

# **CABIN TALK**

*The Newsletter for the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Guild*

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## **From the President**

Members were not discouraged with the weather reports given on the night of our monthly meeting.

We did make a “last minute” change in holding the meeting at the Hostel instead of The Cabin.

Betsy Rush offered the Hostel and we accepted her offer.

The meeting was well attended and we were all warm, cozy and felt welcome in a different meeting area.

Cathy Lee gave a very interesting demonstration and lecture on Triangle Looms. She and her husband Dave brought several examples of triangle shawls including a lovely shawl he made.

We will be offering a workshop on triangle looms very soon.

We had great refreshments as always and an interesting show and tell.

Marsha Anderson has spent the winter making several items including tote bags for missions at her church, she wore her hand knitted sweater, and shared her candle wicking table runner and knitted doily. Annie Rozell has been busy making felted purses. Linda Nowakowski and her two daughters attended. The girls are so talented. They shared doll clothes they made for their Christmas dolls and neck scarves they knitted. It is such a treat to see such young girls knitting. Linda was wearing her hand spun knitted vest. Marcella Garverick brought a quilted wall hanging; Lynn Reimer has been busy knitting socks for herself and her son. She has also made beautiful neck scarves and a knitted shawl. Sally Rickel donated several bear outfits and found “extra” time to make a hat for her daughter, Cathy. Shawn Rausch finished weaving a dishtowel and was knitting a neck scarf during the meeting. Betsy Rush spent her “surgery recovery time” working on Aids Baby Quilts. Patsy Chema has been “published” and becoming famous for her tatted cross she designed. The pattern and information was in a recent issue of a tatting publication.

Congratulations Patsy. Donna Gower modeled her beautiful knitted lace (purple) hand spun shawl she made. Dee Lorentz finished a knitted baby blanket in time for a new granddaughter.

I offered to end the meeting early so everyone could go back home but we were having such a good time we didn't leave until after 9:30. Thanks again, Betsy.

## **March Meeting**

The March meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pugh Cabin at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Jeromy Harrison, from the Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center and Outdoor Historical Drama. He will give a presentation about Johnny Appleseed and the opening of the Center and Drama, which is located on Rt. 603 and will be opening in the spring of 2004.

## **Refreshments**

Those members who signed up to bring refreshments for March are:

Sally Rickel  
Lynn Reimer  
Harriet Brown  
Linda Nowakowski  
Betsy Rush  
Beverly Willis.

Please help Jack set up and tear down. Thanks to everyone for continuing to volunteer and take a turn each year.

### **News From Other Guilds and Around the States**

\*\*The Great Lakes Fiber Show will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Wooster at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. It is always a very nice show with classes, workshops and displays. There will also be vendors with a variety of fibers and equipment for sale. Contact Linda Reichert at 330-264-9665 or e-mail [don47linda@valkyrie.net](mailto:don47linda@valkyrie.net) for further information.

\*\*Maryland Sheep & Wool Show May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\*Convergence – Denver, Colorado – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\*\*March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 4:00 pm – Knitting workshop for The Fiber Arts Guild of Wayne & Holmes Counties. Contact Nancy Lilburn at 330-262-5699 for further information. Cost is \$25.00 for non-members.

\*\*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month is Get Away Tuesday at the BumbleBee Yarn Shop. Each month they visit a new fiber destination. Call 419-525-1110 for information on their next trip.

\*\*March 27 – Black Swamp Spinner's Guild of NW Ohio 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Market Day and Fiber Fair. 9:00 – 4:00 at St. Marks Lutheran Church Family Life Center at 315 S. College Dr. Call Margaret at 1-800-554-7973 for further information.

\*\*April 3<sup>rd</sup> – A Knitter's Fantasy – the Northcoast Knitting Guild of Mayfield Heights, Ohio from 8:00 to 4:30. They will be having lots of classes – contact Maureen Doerner at 216-561-2578 or [moknits@wowway.com](mailto:moknits@wowway.com)

\*\*March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – John Whitehead Weaving Workshop - 9:00 to 4:00. 10 looms warped and ready to weave patterns from the 1800's. John Whitehead is a Yorkshire weaver that immigrated

to Illinois in 1845 and became a farmer. \$100.00. Contact Jane Pidgeon at 765-521-0614 or Conner Prairie at 317-776-6000.

### **Spinning Group**

The spinning group will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the work area from 1:30 until 4:00.

### **Knitting Group**

The Knitting Group will meet at the work area on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00. It will be nice to get together again and see Sally Rickel and Mary Parman after our winter vacation.

### **Sunshine Corner**

Marie Bilsing is recovering from hip surgery at her daughter's. (Cathy Neja, 6041 Mayfair Drive, Galena, Ohio 43021). Send Marie a get-well greeting to cheer her up.

### **Workshops**

We try to have interesting and affordable workshops with qualified instructors. We do have a problem though. Members are signing up for these classes but are not attending and do not notify anyone.

We have contracts with the instructors for a set price. Our fees are adjusted to this charge and how many people have signed up to attend.

There were 10 members on the sign up sheet for the Margaret Halas Domino Purses. We charged a fee that would cover the instructor's expenses. However, only 5 members attended the class and the Guild was held responsible for the remainder of the expenses.

The Guild cannot continue to pay the fees for those who do not attend.

We will be making up new guidelines for future workshops. They will be in a future newsletter.

### **We Need Ewe**

We have been asked to give a lecture and demo at Alta Greenhouse on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A day of herbs and their uses will be given at the greenhouse. We have been asked to do natural dyeing. We will need volunteers to help. The lecture will take 30

to 45 minutes. Several organizations and garden clubs will be on the program. It will be free and open to the public. More will be announced later about this.

### **Malabar Work Area Closings**

Don't forget the rule – if the Lucas Schools are closed, then the roads are too bad around the work area. Stay home and be safe.

### **Fiber Arts Festival**

Malabar Spinning and Weaving Guild will present their first Fibers Arts Festival on July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at The Barn by the Big House. We will need help in many areas. I will be sending a sign up sheet at the March meeting. 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.

We will need help with advertising, and flyers as well as members doing demos in The Barn. There will be several areas for “hands on” teaching. We will ask you for samples to display also.

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, Appliqué, and Cardboard Weaving.

Any suggestions and ideas will be welcomed. We hope everyone will participate.

### **Mishler Mill**

We haven't been to Mishler for a while due to holidays and weather. They still need our help. Their busy season is coming soon when the weather is nice and they will have bus tours as well as summer visitors. Our schedule is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. However, if you can go at another time, that is

good as long as you call Fae Evans at 330-723-1895.

Donna Gower and Fae will be sending some cut strips to be sewn together. We will have them at the work area. If you can take some home and sew them it would be a great help. They can be returned to the work area when you finish. If you would like to help sew call Carol Rahall at 419-756-2344.

### **For Sale**

2 harness rug loom; call Joanna Sharp at 330-948-3450 if interested. Cost is \$300.00.

### **From The Editor**

The 2004 Guild Directory went to the printers on January 11<sup>th</sup> and will be sent to you very soon. Please take a moment to check it for errors. If you find anything that needs changed, please contact Marianne Privette at 419-884-3532. As always, if you have any suggestions for the newsletter, contact Marianne; and if you have any suggestions for the web site, contact Marianne or Lynn Damberger at 419-289-3776.

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