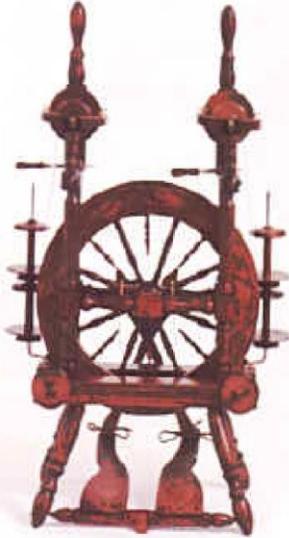


THE GOSSIP WHEEL

ZUMBRO RIVER FIBER ARTS GUILD

July, 2016



July 27, 2016: Dye Garden Tour

12:00 Noon, Olmsted County History Center.

We'll be brown-bagging it at noon for our July meeting. Please bring a box lunch for yourself if you wish, or just come to hear Leslie Hall present a power point on how she dyes her scarves. After a short business meeting, we will tour the dye garden. The medicinal garden, pond garden and the Channel One Community

Garden will also be open to those who choose to visit them. Looking for something to do on a nice summer's day? Come! And why not bring a guest?

August Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2016. We will meet at Everson Park next to Lands Lutheran Church (one mile west of Zumbrota on Hwy. 60) for a potluck and dye session starting at noon. Please bring a dish to share, along with your own plate and utensils. If you bring a dish that requires a serving spoon or knife, etc., please bring that, too. We have so many wonderful cooks/bakers, and this is a chance for us all to enjoy that. The dye session will be led by Leslie Hall and Norrie MacIlraith. Leslie has forwarded the following information about it:

Norrie MacIlraith and I took a class in dyeing with mushrooms this spring at the Textile Center. The instructor, Alissa Allen, graciously gave us the exhaust dye pot we used to dye silk scarves. It was from the fungus known as the "dog turd" or "dead man's fist" mushroom (see picture). Its Latin name is Pisoliths tinctorius. It is found in this area, and I have seen it but never gathered it. Now that I know it is a dye mushroom I will! Because this is an exhaust dye bath, we are limited in the amount of fiber we can dye, also it only dyes silk. If you are interested in purchasing a patterned

*silk/rayon scarf, let Carolyn know and I will order it for you. It will be \$10.
(Mushroom is shown below.)*



The other “dye” method we will be sharing is “discharge” dyeing. We will use bleach (Soft scrub, bleach pens, etc.) to create patterns on fabric or t-shirts. Blacks are usually an “overdye” on a previous failed dye process, while you usually get oranges, other colors may be seen. You just never know! Since we are using household bleach, we will only dye cotton. Please bring a dark cotton t-shirt or piece of cotton fabric (batiks work well). We will bring stencils and miscellaneous other things (including pipes) to create resists.



(This photo is from the Web)

From the President

At the June meeting, many shared their treasured items before the rain decided to pour down on us. I was very happy to host the June meeting at our cabin. It was a full cabin, with many sharing their heritage treasures. Many interesting stories were shared with clothing and weavings from a past generation. Careful and beautiful construction was an element seen in the construction. Quilts, rugs, baptism gowns, and other clothing were shared as was their interesting history. I believe I can speak for everyone that it was an enjoyable evening of sharing.

–Carolyn Barsness

Editor's Note: I received this note from Carolyn along with her column:

“I just returned from a couple of days in Shipshewana, Indiana. We went to celebrate a big birthday of mine. Lovely place well known for all the Amish crafts etc.”

On behalf of everyone in the guild, I send you all good wishes for the coming year and a belated “Happy Birthday”, along with a thank you for opening your cabin to the group for the June meeting. I’m one of those who missed out because of the weather, but I know it must have been fun. Good job all ‘round, Carolyn!



Join Our New Facebook Group

If you haven't joined the guild's Facebook page yet, you just need to click on the 'join group' button in the header and then either Jonya Pacey or Laurice Johnson will be notified to accept you into the group. You'll then receive notice that you are in. So easy! Here is a link to the page, but also it can be found by searching for Zumbro River Fiber Arts Guild: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1656219207971338/>. Questions? Please let Jonya or Laurice know how they can help.





