

BLACK SWAMP SPINNERS' GUILD
NORTHWEST OHIO



OCTOBER 2025 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

October 14th

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](#)

Market Day

Market Day is scheduled for March 21, 2026, 9-4 with set up on Mar 20th

Currently 19 paid vendors representing 24 booths. Leigh Ann will email vendors who had a booth in 2025 but have not contacted us yet to see if they want a booth in 2026. Louise Harris and Victoria Lowe were added as admins on the Go Daddy website. Louise looked into the cost of upgrading the site so we could do online registrations and accept payments for membership and classes. The cost is \$44.99/month (\$538.88 annually). Once you opt for the paid site you cannot revert to the free site. Also, the guild will be charged 2.7% plus \$0.30 per transaction so the cost to us for each student signing up online is \$1.38 (Example: 6 classes with 12 students each would cost \$72 in fees).

Decided: Not worth the money at this time.

Louise set up a guild email address; blackswampsg@gmail.com. At this point it is being monitored by Louise and Leigh Ann. Market Day committee members were invited to add the address to their emails, but each person needs to set it up individually. If you would like to help monitor the emails, please let Louise know and she can share the password. We are bcc each other so we know when someone has responded and we

don't duplicate the response. **Decided:** We will place the vendor contract on the GoDaddy website for vendors to download, but they still need to mail the contract to Leigh Ann with payment. We can place class sign up forms on the website, but again, they need to be downloaded and mailed to Denise.

Classes to be offered next year for Market Day include:

- Susan Cayton teaching kumihimo weaving
- Colleen Maher and Pam Hammond teaching Drop Spindle
- Deb Wilburn and Nancy Kovacs teaching beginning Spinning
- Victoria Lowe (a maybe at this time) teaching how to spin boucle' yarn
- Denise crochet rugs
- Jackie wool felting

Decided: Susan and Denise to teach 2:00–5:00pm Friday afternoon while vendors set up. Two class sessions in am 9:30a to noon and two sessions 1:00 to 3:30p. Default price for class is \$40 which should include some take home materials. Teachers are donating their time, but they are being paid for materials and labor spent securing the materials. Teachers need to let the Market Day committee know how much they need for materials. Also teachers need to get a short bio (how long you've been practicing your craft and something about what students will learn and take home with them). That needs to be to Denise as soon as possible!!!

All available members are needed to set up 9:00am to noon on Friday, March 20. Please help us by keeping your schedule clear. You are then invited to join guild members for lunch at a restaurant.

Steering Committee for Market Day 2026 includes

- Ruth Hasselman and Leigh Ann Meinecke (co chairs).
- Leigh Ann vendor coordinator
- Ruth coordinator for door prizes and scout help
- Denise Carter coordinator for classes and guild table
- Louise Harris coordinator for website information, responding to emails
- Susan Cayton handling publicity
- Victoria Lowe

Next meeting to be determined Oct 20 11:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The wool we had processed is now back and it is beautiful! We have 3 colors: gray; brown, and light brown. The wool will be used for guild demos and for teaching. The slivers for spinning currently lives in 5 totes in Leigh Ann's basement and the fiber for felting is at Deb Yeagle's. Leigh Ann is dividing the spinning fiber up into 4 oz bags for teaching and for selling.

2. The federal grant requested by Wolcott House from the Ohio Arts Council was denied. Still working on other grant possibilities.

3. Demo requests completed:

Wolcott House (Contact: Ruth) June 26, 9:00 to 3:00 Thursday fiber day. Demo of big loom in the house, 2 table top looms, spinning, and sewing. Louise taught spinning on a wheel, Ruth showed the big loom had a table top loom for the kids to try. Susan taught drop spindle and Denise led a hands-on session making pot holders on small looms.

Nancy did a demo at the Oregon Library on Tuesday, Sept. 7th

4. Summer gatherings:

Guild members met on July 8th at Deb's house and did some needle felting. Thanks, Deb, for leading this.

August 5th was held at Jackie's with a Potluck and time to spin (or craft).

Sept. 7th, there was a fresh Indigo Dye party at Leigh Ann's. We picked your own indigo and dyed a scarf with the salt extraction method or yarn with the blender method. 8 people attended.

Sept. 12th there was an Eco-printing workshop at Behind the Pines. 5 people attended.

Sept. 13th there was a Dye the Rainbow workshop at Behind the Pines, 6 people attended

NEW BUSINESS:

Demo requests:

Otsego High School planned for October 15th. 4 students. Can use library space this time. Contact Nancy if you are interested. Possible activities include spinning (Nancy), sewing (Ruth), weaving pot holders (Denise), and felted balls (Jackie)

Carter Farms Heritage Festival, Oct 4th. Spinning demo

November: request from Girl Scout group meeting at Genoa Library. Will send email about this.

Meeting Program ideas:

A few members offered ideas for programs they could lead. No final decisions made. Ideas include:

Feb Retreat; July felting at Deb's; August Sit & Spin at Jackie's; Andean plying (Susan), Jackie (felting), Pam (drop spindle).

Miscellaneous:

Louise raised questions about publishing our minutes on the guild's website where the public can access sensitive information. She would like the minutes to be behind the members only access button which requires a password and can be accessed by members in good standing.

Decided: We do want people to know what activities we are involved in, however our full minutes do not need to be made available on the website. The minutes should be simply delivered to member's inboxes.

Any information published in the newsletter and on the website should only include information people have agreed to share. Leadership emails and/or phone numbers do not belong here. Please use only the guild email address for publicity purposes.

Meeting Location:

October 14, 2025 at the Bernina Stitchin Post, Walbridge, OH, 11:00 am – 2 PM

Decided: Continue to meet here for the months of Oct, Nov, and Jan thru May. December (Celebration) meeting will be at Susie's Skillet (down the street.)

Concern expressed over length of meeting. Discussion about how to keep it to an hour.

Decided: Have an agenda for the meeting. Nancy and Leigh Ann will make this happen.

Guild Equipment

- There are 2 blending boards and 2 Cooking pans (for dying) available for members to use.

BSSG Meeting Schedule (unless notified of a cancelation)

2025

October 14

November 11

December 9 Christmas Celebration

2026

January 13

February 10

March 10

March 20 & 21 MARKET DAY

April 14

May 12

June 9

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 nakmt@amplex.net as soon as possible to get new 2025 contracts signed.

Volunteers on Market Day are 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. If you want to help and cannot attend a regularly scheduled guild meeting, please contact a Guild Officer, and let them know you can help.



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