

BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS' GUILD
NORTHWEST OHIO



DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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The Black Swamp Spinners' Guild meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00am–2pm from September through June.

Meeting Date and Location

The Black Swamp Spinners Guild will meet for a holiday for lunch on

December 9th

at Susie's Skillet

101S Main St, Walbridge, OH 43465

Join us on Facebook at this link: [Black Swap Spinner' Guild Facebook](#) and check out information on our Website: [Black Swamp Spinners Guild Website](#).

NOTE: The December meeting is a social meeting. If you were not at the November meeting and want to join us in December for lunch at Susie's Skillet, please send an email to our guild email, blackswampsg@gmail.com, so the restaurant can reserve space for us. Also, if you want, you can bring a gift to exchange. Also, we are collecting handmade hats, scarves, etc. for Cherry Street Mission at this event.

Attendance: 11 members attended the November Meeting at Bernina Stitchin Post, Walbridge, OH.

President's Report:

Deb has more needle felting mats to create felted pictures. She is open to having people over to her house so that she doesn't have to transport materials. Deb will provide lunch (11:30a.m. — whenever). These events are open to all guild members. Let Deb know if you have an interest. At Market Day she will sell felt mats.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

- Nancy discussed finances. Nancy currently used an old version of QuickBooks (circa 2014). It would cost \$100 or so/year to upgrade to current cloud-based software. Nancy found some free online budget management programs to check out. She didn't feel that the cost for QuickBooks is worth it for simple accounting that we do. Louise volunteered to assist Nancy with the transition to a new accounting system, if needed, and will work with Nancy to develop a 2026 budget for the guild that will be presented at the April 2026 meeting.
 - Approved: A check will be set to Wood County Park District for yearly membership (\$20). They will post our Market Day in their publication. Susan to follow up with getting them the information they need.
 - Approved: Chris Watson, The Bard Coffee, to serve coffee and help with advertising for Market Day. Deb Y and Leigh Ann to follow up with him to get the cost (last year = \$200).

Market Day:

- As of November 11, we have 26 paid vendors and 3 more are expected to pay. We have reserved free spaces for Lace Demonstration and Wood County Park District. In total, we have 38-39 booth spaces filled out of the 44 available. Space for classes are accounted for separately.
- Susan has performed detailed research on area newspapers that she could contact for Market Day advertising. She will contact magazines, guilds and online sites. Members should print copies of market day flyers and bookmarks from the newsletters to pass out starting in January or display at your local libraries and stores.
- Colleen will continue to assist with posting Market Day information on our Facebook page. Deb Y and Leigh Ann will follow up with Chris on the posting schedules.
 - Approved: The advertising budget we be limited to what we spent last year, \$275. If additional funding is needed, the funds can be requested at our next meeting in January.
- This year we will include a Scavenger Hunt to encourage visitors to stay longer and visit every booth rather than the raffle.
- Denise has been researching the cost of various printing needs. We will proceed to limit spending to match last year.
 - Approved: The printing budet will be limited to what we spent last year, \$294. If additional funding is needed, the funds can be requested at our next meeting in January.
- Louise has been updating the website and met with Nancy to research expenses for the past 2 years budget.

Next Market Day committee meeting is at Susan's house (Perrysburg) on Tuesday November 18, 11:00 am

OLD BUSINESS:

Wool for processing... is there more? It seems the answer is yes, but we don't know how much. Deb Y to check with Vicki Donley to find out the answer to this question.

Demo requests completed:

- Otsego High School: September 15, 7:30 to 11:14 am. 34 students. Leigh Ann (drop spindle), Denise (woven potholders on pinloom), Nancy (intro: history of clothing and float to help where needed), Ruth (sewing), Vicki (visible mending), Louise (wheel spinning)
- Autism Model School: Nov. 7, 9:30 to 11:00am. Nancy and Leigh Ann did a brief overview of sheep to shawl process

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan led a program on Andean plying. Explained the process of plying and things to note about plying, then demonstrated how to hold the yarn for plying. Andean plying pulls from both ends of the same ball of yarn to ply.

Other:

Shirley Flores donated a Spinolution spinning wheel and a warping board to the guild. Pam took the wheel home to make heavier weight yarn for our nalbinding session and Louise took home the warping board.

New Fiber Show in Traverse City, MI called "Fresh Coast Fiber Festival". May 30-31, 2026. <freshcoastfiberfestival.com> Road trip anyone?

Leigh Ann is now the liaison to the Michigan League of Handweavers on behalf of the Spinning Guild. Their next meeting is Dec. 12 on zoom.

2026 Meetings

January 13: Nalbinding (Pam)

February 10: Louise on Dyeing your handspun

February (dates tbd): Retreat

March 10: Market Day planning

March 20 & 21 MARKET DAY

April 14: Jackie on 3-D felting

May 12: Visible Mending (Vicki)

June 9: Leigh Ann - Knitting with your handspun

July (date TBD): 2-D felting at Deb's

August 4: Sit & Spin at Jackie's

Guild Equipment

There are 2 blending boards and 2 Cooking pans (for dying) available for members to use. In addition, the guild has a fiber display board that unfolds and stands on an 8' table. Items can be hung on it and the table space in front of the board can be used for fiber art pieces. Send an message to our guild email if you are interested in any items.

March 21, 2026, Market Day & Fiber Fair

The highlight of the year is the **BSSG Market Day** held in March each year. Guild members are encouraged to spread the word and participate in planning discussions at meetings.

Vendors are reminded to contact blackswampsg@gmail.com as soon as possible to get new 2026 contracts signed.

Volunteers on the Friday & Saturday volunteers will be needed to set up and take down tables and chairs, and during the event to welcome attendees at the door and cover the Guild's table. Send an email to blackswampsg@gmail.com to let the Market Day Committee know you can help.

2025 Fiber Events:

Dec 5th - 7th Herald the Holidays Sale at Toledo Botanical Garden / Toledo Area Weavers Guild

2026 Fiber Events:

Feb 14th Wild & Wooly, Cuyahoga Fairgrounds, 19201 E. Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Feb 14th Spinners Flock Fiber Artisan Market 445 Mayer Dr. Beach Middle School, Chelsea, MI

Feb. 19th - March 28th Small Expressions ArtReach St. Croix, Stillwater, MIN.

March 21st Black Swamp Spinners Guild, Market Day & Fiber Fair Bowling Green, OH 43402

March 28th - 29th Fiber Expo Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor, MI

April 18th - June 27th Small Expressions NMY Beaumier Heritage Center, Marquette, MI

May 30th - 31st Fresh Coast Fiber Festival 1213 W. Civic Center Fr., Traverse City, MI 49686

June 12th – 14th Complexity 2026 Innovations in Weaving, Westminster, CO

Aug 12th – 16th HGA Convergence, International Conference at the Sheraton New Orleans