



CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

Chimneyville Weavers Guild Newsletter

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Convergence Report. Convergence was wonderful. The whole city was full with weaving activities, there wasn't a gallery left unturned. I took two terrific advance weaving seminars from Marjorie O'Shannaussy, and "Fantasy into Clothing" from Victoria Robinowe who is my new heroine. She is, inccidentally a friend of Peg McNair so I thouroughly enjoyed meeting her. My workshop was on finishes -- I've already started applying those. What I liked the most about the meeting was the diversity of the group and the attitude of the weavers, always trying something new or learning some new technique. The HGA people were excited that Mississippi was finally on the map. Our piece was too big to hang, but it was shown on the floor. The HGA exhibit was remarkable in its diversity, although I really enjoyed the fact that two people independently wove cradles! See you in Dallas in '84 and in Toronto in '86! Marcy Petrini

Jamboree Report. Chimneyville Weavers were well represented -- Winki had an individual booth, and Nancy, Cile and Kim did a great job of tending the Guild booth. Marcy, Bobbie and our newest member, Vicky Walker, spent their time demonstrating. Quite a few items were sold -- if you still owe commissions, please give your 5% guild commission to Marcy and pay the portion due to the Ms. Craftsman's Guild directly to Mary Nichols at Chimneyville.

Treasurer's Report. The balance of 6/8/82 was \$ 153.58. From the Greenwood Trip the Guild received \$ 10. (This is 5%; the remaining paid attendees' expenses and a small honorarium of \$5.50 per day!). From the Craft Sampler, the Guild received 5% or \$2.50. All out of town attendees received reinvursement for gas, except for Winki Allen (who said that she was in town to teach anyway). After paying these attendees, there was \$12.50 left which goes to the treasury since Winki Allen willed her share of gas to the Guild. Thus the new balance is \$178.58. Still outstanding is the bill for returning our Convergence piece to Mississippi which Gary McNair did. There are a lot of commissions out there.... remember it's your Karma.

Children's Sampler. Martha sent us a letter , a copy of which is enclosed. Certainly is nice to be appreciated!

Alabama Workshop. Around Sept. 1, you will receive information from the Handweavers and Fiber Arts Guild of Huntsville concerning a workshop they are co-sponsoring with the University of Alabama. They asked us to pass along some preliminary information: "... a loom weaving workshop for intermediate and advance weavers. Subject: mixed warps: a designers approach to working with a medley of yarns. Conducted by Nell Znamierowski...". The workshop will be held Oct. 22, 23, 24, 1982 in Huntsville, Ala. Fees for non-Huntsville Guild members are \$80-- workshop limited to 40 people. The local guild will try to find accommodations for all out-of town people, but if you are planning to go sign early, since with the crowd they are expecting (40 is the limit) they may run out of free accommodations. The definition of intermediate is anyone familiar with the weaves they will be using, Summer and Winter, Crackle and Overshot.

Meridian Show. September is almost here! For those desiring to send things from the Jackson area, you may bring your work to Dianne's house by noon on August 25. Pieces received by that time will be packed and shipped at the Guild expenses. Items not included in this shipment should be sent directly to Jusy Rayner by August 27. All items must be tagged with the enclosed forms -- Winki suggests that the lower portions should be cut and attached to the weavings...top half should be included for inventory purposes in Meridian, and it is most advisable that weavers make an additional copy for their own records. Call Dianne at 956-7660 if you have any questions.

Nominating Committee. Winki and Cile have volunteered to be the nominating committee for the 1983 slate of officers. In September they will be presenting a report. Concerning nominations ---HELP!!!! If Chimneyville Weavers Guild is to survive, we need you. If you are interested in holding a particular office or in having someone's name placed in nomination, please contact Cile or Winki. Remember...no job, office, or position is unimportant. Please carefully consider how you can best serve the guild and contribute to its growth.

