

Because of our upcoming show we need a newsletter of sorts at this point. I'm going to dispense with the usual format, however, and just concentrate on giving you the information you need. Marcy will be contacting some of you in regard to housing arrangements for out-of-towners and Gerry Reiff has already contacted people about refreshments for the Sunday reception. At our last get-together we decided we could fix double amounts and cover Friday's refreshments as well as Sunday's. However, for simplicity's sake Hazel Howell has volunteered to provide food and Ginny Trainor will coordinate with Gerry on punch, etc.. So unless you have been contacted by one of these ladies, you do not need to bring anything for Friday.

Marcy has provided the following comprehensive schedule of the show weekend:

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS GUILD SHOW WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday September 2, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

"The Relation between Art and Craft", slide lecture by Philis Alvic. Briarwood Presbyterian Church, 620 Briarwood Dr. Jackson, MS 39211.

Friday September 2, 1988, approximately 9:00 p.m. or after the lecture

Opening Reception, "Lady of the Lake", weavings by Philis Alvic. Redmont Gallery, Mississippi School of Crafts and Design, Millsaps Campus, 1701 North State St. Jackson 39210

BOTH EVENTS: NO ADMISSION, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Saturday September 3, 1988 4:30 p.m.

"Warp: a Foundation for Design", seminar for weavers by Philis Alvic. Briarwood Presbyterian Church, 620 Briarwood Dr. Jackson, MS 39211. PRE-REGISTRATION ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED; fee \$30.

Saturday September 3, 1988 approximately 8:00 or after the seminar

Dinner in honor of Ms. Alvic; open to all interested, but must sign-up immediately (957-1423). Place and price to be decided, but it will likely be a fixed cost per person, to be paid ahead. Those who are signed up will be notified (People who are taking the seminar and have checked the appropriate box are already signed up). Spouses are also invited to attend the dinner, but please contact Marcy so she can make the reservations.

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Sunday September 4, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Opening Reception, <u>Mississippi</u> <u>Weaves</u> <u>II</u>, a biennial show of Handwovens by Mississippi Weavers, juried by Philis Alvic, Municipal Art Gallery 839 North State St. Jackson

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One additional note: Those who are helping to hang the show should be at the Gallery at 9:30 Saturday morning. Bring tape, hammer, scissors, props and wood hangers and whatever else you can think of that we might need.

MAY MEETING

Much of the business we dealt with in May has changed since then so I will not recount those discussions. A few items, however, should be included as our newsletter serves as our written record in place of minutes:

The Executive Board learned that Susan Dignam was moving and would be unable to complete her term as Treasurer. In later action the Board appointed Melanie Hays to serve the remaining portion of her term.

A motion was made by Gerry Reiff that we have "Warp- A Foundation for Design" as our Philis Alvic workshop topic in September. Ginny Trainor seconded the motion and it was passed by vote.

Marcy Petrini moved that we accept the changes in the By-laws as written up in the May Newsletter. Margaret Pittman seconded and the motion was passed by the membership. These changes concern the addition of a Historian to the Executive Board, the appointment of a nominating committee of two by the Director, the change in term of office to May through April with elections held in April, and the statement that a quorum at an executive board meeting will be 3 board members (instead of 50%).

The following is offered by the Craftsmens Guild:

Major fiber artist Diane Itter has accepted the Craftsmen's Guild of

Mississippi's invitation to present in Jackson on October 7-9 a workshop

entitled "Design Exploration." Targeting students and artists from begin
ning up to professional levels, the workshop will cover design concepts

essential to all materials. For the general public as well as workshop

participants, Itter will precede the workshop by a talk titled "A Survey

of Contemporary Fiber Art," which will conclude with a presentation of her

cwn significant work.

The kickoff lecture on contemporary fiber art, to be on the Millsaps campus on Friday, October 7 from 12:30 to 1:30, and open to anyone without charge, will look at the vast range of today's fiber production: tapestry, basketry, stitchery, quilting, innovative materials, etc., and will feature Itter's own exciting, much praised, and very approachable work.

The workshop, "Design Exploration," will be limited to thirty participants and will be at Millsaps on Friday, October 7, 2-5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of \$60.00 will cover some materials used. Participants will bring some tools and materials. Students will explore through design methods and resources [history, nature, available materials] design principles including value, gradation, patterns, grid systems, etc. The means of exploration will be a preliminary slide/lecture followed by participation in varied non-fiber design projects.

To condense Diane Itter's lengthy resume of accomplishments is difficult.

At present she combines her art with lectures and workshops, some at her

MFA alma mater, Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana. She has had

three NEA grants, has been in innumerable shows and collections, has frequently
been a grants panelist and show juror and is an author as well.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi at (601) 969-2830, P.O. Box 15454, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS 39210.

I received a call about doing a weaving demo at South Hills Library on the morning of Sept. 22. I said I would be willing to do it, but I do not have a portable loom. Does anyone have a small folding, or table loom that I could use for a couple of days, or alternatively, would someone be willing to take their small loom and demonstrate in my place? If anyone can help me out, please call me (Marsha Harris, 825-9741) and I will be eternally grateful.

To celebrate Marcy Petrini's Teacher of Merit Award, the Capitol Street Crafts Gallery in the Lamar Life Building presents a show of weavings from her Beginning and Intermediate Classes through August. Be sure to go by.

The Weavers' Guild was sorry to say Goodbye to Susan Dignam at a farewell party at Marcy's August 13. We presented her with her very own warping board to remember us by and to help keep her weaving! Please add this change of address to your directory:

Susan Dignam
28741 Georgia Rd.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Best of luck, Susan .-- we will miss you!

Also, we welcome a new member:

Prudence Owens McGehee Box 237 Meadville, MS 39653

Please add her to your directory.

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