1st Annual WOOL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 7th 10-4pm UM/Metro area!

THE RESEARCH IS COMPLETED! Application of the research regarding the emerging consumer driven market for local, natural, sustainable fiber will be provided during the conference for all small and large sheep farmers, fiber business and wool advocates! This market provides an opportunity for increasing revenues of all players.

Learn more at the conference and the next two days, for a 2 day self driving SHEEP & FIBER FARM TOUR near the Metro area! ~ tour of farms, fiber animals, yarns, roving, pelts, lamb FOOD TRUCK, the famous FARIBAULT WOOLEN MILL~their beautiful woolen products and a conservation workshop on how the sheep/wool contribute to the planet we want to live on and the one we want to leave behind. **MORE DETAILS COMING!**

THE COMPLETED AND A SUMMARY OF AUSTIN'S RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE AT THE NATURAL FIBER WEB SITE under Research: Please allow time for the download of the full report/research to be completed. Thank you!
<http://www.naturalfiberalliance.com>

Upcoming Events of Interest (Submitted by Members)

National Exhibition of Folk Art in the Norwegian Tradition , Vesterheim, Decorah, IA, June9-July30

Olmsted County Fair -- Rochester, MN, July25-31. Entry day is Friday, July 22. Please consider

entering your weaving, knitting, spinning, felting or crochet project and make the fair a fun place to visit

Olmsted County History Center, Days of Yesteryear – Aug 13 & 14 (spinners are welcome)

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds – Sept 8-11.

www.wisconsinwheepandwoolfestival.com

Art Splash, Zumbrota, Saturday September 17, 10:00-4:00 p.m. See Marit Lomen to participate.

www.zaac.org/art-2/art_splash

North Country Fiber Fair, Watertown, SD – 3rd weekend in Sept., www.NorthCountryFiberFair.org

North Star Farm Tour – Oct 1 & 2, www.northstarfarmtour.com

Fosston Fiber Festival –First full weekend in October, www.fosstonfiberfestival.com

Upper Midwest Fall Festival – Hopkins, MN, Nov. 5, www.fallfiberfestival.com

Vogue Knitting LIVE, Minneapolis Convention Center, Nov. 4-6, www.vogueknittinglive.com

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Minutes May 25, 2016

President Carolyn Barsness opened the session by welcoming visitors.

So that our guest speaker could leave in a timely manner, we had our program before the meeting. Deb Landsdown gave many ideas for organizing our yarn/fabric/craft supplies. We should look at one area at a time, start with the worst section and focus on it until completed before moving onto another area.

Following the presentation visitors were introduced. Carolyn went over membership guidelines and fees.

No treasurer's report was given. The minutes were sent with the newsletter for all to see.

Jan Hagedorn talked about the chemo cap sizes, yarns and patterns. There is a need for more caps and yarn is available for those who wish to make them.

Jan also reported on the event at the Rochester Library when people from the Somali community in the Twin Cities put on a program. The Somali demonstrated their method of weaving to all who attended and helped them do a small project. They also had items for sale. Forty-two people attended.

Jonya Pacey gave us an update on the Facebook page and asked for suggestions. She is also updating the website.

We've received two videos about the making and history of the Japanese kimono from the store/museum in Wabasha. They will be in our library for check-out.

There were lots of opportunities for tours and art shows coming up. They will be listed in our newsletter and on the website. The Olmsted County History Museum will be looking for demonstrators in July and August for special events there.

Our June meeting will be at the home of Carolyn Barsness at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be vintage textiles. Be sure to bring your favorite things for show and tell.

Lots of interesting items were shown during our show and tell session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Simon, Secretary

2016 Meeting Calendar

August 24: Annual Dye Pot and Picnic

September 28: Video and Election of Officers

Oct 26: Your Favorite Tools

Treat Volunteers

August, Potluck (no additional treats needed, so much good food always there!):
September, Elizabeth Bourman, Loren Bushman, and Chris LaPlante.

Newsletter: Contact Coleen Johnston if you have news you would like to share in the newsletter.
coleenlou@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.zumbroriverfiberartsguild.com/>

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!