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Library Note: Contact Nancy Goldschmidt if you would like to make special arrangements to borrow or return a book to the library or if you would like to library sit.

President's Message *by Joy Cain*

Baby it's cold outside – and working with wool keeps us warm!

Looking back, we have had a terrific year. From our great participation at the Ohio State Fair and our demonstration at Yellow Springs, we showed people weaving and spinning are living arts. Our workshops have been full and we have learned so much from rug hooking to lace knitting to novelty yarns!

And next year looks to be just as exciting. Starting with our January Yarn Swap and Holiday Celebration, Kente Weaving, Color Dyeing and Magic in the Water, we have a truly packed schedule.

Make a New Year's resolution to put something into the Fashion Show in April. It is a chance to show off what you have been working on and to get inspired for even more.

Yours in fiber,
Joy

Letter from the 1st VP *by Leslie Garman*

The January Yarn Swap and Holiday Celebration originally planned to be held at the Kirk House, has been moved to the McConnell Art Center, 777 Evening Street, Worthington from noon to 4:00 (note the time change). It still will be held on **Saturday January 16th**. Because of the altered location, **we will not be having a potluck luncheon.** We will have a coffee maker and munchies, but it can't be the COWG feast as originally planned. The emphasis will be on relaxing, socializing, the Yarn Swap, business meeting and Kente Weaving workshop information. I know some people will be disappointed but I am thankful we have a nice facility. Come and relax after all the hectic holiday festivities and see what our talented guild members have designed from their chosen bag of yarn. You will be amazed and inspired!

Contact Joy for any other information you might need. The McConnel Art Center is in the old building near the northeast corner of Rt 161 (Dublin-Granville Rd) and Evening St – just south of the tennis courts. It used to be part of the old Worthington High School on Rt. 161, so it should be easy to get find.

The February 20, 21 Kente weaving workshop has been moved to the Cultural Arts Center due to the outstanding response. We have 22 members signed up to take the workshop. I NEED confirmation and money from those members that have not paid. The cost of the workshop is \$60 and the material fee is separate and depends on what weight of yarn and how many colors. If you have not replied to my email concerning color and size of thread choice do so immediately. The guild meeting will be on Saturday at 1:00. It is important for you to attend the January meeting for further information and a chance to ask questions.

(Newsletter Editor's note: I found several good sites about Kente cloth and Kente weaving on the internet. I became really excited about the workshop, once I had looked at what amazing fabric can be created using this technique. One of the sites I really liked was www.marshall.edu/akanart/cloth_kente.html Check it out.)

March 21, Sunday, will be our Dye workshop with Pat Bullen. It will be held at the Cultural Arts Center due to the equipment and space needed for dyeing. The cost of this workshop is \$30.

April 17 is the style show at the Clintonville Woman's Club.

May 15, 16 is Magic in the Water II with Laura Fry. The material fee is \$60 and the workshop fee is dependent on travel costs.

Thank you for your support, patience and enthusiasm. Each of you brings something special to our guild and I am thankful to be a part of such a group!

Leslie Garman, First Vice President, 614-879-8886, lesliegarman@yahoo.com

Membership Booklet Updates

New Members		
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Interests: Q	Interests: Be, Bl, Cr, F, Knit, Q, Tt, Te	Interests: 4H, Cd, Od, Spin
Renewing Members		
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E-mail Correction: Dee Dee Ptaszek's e-mail is dptaszek@att.net Sorry for any confusion		

Sunday February 7th Retreat at Spring Hollow Lodge

We have the lodge from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and have a potluck at noon. The lodge is heated and air-conditioned. It has a lounge with a gas log fireplace, coffee table, sofa, chairs and wildlife observation windows, a kitchenette with a full-size refrigerator, sink, and microwave. There are plenty of outlets for our crock pots. It's a great time to spin, weave, knit and socialize with other members. Come for an hour or two or spend the day!

Spring Hollow Lodge is at 1069 W. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081 (cannot be accessed from Sharon Woods entrance). Continue north on Cleveland Avenue, past the main park entrance to Main Street and turn left. Go about 1.5 miles and turn left into the park. Follow the park signs. You can view pictures of the lodge by going to www.metroparks.net/xxParksSharonWoodsFacilitiesReservable.aspx

Generosity of Weavers *by Dee Dee Ptaszek*

In November, Susan Frankenfeld sent me an e-mail which I forwarded to everyone in the guild with an e-mail address. She was looking for a loom that an Amish Family could use to weave rugs to support themselves. Below is the e-mail response that I received back from Susan.

