

BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS' GUILD
NORTHWEST OHIO



MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Officers:

President	Deb Yeagle	Vice-President	Kris Beebe
Secretary	Leigh Ann Meinecke	Treasurer (acting)	Nancy Kovacs
Newsletter	Louise Harris		

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
May 12th
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](#).

March Minutes

14 members attended the April meeting in Walbridge.

President's Report

Deb will be getting more background felt for needle felting in different colors.

BSSG is going to have our 50th anniversary next year!!!!!! How to celebrate?! Ideas were voiced for creating a gold limited edition print of a spinning wheel/logo, having a luncheon where people can bring some of their first ever projects and compare them to the skills that they have now. Also, maybe some student testimonials? Lots of reminiscing and also perhaps discussing future goals for the guild? Send ideas! Photos!

How would people like to receive the list of festivals and events?

Is emailing an updated list sufficient?

Market Day:

435 people attended Market Day 2026. A bit less than last year, but it seemed that people stayed longer.

17 people signed up for classes. There was some confusion about paying instructors which will be addressed at the next meeting.

Several members received checks for items sold at the guild table, Pat Smythe estate brought in \$208.

New Business:

- Victoria brought up Tour De Fleece event and we discussed different ideas of how to form a team and other ways to participate like on Ravelry/ facebook, etc. More information will be sent. It starts on July 4th.
- Denise brought up a fall festival booth at Wolcott but we would need to look at what fees need paid and other information.

Volunteer Events & Demonstrations:

Demo requests completed:

Otsego High School wants us to come twice a year. They want to have a second session for those students who have been with us before. It was suggested that we ask for funds to cover supplies for all types of classes no matter what school/organization.

Upcoming requests:

- A request from Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society was received - no dates have been confirmed.
- We have not heard back from Wood County about the May event.
- Early Ohio on the Portage: May 1,2, & 3 Friday is "school" day= Ruth, Denise, Nancy will cover Saturday & Sunday = Susan, Denise c. Fiber-a-thon live on zoom, streamed on Facebook, recorded on YouTube.
- Jerusalem Historical Society needs a demo for the 250th anniversary. May 27. Nancy will be getting more information in the coming week.
- Wolcott had an education meeting. Traditional camp: June 18, 9a-noon, grades 3,4,5 Fiber Day Camp: June 9,10, 11; 9a-1:00p; grades 6,7,8. They are asking Leigh Ann if she would teach a dyeing class. On that same day having introduction crochet, and cross stitch. On the 10th, spinning demo and weaving, and the 11th yarn dolls, god's eye, handkerchief cross stitch. Some of these classes will help earn girl scout badges.

Program:

About 10 people stayed and watched the 3D needle felting demonstration by Jackie Hill. She showed how to create needle felted forms and apply color wool overtop core wool. We were also shown different ways to help support the structure whether through core wire or densely felting the form. You can also use a combination of hot glue and e600 to adhere your sculpture to a base.

2026 Meetings

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 dyeing) 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.

2026 Fiber Events: for classes, yarn, demos, vendors, animals, equipment (updated 3/1/2026) Please call or write for corrections, updates or additions. Thanks, Susan
[419-324-5902](tel:419-324-5902) / caytonsj@gmail.com

May

23-24 Great Lakes Fiber Show, Wayne Co Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH

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

June

3-7 MLH Michigan League of Handweavers Workshops at N. MI University in Marquette, MI

11-14 Estes Park Wool Market, CO

12-14 Complexity 2026: Innovations in Weaving, Westminster, CO for exhibits & seminars

July

9-12 IFAM, International Folk Art Market, Sante Fe, NM at railroad yard. Fabulous!

August

12-16 HGA Convergence, International conference at the Sheraton in New Orleans for: Workshops, exhibits, tours, demos, vendors, and seminars

12-16 Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan Co. Fgrnd, Allegan MI 49010 Classes, vendors, animals

September

19-20 29th Wool Gathering, Young's Jersey Dairy Barn, Yellow Springs, OH

24-27 Sauder Village Fall Fiber Arts Retreat / Register with Deb Ridgway

26-27 N. Michigan Fiber Festival, Aplex Events Complex, 701 Woodward Ave., Alpena, MI 49707

October

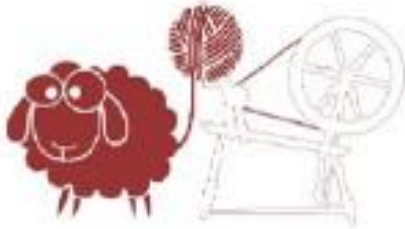
3-4 Fiber Expo. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor, MI

3-4 "Introduction to the Art of Weaving" Toledo Area Weavers Guild, caytonsj@gmail.com

11-16 SOAR, Spin-Off Autumn Retreat. Your, Pa. at Heritage Hills Resort

December

4-6 Heralding the Holidays Sale at Toledo Botanical Garden / Toledo Area Weavers Guild



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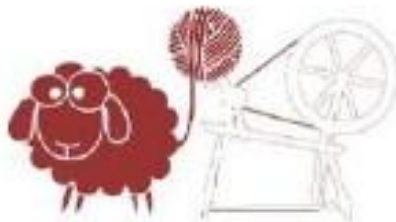
\$1 Admission / Public is Invited / Lunch available

Junior Fair Building at the
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Check out our classes and vendors at:

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