

# THE GOSSIP WHEEL

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## ZUMBRO RIVER FIBER ARTS GUILD

February, 2017



*February 22, 2017*

*9:00 AM-3:00 PM*

*Oronoco Community Center*

We didn't get to do it last month, so we're trying it again on February 22: **Our Annual All-Day Fiber-In!** The business meeting will be held at 1 p.m. There may/may not be a table set aside for people who want to learn how to make peace cranes and/or temari balls. Details are yet to be determined. Anyway, bring something you can work on and have yourself a day of fiber fun. Also, **bring your own lunch!** Coffee/tea makings available, as usual.



**Attic Yarn Sale** items are welcome, too, of course. Items for sale should be marked with the owner's name and the price. **Weavers' Study Group** members are welcome to meet as they wish.

**Treats: Sue Eggenberger and Sally Bystrom.** (Ray Phelps Bowman and Darrel Waters, you were on for treats in January, so if you still want to bring something, feel free to add to the buffet—this is an invitation and not an expectation.)

**Wednesday, March 22, 1:00 PM, Oronoco Community Center.** The topic will be "Reenactment Costume Design/Construction". Treats, Mary Wulf and Marit Lomen.

Did you know? Ads in the newsletter are free to guild members.  
See Sara Pruett's for sale ad below!

***Treat List and Proposed Meeting Topics 2017 (Note: Still looking for July treats)***

April 26—Drop Spindle Weaving How-To; Treats, Judy Stevens and Ruth Jacobsen

May—Field Trip

June 28—Color Trends Talk by Ginny's Fabrics; Treats, Leslie Hall

July 26—Explore Slow Stitch Movement; Treats ??

August—Dyepot at Lands Church; Potluck

September 27—Hand Embroidery Presentation; Treats, Laurice Jahnsen and Carolyn Barsness

October 25—Saori Weaving and Color Challenge; Treats, Sue Kahle and Sara Pruett

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**Floor loom for sale, \$800.00**

The Leclerc Nilus, 27 inch, low castle floor loom. Excellent condition.

A sturdy 4-shaft, six treadle, jack-type loom with wire heddles. Folds to a depth of 25 inches, with an independent shaft ideal to weave any type of fiber.

One of the most popular Leclerc floor looms.

Friction brake. Removable front and back breastbeam.

Still being manufactured by the Canadian Leclerc company.

Current price for a new Nilus is \$2865.00.

Local delivery possible.

Price includes numerous extras:

4 boat shuttles ( ~\$120.00 new)

many flat shuttles

bobbins

10 and 12 dent reeds (~\$150.00 new)

bench (needs work)

bobbin winder (~\$115.00 new)

lease sticks

many how-to books and patterns

miscellaneous others

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***Upcoming Events (Send your event news to [coleenlou@gmail.com](mailto:coleenlou@gmail.com))***

**February 28, March 7 and 14 (evenings):** Nancy Ellison will be teaching an inkle loom class at crossings in Zumbrota. Also, on **April 22**, she will be teaching an introduction to weaving class at Assisi Heights. For more information, contact Nancy at 507-732-5281.

**March 3-5, 2017:** Weekend Spinning Retreat, Newton, Iowa. All are invited to join in this relaxing spinning weekend. For more information, check the website [spininiowa.com](http://spininiowa.com).

**March 8-12, 2017:** Fiber Art; Creating Ties that Bind: Textile Center in Minneapolis will hold five days of events, workshops & activities. This series of events is designed to spark conversation, inspiration, and learning. Check it out at [textilecentermn.org](http://textilecentermn.org).

**March 3-7, 2017:** Guest instructor Leuko Uchiyama will be instructing two different workshops on felt making at the Textile Center.

**April 22, 2017:** The 16th annual world's largest textile garage sale at the Textile Center of Minnesota on Saturday, 9-4, admission \$2. Bring your own bag. Are you an artist, crafter, guild or just love a bargain? Individuals and businesses donate fabric, yarn, thread, notions, kits, patterns, magazines, books, beads, buttons, sewing machines, tools, looms, and specialty equipment. These treasures are the resold at garage sale prices to you. It all benefits the Textile Center.

**May 12-14, 2017:** Shepherd's Harvest. <https://shepherdsharvestfestival.org/>

***Sett in My Ways***

As I write this, Valentine's Day is just a few days away. It's the day Cupid shoots that arrow your way and love hits you in all its mysterious wonder. This, of course, is meant to be all about romance between two people, or possibly two dogs, if you're one of those people who read things into dogs' expressions. Cats, too, possibly. Anyway, without going through the catalogue of species, suffice it to say that on February 14, we turn our thoughts to love. And so, I'm wondering, what do you love about fiber arts? What project/color/fiber/etc. holds the mysterious joy for you when you start a new project or, better yet, finish one? Email me and let me know what warms your fibery heart: [coleenlou@gmail.com](mailto:coleenlou@gmail.com). I'll put your replies in next month's newsletter.

I've considered this question a bit as I've been warping my new loom. Yes, folks, I have finished warping my new/old Kessenich and am ready to weave, so I've decided that one thing I love is having that task finished. But I also really loved threading the reed and the heddles again, a task I haven't done for close to 20 years. I put on 12 yards of warp, and so I may not get to love this task again for another 20 years. Who knows? Maybe Cupid? I had a nice feeling of accomplishment at still being able to do what used to be everyday tasks for me without having to have a book in front of me at all times. It's the little things, as they say.

--Coleen Johnston

An older gentleman is dispersing his hobby of tuning and repairing (playing with) the 221 Featherweight. These machines were manufactured between 1933-1969. These machines were very well made precision machines. All are tuned up with all accessories included. There are also several 222 Featherweights which are open armed, Please contact Carolyn Barsness, [crbarsness@aol.com](mailto:crbarsness@aol.com) or [507 269 7074](tel:5072697074).

**Newsletter:** Contact Coleen Johnston if you have news you would like to share in the newsletter.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1656219207971338/>

Meeting Site and Time: Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of most months (a combined November/December meeting is held the first Wednesday in December, for example). All meetings are in the Oronoco Community Center, 115 2nd Street N.W, Oronoco, MN, 55960, lower level, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$20 per year. New members are always welcome!