Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild February 2015 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Monday 16 February

Refreshments: Cheryl Johnson and Peg Dawson.

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions.

Treasurer's Report -- Kathleen Glaser.

Workshop Committee Report -- Gale Hill:

Feb. 21 (noon – 4:00) Sue Meissner's spinning workshop; Mar. 28 (9 – 4) Peg Dawson's weaving workshop.

Study Group: -- Brenda Wampler.

Midwest 2015 Display -- Cheryl Johnson:

Schedule a planning meeting and discuss felting items at the March meeting. See attached list of things needed for the display and bring them if you have any of the items.

Fall Show: -- Karin Lauderback

Go over joint committees.

Possible Road Trip:

visit to Suelynne Childer's alpaca farm in Gosport, possible dates 3/7 or 3/21, at 1:00.

Gift Exchange:

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring something from your stash of finished goods to exchange. Items should be in the \$20 - 25 range. They can be knit, crocheted, woven, handspun, felted, or tatted. Anything make of fiber. Place in a bag to conceal for choosing.

-- Participation if the gift exchange is on a volunteer basis --

Show and Tell.

Program:

There is no formal program for this meeting.

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Midwest Booth Display

Items needed for the display:

- 1) rag rug or handwoven banket, something for Ms. Frannie Fiber to recline on while picnicking;
 - 2) coordinated clothing to dress Ms. Fiber; handmade socks, vest, scarf, hat, etc.;
- 3) items recently made by guild members from their handspun, or hand dyed, or handwoven items, etc., need to be tagged with name, fiber content, etc.;
 - 4) picnic basket, various picnic basket items, empty wine bottle (Bordeaux label);
 - 5) backdrop to display dreamscape;
 - 6) drop spindle, rigid heddle loom, spinning wheel.

Spring Fiber Events:

Feb. 27 – Mar. 15	Yarn Crawl
Apr. 17 - 18	Greencastle Fiber Show
Jun. 5 - 6	Hoosier Hills Fiber Show (Franklin)
Jun. 18 – 20	Midwest Weavers Conference 2015 (St. Paul, Minn.

Calendar

All meetings are held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Feb. 21 Workshop

Spinning with Sue Meissner, learn to replicate commercial yarns; Noon to 4:00 at St. Thomas Lutheran Church; contact Gale Hill, gbhill@gmail.com to register.

Mar. 16 Meeting

Refreshments: Lynn Copeland. Program: We will show a DVD.

Mar. 28 Workshop

Weaving with Peg Dawson, twill block designs. 9 to 4 at St. Thomas Lutheran Church

Apr. 20 Meeting

Refreshments: Linda Gardner & Marla Dawson

Program: Stash Auction

May 18 Meeting

Refreshments: Sandy Kovener & Shannon Wehrkamp

Program: Workshop with Heather Russell - Kumihimo braiding with beads.

Participants will make a necklace.

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Announcements:

Sue Meissner is starting the Bloomington Lace Guild as a chapter of IOLI, International Organization of Lace Inc. Lace is broadly defined as bobbin lace, needle lace, tatting, and knitted lace. This group will emphasize learning at meetings and workshops as well as community outreach, particularly to the younger generation in a balance of tradition and creativity. Please contact Sue Meissner if you wish to join. Dues are \$10 per year for local membership (under age 16 free), although we encourage, but do not require, members to join IOLI and enjoy those benefits as we start this new chapter. See the IOLI website for details, "www.internationalorganizationoflace.org".

SWIFT (Spinners and Weavers of Indiana) will have its annual meeting Saturday, March 7th, 2015, 10am to 4pm, at Conner Prairie Amphitheater. Light lunch is provided. A great place to meet spinners and weavers from around the state. There are door prizes and will be lots of fun. For questions contact Shauna More at swift.newsletter@gmail.com.