Thank you ever so much for your help. One of the guild members, Kristen Stelljes, offered me a perfect loom for the needy Amish family. I have explained to her that her generous offer will allow this family to lift itself from poverty. I believe her loom will be used for generations. Please let your members know.

Susan Frankenfeld

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50" Norwood Loom for Sale

4 harness, 6 treadle, birch wood floor loom, matching bench included

COWG member Carol Ferguson is selling a beautiful Norwood loom. I am going to be downsizing in a few months and I do not have space for a large floor loom in my new home. I hate to part with it, but I must.

The loom is in perfect condition. I have completed only 6 projects since I bought the loom new several years ago. It weaves like a dream!

Asking \$1,200 (costs over 2k new). Will deliver to Columbus or Columbus suburban areas free of charge. Contact Carol Ferguson at (740) 363-3883 or by e-mail alumcreek@aol.com Put NORWOOD LOOM in heading.

My Very Own Blanket Project *by Kathleen Craig*

At the November Retreat, Faith offered fleece fabric panels to anyone who wanted to help blanket stitch the edge for our blanket project. I have received 5 finished panels and that is terrific. Thank you to everyone!

Also at the same retreat, Iris offered acrylic yarns to anyone who wanted to weave and/or knit blankets. Many of you took those yarns as well and I have received a few of the finished woven blankets as well.

Here's my plea: If you can get them finished by the January meeting/holiday party, please bring them with you. In recent e-mails and phone conversations with Madelyn Van Der Hoogt, editor of HANDWOVEN magazine, I was asked to send pictures and any details about our project to her because they love publishing things like this...and the publicity would be good for the guild. If you created any blankets for the My Very Own Blanket Project, either recently or anytime between now and when we first started the project, or if you are currently working on a blanket or will be soon, and you'd like to be in some group pictures with the blankets we currently have, please be prepared for picture taking at the January and/or February meeting. If you have had finished blankets for this project, either recently or a while ago, please let me know so I don't omit anyone in the write-up to go to Madelyn.

We want to document as much of our charitable/service work as possible.

Thanks to all who continue to help with this project. The kids need us and are very glad to get their Very Own Blanket.

If there are any more out there being stitched, could you please bring them to the January meeting/holiday party so we can document work in progress?

Library News

We have 2 new additions to the library, generously donated by the book's authors:

1. Spin Dye Stitch by Jennifer Clayton. Jennifer did the lace workshop in October. This book is especially good for "in home" dyeing as it gives exact step-by-step details.
2. The Intentional Spinner by Judith MacKenzie-McCuin, who did our November workshop. This book will help you improve your spinning skills and help you to spin the fabulous yarn you've always dreamed of.

Library sitters needed – The guild's library is a treasure trove of information. Library sitting gives you the opportunity to peruse all it has to offer in a comfortable environment. You can use it as an opportunity to spin, knit and chat and get inspired. The library is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the second Saturday of every month except August and unless otherwise noted. Please consider volunteering to Library Sit and contact Nancy Goldschmidt at (614) 263-7680 to sign up. All months for 2010 are available. Thanks to everyone who has previously volunteered to Library sit.

November 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Joy called the meeting together at 1:04 p.m. at the retreat held in Westerville. Since Kimberly Shellock was absent, Michele recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Leslie presented 1st VP report. Those in the Judith MacKenzie McCuin workshop have received their materials list. Total cost is \$145. Most have already paid \$75 deposit. Materials fee is included. You can bring your Woolee Winder but Judith wants you to use your regular spinning heads. Judith is staying with Constance Hall – a guild member who lives near Marysville. We will have pot luck lunches each day to reduce confusion with people leaving for lunch. Judith is able to accommodate 18 students because we are at Kirk House. Judith's lecture needs to be scheduled yet. Details will be emailed to members.

Toia has worked out problems with loom adaptations needed for the Kente weaving workshop in February 2010. Leslie is not sure yet how many people can participate in the workshop. Written instructions for the loom

adaptations will probably be emailed around the holidays so that participants can have plenty of time to get ready for the workshop.

Workshops are filling up quickly so if you owe money, you need to get it to Leslie quickly to assure your spot in the workshop. REMEMBER: if you haven't paid in full, your spot is not assured.

MaryLee, 2nd VP, had no updates.

Dee Dee presented the membership report. We have a total of 64 members. We have 33 active, 16 senior, one newsletter only, six board members, two courtesies and six lifetime members. Membership dues of \$1,495 have been received. At the time of this report, we were \$505 short of our budgeted amount. We have since received a few more new members.

