

BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS' GUILD
NORTHWEST OHIO



JANUARY 2026 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 next Black Swamp Spinners Guild meeting will be held on

February 10th

at the Bernina Stitchin Post
30600 Drouillard Rd F, 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](#).

Attendance: 15 members attended the January 13th meeting.

President's Report: Deb Yeagle is coordinating the retreat in February in Lorain, OH. Plan for the weekend of Feb. 28-Mar 1, 2026. Arrive by noon on Friday to go to lunch with the group. Other meals will be arranged among the attendees. There are 6 single rooms, and 6 suites, allowing for up to 12 registrants.

The Guild t-shirts will be available for \$10. You can color your t-shirt with the supplies provided by Deb. Send a message to our guild email blackswampsg@gmail.com.

Market Day: We currently have 31 paid vendors and 2 awaiting payment for a total of 42 booth spaces assigned. There is 1 booth space still available. Business cards were printed and available for members to take and hand out to potential attendees. Information on the website and next year's date were included. The vendor list has been updated on our website.

The Market Day Committee meets monthly. The next meeting Tuesday, January 20, 11:00 am, at Georgette's. Susan has been working to get our information into various publications.

Old Business:

The guild paid for wool for processing by Prospect Specialty Fiber Mill. The wool is available in 2 to 3 oz bags for members doing demos. If you need wool send a message to our guild email blackswampsg@gmail.com.

We will be selling the processed wool and t-shirts at the Market Day guild table. T-shirt are priced at \$20. Sweatshirts for \$35 will also available be available.

Demonstrations complete:

Toledo Model Autism School – Nancy and Leigh Ann led a demo spinning to 2 classes. The students sent us thank you notes.

Nancy worked with 2 girl scout troops on an arts badge. She discussed history of textiles, gave a spinning demo, and taught finger knitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Demo requests:

Otsego High School has requested a repeat of last years "stations". Nancy is coordinating this event if you are interested.

Wolcott Keeper's House (Ottawa Co. Historical Society) for Pioneer Day has requested a few members (limited space) for a Saturday afternoon in June to demonstrate spinning.

Pat Smyth's estate has donated items for sale at Market Day. All profit and unsold items will be available to members at our April meeting. There are magazines, books, tools, videos. The weaving items will be sold through the Toledo Area Weaves Guild.

The donated Spinolution spinning wheel was fixed by Pam Hammond and is in good working order. It is currently available for people to "test drive". Members can a message to our guild email blackswampsg@gmail.com it they are interested.

Thank you to Pam for excellent Nalbinding instructions. She showed hats, cowls, and other items she made with this ancient craft. She led the group in making a wristlet.

Upcoming Events:

Rustbelt Fibershed Symposium, Jan 24, 8:15-4:00 pm, 78th Street Studios, Cleveland, OH. Registration \$60 online

Wild & Wooly Fiber Expo, Saturday, February 14, 11:00 am to 4 pm, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, \$5 cash entry at the door, 50 vendors

2026 Meetings

January 13: Pam Nalbinding demo

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.

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