



CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

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MAY 1986 MEMORANDUM

CALENDAR: MAY MEETING: *****NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & PLACE*****

DATE: MAY 16, 1986 (This Saturday)

PLACE: Marcy Petrini's
950 Fairfax Circle
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Phone: 957-1123

TIME: Board Meeting: 9:15 a.m. Guild Meeting: 10:30 a.m.

LUNCH: Brown Bag

PROGRAM: LEARN TO DYE!!! (At last!)

- MAY 17: PAINTED WARP WORKSHOP on the Coast, Kim Whitt teaching
- MAY 18: CHILDREN'S CRAFT SAMPLER, MS Crafts Center on the Trace, 1 to 5 pm
- JUNE 4: SHEEP to SHAWL Demonstration at MS Agriculture & Forestry Museum
- JUNE 16-23: Entries accepted for MS WEAVES SHOW
- JULY 1-31: MS WEAVES SHOW hangs in DEW'S Plaza
- JULY 4: GRAND OPENING for the Show
- JULY 17-20: CONVERGENCE '86 in Toronto, Canada

KEEP ON WEAVING for the July SHOW. This is our last meeting before the show & also before the summer break, so do your best to attend so you will be UP on all you need to know for our ongoing projects.

INSTRUCTIONS for preparing for the DYING WORKSHOP at Marcy's are attached. If you have any questions, please call her at 957-1123.

If you can help with the CHILDREN'S CRAFTS SAMPLER on Sunday, May 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., call Judy Foster at 362-1211. COME ANYWAY!

Kim Whitt's famous IKAT & PAINTED WARP WORKSHOP will be repeated for the DYED-IN-THE-WOOL Guild on May 17. If you missed it, you may want to take advantage of this opportunity. It will be outdoors at Helen Currie's, 1020 West Beach rd., Pass Christian, MS 39571, phone 601-452-2300. Lunch will be provided. Fee is \$5.00. Contact Helen if you are interested.

DYED-IN-THE-WOOL Guild has announced that it will give a \$25 prize for the best tapestry in the MS WEAVES Show.

ENTRY FORMS for the MS WEAVES Show are enclosed. This is IT!!! Send the very best you ever did, even if you have to get it back from California!! Make a special effort to attend our MAY meeting at Marcy's, so you'll be up-to-date on what you need to do for the show.

DIRECTION FOR DYEING WORKSHOP

We will have at least 2 dyepots: one for animal fibers, the other for vegetable fibers. If you would like to dye, bring yarn ready for dyeing (see below) for either or both dye pots.

Prepare the skeins as follows:

- 1) Using your warping board either wind a warp if the yarn is going to be a warp, or make a skein out of it. (For the sake of simplicity will call it a skein from now on, but a warp will have to be treated the same way).
- 2) Tie-down the skein in several places, by forming a figure 8 around the yarn; this will prevent the yarn from tangling in the dye pot. Make sure that the figure 8's are loose, otherwise they may act as a resist; it is preferable for the yarn used in the figure 8's to be of a different kind than the yarn itself, so that they will not dye and will be easier to remove after the dyeing. (Synthetic yarns are ideal as they do not dye very well with dyes used for natural fibers).
- 3) WASH THE YARN BEFORE YOU GET TO THE WORKSHOP!!!!!!! If you don't, the yarn may not dye or it may dye unevenly or it may bleed later. I wash my cotton in washing soda and my wool in dish washing liquid.

It is possible to measure the dye and the yarn very carefully so that the color obtained is perfectly reproducible; but I don't do that! (that's too much like work!). Also, in our case we wouldn't be able to do that since we don't know how many people will be coming and how much yarn will be dyed in each dye pot; each dyepot can hold approximately a pound of yarn and I have used it for up to a 1 and 1/2 lbs.

The dye that I use for wool and silk requires heat and I dye outside on a grill; the dye that I use for cotton is a cold water dye and I get it in town.

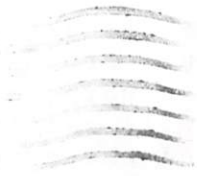
You are welcomed to bring other dyes and dye pots, but if they require heat we'll need another source of heat as my grill can only hold one dye pot. (I NEVER DYE IN THE KITCHEN, I think it is too dangerous). If you bring natural dyes, please bring non-toxic mordants, as my cats have access to the area where I dye and even a small amount of lead, for example, is dangerous to small creatures.

Hope to see you Saturday!

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