



## CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

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### FEBRUARY 1984 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR. March 17: Regular meeting at Chimneyville; program: HGA slide kit on Double Weave.  
April 21: Regular meeting at Chimneyville; program : panel on "How to Price Your Handwoven."  
May: Guild Show at Chimneyville  
Swatch Swap  
June: Convergence '84 in Dallas  
August: Workshop?  
September: Guild Show in Meridian; Cross Country Weavers Notebooks for program  
October: HGA Award at the Mississippi State Fair  
meeting program: "how to photograph your work."  
November: Elections  
December: Crowning of new officers.  
You won't be bored! Read on for details!

JANUARY MEETING. The January meeting was a smashing success. We saw lots of new people who hopefully will join. The food was great and it was fun looking at all those wonderful slides of our past accomplishments. And the Show and Tell!...more on that later.

NEW MEMBERS. Welcome to our official new members: Mary Cobb, Elizabeth Dice, and Kate Patterson.

SHOW AND TELL. The spread of beautiful handwovens alone was worth the January meeting. Winki Allen brought a wrap jacket of hand-dyed cotton that she wove, in addition to a beautiful wool bedspread from Wales; Mary Cobb brought a pillow, wool scarfs and table runners of cotton and wool. Amy Evans had a mohair shawl; Judy Foster had 2 table runners, one a rag weave, the other a linen and rayon warp with Haitian cotton weft. A wool scarf came from Shelley Leichter and a wall hanging in cotton and acrylic from Sarah Meyers. Cynthia Pace came with two rug samplers, one with sumac and shag and the other with the kilim techniques. Vicky Walker brought linen and wool alter cloth, banner and book mark done in Summer and Winter with silk cross-stitch embroidery; Margaret Williard had a blue pillow in cotton and a wool scarf; Margaret also said that she has translated Marcy's "DRAFT" program (See summer 1983 SS&D) into AppleSoft, if anyone would like a copy. And finally Dianne Davidson brought pictures of Virginia Salisbury's current work (Virginia was our first Director who abandoned us for California). This of course does not do justice to all the beautiful pieces, but it's simply a

list to wet your appetite and to remind you that it's worth coming to meetings. Show and Tell will occur every meeting, so please bring one item to share.

**FEBRUARY MEETING.** It has been postponed mostly because the Craftsman Guild of Mississippi has its annual meeting in February. All members of the CWG who are also members of the Craftsman Guild, please attend (information on that should be coming soon). And there is too much else going on for us to meet. Instead, plan a date with your loom so that you can have something ready for our new show in May.

**DUES.** Because the Feb. meeting has been postponed, the last day to pay dues has also been postponed, to March 1. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so by sending them to our treasurer Vicky Walker 624 Ellis Ave. E14 Jax 39209. This is the last newsletter to reach you if you don't pay your dues. (Dues from people who joined November '83 or later are considered to be 1984). Directories will be ready by the March meeting with the list of all paid members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** And speaking of money, Vicky reports that our total balance as of the January meeting is \$190.61, that is after expenses incurred of \$64.25 for postage, plastic-ware for the meeting and gift subscription. Vicky would like to remind everyone that you MUST have a receipt in order to be reimbursed for Guild expenses.

**NEW LIBRARIAN.** Congratulations to Nancy Keyes who has been appointed librarian for the Guild; Nancy will keep a scrapbook, so if you have any news, news-clippings about the Guild or its members, please send them to Nancy Rt #1, Box 335-B Bailey, Ms. 39320.

**MAY SHOW.** The Chimneyville Weavers Guild will have its first show in Jackson! It will be in May, in the Janet Redmond Gallery, at the Chimneyville School of Craft and Design. Dan Overly, Director of the School invited us. All members of the Guild are welcomed to participate (of course all pieces are juried prior to the show, as usual). Pieces can be for sale, if desired. Details about when to deliver or send pieces, opening night, etc. will come later. But start weaving now!

**MEMBERSHIP.** The board voted on the following additions to memberships. A Friend membership is \$5/year and entitles the member to the newsletter; this is for people who are not weavers who may like to know what we are doing, or are weavers who are too far away to come to meetings; basically the \$5 pays for postage for the newsletter. A Patron membership is \$25 or more/year and entitles the member to the newsletter and to a 10% discount on Guild workshops (that is, Chimneyville Weavers Guild workshops, not Craftsman Guild or Chimneyville School workshops); this membership is basically to support our Guild.

