. Might be fun just

to go. To enter or get tickets and details go to www.clevelandart.org/museum/support/taa

In Memoriam

Once again we have said "Goodbye" to a very special friend. Stan Rickel was a man that made an impression when you met him. He was a man who shared his knowledge, his talents, and his opinions. He had a colorful way of expressing himself and you always knew if he liked or disliked something. You never had to guess about it.

Stan and Sally, along with some others, started our Guild. They worked hard to make their dream come true.

He had many talents and could carry on an intelligent conversation about anything and everything.

His love for the outdoors, Ohio history, The Civil War, woodworking, weaving, and the list goes on and on were things he shared. The birdhouses he made had to be exactly like the birds required. As I look out my kitchen window, I see 3 bluebird houses Stan made, and also a butterfly house nearby.

I have many things in my home that were made by Stan. He never needed a reason to give you a gift. He made them with love and gave them away because he was your friend. We all have so many memories and stories of Stan. He will not be forgotten.

Carol Rahall

Remembrance Dinner

There will be a potluck dinner on April 26th at 6:00 pm at the Pugh Cabin in honor of Stan Rickel, one of our founding members. The doors will open at 5:00 and dinner will be at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share along with your own table service. Coffee and tea will be provided. Sally and family members will be there to share fond memories of Stan. We hope everyone can attend.

Happy Mother's Day