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JANUARY 1984 NEWSLETTER

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

NEW OFFICERS. Congratulations to our new officers. In case you don't know they are: Dianne Davidson, Director; Amy Evans, Assist. Director; Marcy Petrini, Sec't; Vicky Walker, Treasurer; Winki Allen, Liason to the Craftsman Guild of Miss. These people are your board; they will meet prior to the general meeting; these meetings are open to all CWG members. If you have suggestions, complains, ideas, etc., and don't want to attend these meetings, please contact any one of your officers.

THANK YOU. All of the CWG members would like to thank the outgoing officers for keeping us together during a though year. A special thanks goes to Winki Allen, past Director, a thank you for every mile Winki has driven for the Guild this past year.

DUES. With the new year, the dues are due and payable as of January. (If your joined in the last couple of months, you have already paid your 1984 dues). You can either pay them at the January meeting or mail them to Vicky Walker (355-3089) before February 1. We don't want to be inflexible, but we have to have a deadline for the 1984 directory. All paid members will be included in the directory which will be available to all members at the February meeting. If, for some reason, you can't pay the dues on time, contact Vicky. Dues are \$15, \$3 of which is to pay postage for the newsletter. This year, more than ever, you'll want to join (see below).

PROGRAMS TO COME. Amy Evans reports that there are several programs already in the making; besides our January program (see below) we have: swatch swap, Cross Country Weavers Samples, how to price your handwovens, how to photograph your work, slides on different kind of weaving from HGA...If you have any ideas of programs you'd like to see, you'd like to offer, or you'd like to volunteer someone for, call Amy at 981-0162.

SWATCH SWAP. Four more people signed up for the swatch swap: Judy Rayner, Kim Whitt, Gale Ray and Judy Foster. Previously the following people had signed up: Amy Evans, Dianne Davidson, Vicky Walker, Winki Allen, Nancy Keyes and Marcy Petrini. The dateline to sign up will be the January meeting to give new members a chance to participate. In the next newsletter there will be a total number of samples to be woven by each weaver. Please call Amy (981-0162) for more information, to sign up or if you think that we've made a mistake. (For those who don't know: each participant weaves samples for all participants plus the Guild notebook. The sample choice is totally up to the weaver who should provide information about the fiber, the weave, the sett and any other pertinent hint).

WOOL FLEECES. Judy Rayner has provided us with a price list from the Martin's Point Farm Spinning Wool. Anyone who would like a copy of the list can obtain it from Marcy. (957-1423).

JANUARY MEETING. Saturday 21 at Chimneyville.

- 9:30 Board meeting.
- 10:30 General meeting.
- 11:30 Show and Tell (see below).
- 12:00 Lunch and social hour (see below).
- 1:30 Slide Show: The Chimneyville Weavers Guild, Past and Future
 - 1) Members Shows by Winki Allen
 - 2) Miss. Gulf Coast to Conv. '82 by Marcy Petrini.

SHOW AND TELL. Starting from the January 21 meeting, we will have a formal show and tell. Here is the procedure to participate. Bring ONE item that you've woven recently (the more recent the better). Place it on the table provided. Give Marcy the necessary information on a 3 x 5 card (or other small piece of paper). At 11:30 each piece and its weaver will be introduced with the appropriate information. We want everyone to have the opportunity to see each piece without spending too much time on details. The piece goes back to the table where, after the show and tell, it can be further admired and where more detailed questions will be answered by the weaver. The information can be then published in our newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON. A membership drive will be launched in January. Everyone can and must participate to make it a success. This is what you can do:

- 1) Send Marcy a list of weavers who don't currently belong to CWC, new weavers, closet weavers or ex-members. Please send the list before January 7. An invitation to the January meeting will be sent. (It's best to send it my mail than to call because Marcy will be gone for 3 weeks at Christmas and she'll mail the invitations immediately after she gets back).
- 2) Closer to the meeting date, follow up the invitation by calling people on your list to find out whether they received the invitation (your sec't would never make a mistake, but you'd never know about the mailman), whether they are planning on coming, how wonderful we are, etc.
- 3) On January 21 bring a dish to share for the luncheon, a piece for the show and tell, and a friend.

You will also receive an invitation to remind you to come and to call your friends. At the meeting we will have copies of the newsletter to catch new members up with the happenings, copies of membership forms (you didn't know they existed?) and copies of our info sheet. Vicky will be ready to collect dues and Marcy will be at hand to collect membership forms. We are a small group, but we have done an incredible number of things for our size. We have the potential to grow and we must do so, otherwise there won't be much reason to exist. Please make an effort to recruit people. We have a wonderful year ahead.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY WEAVING!

THE CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS GUILD

invites you to

A NEW YEAR LUNCHEON AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 1984

10:30 Business meeting
11:30 Show and Tell of Handwovens
12:00 Luncheon and Social Hour
1:30 Program: Slides Shows:

1. "THE CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS GUILD PAST SHOWS" by Winki Allen
2. "THE MAKING OF A CONVERGENCE PIECE" by Marcy Petrini

You are invited to all or any part. We hope you can attend.

Dear weaver (or friend),

This luncheon is a celebration for the Chimneyville Weavers Guild as we look at the past and we plan for the future.

We are inviting all our friends, Mississippi weavers from other Guilds, and prospective members! If you are a new weaver, a closet weaver or an ex-member, we'd like you to get acquainted or re-acquainted. Of course we'd like you to join us for the rest of the year, and we'll have membership forms at hand. But there is no obligation whatsoever. Even if you are a non-joiner, we'd like to meet you and see some of your work. If you are busy and think that you won't be able to be very active, you are still welcomed to join: just coming to the meetings to share your ideas will be appreciated by everyone.

We are a small group and we have done a lot; we have also had problems in the past. One of the problems has been - and still is - distance. It's not likely that we can do much about that. But we are trying to overcome the others by growing and by having more weaving programs. This year we plan to have a weaving program with every meeting plus a big year project.

The January meeting will be a look at the past, as well as a social occasion. Winki Allen will show slides from our past shows. I will show slides about the "Mississippi Gulf Coast" piece which was shown at Convergence '82.

And everyone should participate in the Show and Tell! Please plan to come, bring a piece of weaving, a friend perhaps; come for a short while if you can't stay for the whole time. We are looking forward meeting you, seeing you again and perhaps having you join us.

Sincerely,



Marcy Petrini

Secretary, Chimneyville Weavers Guild