**SWATCH SWAP.** The January meeting was the deadline to sign up for

the Swatch Swap. Samples are due at the May meeting. The following additional people signed up in January: Michelle Burns, Cynthia Pace and Margaret Williard. This makes the total number of participants 13. Thus each weaver should weave 14 swatches, one for each participant, plus one for the Guild.

WORKSHOP IN AUGUST. We have the possibility of having a CWG-sponsored workshop in August, if there is interest. We already have an instructor in mind, a versatile teacher who could cover several topics, depending on the interest of those involved. The question is whether there is enough interest in the membership. The cost to CWG members would be minimal, others would pay a regular fee. We are pretty sure that we could borrow Chimneyville looms and space. Please think about this seriously. Several people are going to Convergence and may not be interested. On the other hand, lots of people aren't going, and it's nice to get some fresh ideas at least once a year. We will have to make arrangements soon, so please drop Marcy a note if you think that you may be interested.

SLIDE SHOW. Dianne Davidson has asked for volunteers for all aspects of this project. To remind you, we will compile this year a slide show that depicts the steps involved in weaving, spinning and dyeing. The slide show will then be available to Guild members when they give talks, lessons, etc. You can participate in one or more of three ways: if you already have slides of any aspect of the process, please send them to Dianne (1231 Ferncrest Dr. Jax 39211), so that she can inventory them. If you are interested in helping with the script, please contact Dianne immediately (956-7660) since she will be setting up a committee meeting soon; her plan is to divide the script in manageable chunks so that the third part can take place more easily, namely the taking of the pictures. If you are interested in this aspect of the project, also let Dianne know. There are two ways of approaching this. One is for a person to take a topic, like carding, and work alone or with others, independently and produce slides to accompany the script. The other is for the rest of the group to get together and "fill in the holes" of the missing slides. So, let Dianne know what you'd like to do.

HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF AMERICA. The board voted to have our Guild join HGA again. Marcy reminded everyone at the meeting that the HGA membership drive is in progress; she would appreciate if anyone who joins HGA, would write her name at the bottom left hand corner of the membership application blank. This way the state and your representative get credit for the membership. Marcy also has applications for the show at Convergence for the 12x12 wall hanging. It appears that the Alabama weavers found the bus too expensive to rent for Convergence. If you would like any information about HGA and Convergence, please contact Marcy. Remember that registration has been going on for a month, and all the best seminars are the first to fill up!

CONVERGENCE '82 PIECE. It was voted at the January meeting to donate "Mississippi Gulf Coast" to the Craftsman Guild of

Mississippi for the March auction. This is necessary as we have no place of our own to hang it and it's too big for a living-room type space. Anyone who knows of a potential buyer for the piece, please advice them of the CGM auction.

MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET. These were passed out at the meeting and should have been filled and turned in with your dues. If you have not filled one out, you'll find one enclosed with this newsletter. Please mail it to Vicky when you mail the dues (see above). If you have already paid your dues but haven't filled one, please fill the sheet out and send it to Amy Evans (1704 Sheffield Dr. Jx 39211). Amy will use them to find out what the membership interests are and to plan programs accordingly. If you need more for friends, please let Marcy know (or copy the one you have).

MEMPHIS GUILD SHOW. The Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers will have its Path of the Weaver show in October. If you are a member of our Guild, you will be invited directly from them. Although October is a bad month for us because of the HGA Award, you may want to consider weaving enough to have something to put in their show.

ADS. WANTED: used 4 harness floor loom, at least 36". Call Margaret Fisher in Greenville, Ms. 992-2542.  
WANTED TO SELL: From the Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers Newsletter: loom for sale, Tools of the Trade, 25" Table Top, used once; call Suzy Murphree after 5 p.m. (901) 363-7192.

MARCH NEWSLETTER. Although there will be no meeting in February, there will be a newsletter coming before the March meeting, to let you know in more details about the program, time, etc. of the meeting and any other things that will happen between now and then. Also because your secretary enjoys writing newsletters with mistypes and misspellings. Any item that you would like included in the next newsletter should arrive Marcy no later than March 1. But pay your dues, or you will miss this literary gem!

HAPPY WEAVING!