HGA Award. Because Mississippi has finally made it to the HGA map, Marcy Petrini, as HGA representative has been trying to get an HGA award instituted to Mississippi. What this entails is cooperation with the Fair Commission; what this would mean to us, if we got it, is that the winners would get their work shown in Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot and receive free membership to HGA. The folks at the State Fair Commission are actually willing to do this, but what they need is proof that there is enough weaving in the state for them to go to the trouble of applying for it. The only proof they can use is what gets shown at the State Fair. Now, I agree that they need proof, but that's where the problem is. You may remember that, prior to last year, there wasn't even a way that weaving could actually be entered in the State Fair. Last year, the entries that were selected (and I'm not sure how they were arrived at) were: set of placemats, and large items. There was not a good showing of woven items at the state Fair. Unfortunately, it's too late this year to do anything about it, since any change should have been done last winter, but next year I know what to do, now, to get it changed. However, IF WE DON'T GET A GOOD SHOWING AT THE STATE FAIR THIS YEAR, THE HGA AWARD WILL BE TABLED maybe forever. Since anything is a large item, there is no reason for people not to bring their things, either to the Fair or to their county rep. Besides weaving categories, we can also enter under toys and bags. The first step is to request a premium book at:
Premium Book P.O. Box 892 Jackson, Ms. 39205 961-4000
we'll talk about this at the next meeting.

Future Meetings.

September. Our regular meeting will be at Chimneyville on Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch-- dessert and drinks will be provided. PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE -- we have many, many things to discuss... see attached agenda.

October. A busy month! We will have the State Fair, our regular meeting at Chimneyville, the cotton demonstration at the Trace (maybe?).... and October is weaving month, October 4-10 (buy a t-shirt, see below). Also there is a meeting in Arrowmont, Oct. 6-9, see below..

November. Show at the Medical Center; regular meeting at Chimneyville.

Welcome New Member. Vicki Walker
Rt #2, Box 224-W
Raymond, MS. 39154
857-2230 (home)
354-4760, ext. 558 (work)

Keep in Touch. Marcy visited with Virginia Salisbury at Convergence. Virginia sends her love....her current address is 1352 Seacoast Dr. , Imperial Beach, Ca. 92032.

Arrowmont. You should have received information about the meeting at Arrowmont in the Craftsman Guild of Ms. Newsletter, which goes to all members as well as friends (if you didn't get one, why aren't you at least a friend?). If anyone is interested in going, or would like more information, please contact Bobbie Jean Long at 939-1680.

Intermediate Weaving Class. Marcy Petrini is working with Dan Overly on the possibility of offering an intermediate weaving workshop. Hopefully this eventually will become part 2 of her beginning weaving class, but for the first time would be offered as a workshop, so that it would be on weekends. The scope of the class is to learn advanced block weaves and how to use them in planning a weaving; samples will be woven of all the different weaves as well as to learn drafting and fabric analysis. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Marcy at 987-5573 (day); tentative class description will be available at the September meeting, although for this one, the specific needs of the class members will be used as a guideline.

Notices.

For sale: The Weaving and Spinning Council is selling t-shirts for Weaving and Spinning Week. Enclosed is an order form.

For sale: Clean wool fleeces for the handspinner. For information contact Marty Fisher 21568 Uncompahgre Rd. Montrose, Co. 81401. 303-249-7325. Registered Rambouillet -64's Australian Cormo -70's-90's; fleeces 8-12 lbs.

For sale: Loom \$225 Contact Jan Ferris, Rt. 1, Box 179, Vicksburg, Ms. 39180 ; 636-7325.

For Sale: table loom, Schacht, 4 Harnesses, \$100; contact Winki Allen P.O. Box 4474, WS Meridian, Ms. 39301

Wanted to Buy: Loom for weaving rag placemats -- contact Francine Stelcup 939-1985.

Agenda for September:

1. Meridian Show -- Judy, Winki
car pool to Meridian to see the show?
2. HGA Award
3. Mississippi State Fair
4. Cotton weaving at the Trace
5. Medical Center Show
6. Nominating Committee
7. Christmans Fashion Show
8. Future programs - Cross Country Weavers

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