Faith presented the treasurer's report including a special transaction listing for the new equipment purchases. Our beginning balance as of 10/17/09 was \$8,000.49. We had deposits of \$95 and expenses of \$574 resulting in an ending balance of \$7,521.39*.

** The Special Account Equipment balance on 11/7/09 was \$709.35; Equipment Maintenance Balance was \$100; and the Budget Balance was on 10/07/09 of \$6,712.04*

Michele presented an equipment report for Kim Johnson, equipment chair, who was absent from the meeting. The guild's new press is now available for borrowing and can be taken out for a one week period. Contact Kim if you would like to use it. Kim is in the process of purchasing reeds for the guild looms and other maintenance materials. After these purchases, approximately \$200 will be available for other equipment. Please email Kim with your preferences as to what should be purchased next. Hope has the guild's manual bobbin winder and an inkle loom which will be housed with the looms at Kim's home. Also, Lucille has generously donated an electric bobbin winder and an inkle loom to the guild so these items can be taken off our "wish list."

Joy asked if the guild should defer its' discussion on the equipment rental policy until Kim is present. Kathleen made a motion to defer the discussion and Cathy Shipp seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joy talked about guild outreach programs. She mentioned she and Ed demonstrated at the Circleville Pumpkin show and were treated like royalty. Joy wants the guild to market itself better so we can attract new members. She says she is finding people don't know that central Ohio has a guild. Joy suggests we go to where the young people are! She feels our guild equipment would be used more if we had younger members. These young people are on My Space, Facebook and other internet social networking sites. Joy says other guilds post their events using Facebook, Ravelry and other sites to have a presence that people will find while surfing the internet. She believes this is a form of advertising that COWG needs to do. Someone needs to take ownership and be the administrator of these sites. Joy says the benefit, besides new members, is that there is no cost involved, but it will take time.

Sue Briney supports Joy in this idea because of her personal experience and believes the guild will benefit from the exposure.

Kathleen suggested that some members will need lessons or tutorials.

Cathy Shipp says she has found, from her Etsy business, that it's important to have links on Facebook/Ravelry/Twitter to make yourself or business known.

Joy says the more links you have...the higher you/your business will show up in the results when "googled". She also wants to have someone the guild can point to when others are seeking a spinning teacher. Dee Dee volunteered for this responsibility. A suggested title might be COWG Spinning Coordinator.

Joy will be the administrator for a guild Facebook site.

Sue Briney asked for Joy to do a demonstration on these sites, at a Panera meeting room, so that other guild members could see firsthand what social media is all about. MaryLee suggested that others who already have sites could bring their computers so we could have multiple demonstrations. Joy pointed out that those who are in charge of each site should meet so messaging is the same on all social networking sites.

Dee Dee made a motion to get volunteers who will serve as administrators for the various sites and to set up the sites with consistent messaging and Sue B. seconded. Motion passed.

Joy will investigate Panera sites and dates and will be in contact so the committee can meet.

Faith says COWG has been accepted as a demonstrator at WinterFair and needs volunteers for set-up; demonstrations; and tear down. Volunteers are needed for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday is set up only; no sales are allowed this year. If any guild member wants to sell, they must be there and handle any sales taxes for their items. Volunteers must spend four hours at the booth....demonstrating....not shopping. You need to do your shopping either before or after your shift out of respect for other members and the guild. The guild is giving you free admission to demo, not to shop!!! WinterFair is December 4, 5 and 6 at the Expositions Center (state fairgrounds.) Let Faith know if you have items to display.

Dee Dee announced that library sitters are needed for December, January, February, March, April and May. The library will not be open in November due to Judith's workshop. Call Dee Dee or Nancy Goldschmidt if you can sit on the second Saturday of the month.

Dee Dee would like to sell the Perfect Towel booklets online. Sue Atkins says she didn't get much response on Ravelry but will list them on Yahoo Weaving Sales ads group. We have seven booklets to sell.

The next retreat is Sunday, February 7, 2010.

Kathleen thanked Faith for providing instructions and pictures for her "Weaving a Zoo" study group.

Jennifer Claydon (October workshop leader) donated her book to the guild. It's called Spin Dye Stitch – How to Create and Use Your Own Yarns.

Also, thank you to Iris for donating yarn to be woven into blankets for the "My Very Own Blanket" project.

Linda Hall motioned to adjourn with Cathy Shipp seconding. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Chavalina