

MAY 1989 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR:

MAY MEETING:

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1989 * NOT OUR USUAL 3RD SATURDAY!

TIME: 9:00 GENERAL MEETING & SET UP FOR SHEEP TO SHAWL

10:00 SHEEP TO SHAWL DEMONSTRATION

PLACE: MS AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY MUSEUM

1150 LAKELAND DR.

JACKSON, MS

PROGRAM: "SHEEP TO SHAWL" DEMONSTRATION

June 4: Children's Craft Sampler at Natchez Trace Crafts Center April 2- Sept. 3: "Mississippi Homespun- 19th Century Textiles

and the Women Who Made Them" at MS State Historical

Museum (Old Capitol)

Sept. 2,3,& 4: Gulf South Fiber Conference
Workshops: "Embellishments" - Anita Mayer

"Shibori" - Diana Brewsbough

Contact: Mary Lynn Jackson, 9326 Cal Rd., Baton Rouge, LA70809

Oct. 6.7% 8: New Orleans Weavers Guild

Workshop: "Fiber, Fabric and Fashion with Style"- Virginia
West

Contact: Rose Young, 2906 Fenelon St., Chalmette, LA 70043

Oct. 14, 15: Shreveport Fiber Guild

Workshop: Sallie Guy

Contact: Annette Simmons, 402 Coventry Court, Shreveport, LA 71115

APRIL MEETING

May's program will be the "Sheep to Shawl" demonstration at the Agriculture Museum. Members should be there (at the farmhouse) at 9:00 to enable us to have a general meeting and set up for the demonstration which is scheduled from 10:00 to 3:00. There will be no board meeting so new and old officers will be responsible for getting together to transfer records and information. Participants in the demonstration should bring a bag lunch; drinks may be purchased at the snack bar. Demonstrators should try to wear period clothing.

The June 4th Children's Craft Sampler at the Trace Crafts Center will be handled by Margaret Williard, Margaret Pittman, and Virginia Rogers. They will determine what project will be taught but "Kool-Ade Dyeing" was discussed as an option.

Dues for September may be paid now (\$15 for members, \$5 for friends for newsletter). Yes, it does seem like we just did this, but that's because we're in the midst of switching our "year" from Jan. to Jan., to Sept. to Sept., and we do not hold regular meetings during the summer.

A motion was made that we elect our new board by acclamation and this was done.

The program portion of our meeting was Hazel Howell's "Heart Cheese Baskets" which we all enjoyed.

The Craftsmen's Guild is offering two weaving classes, taught by Marcy Petrini:

- I. BEGINNING WEAVING WEEKEND WORKSHOP: No loom or previous weaving experience os necessary for this weekend class; students learn to dress the loom and weave different kinds of weaving while working on a sampler. Information about the following will also be provided as handouts: weaving structures, kinds of fibers and their characteristics, how to plan a project, how to finish fabric, yarn sources, kinds of looms and weaving equipment. Yarns for the sampler are furnished, but students can bring yarns they would like to try. Students should bring scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle and a pencil. Cost is \$60 plus \$15 loom rental. Class meets Saturday June 24 and Sunday June 25, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00. This class is designed for out-of-town people. A 10 week beginning class will start July 17.
- II. INTERMEDIATE WEAVING: This is a 10 week class for weavers who would like to learn more about weaving patterns. Students will dress looms, weave and study the following weaving structures: block weaves (for example overshot, summer& winter), unit weaves (M's & 0's, huck, Bronson), twill-based weaves (satin), and treadling methods (double weave, boundweave); students will weave samplers with yarns provided but will provide their own yarns for a project of their choice. Class will meet Monday evening from 7:00-9:00 May 15,22,30, June 5,12,19,26,and July 3,10 and 17. Cost is \$60 plus \$15 loom rental fee.

THE FOLIOWING APPLIES TO BOTH CLASSES: Classes are held at the Craft Building of the Agriculture and Forestry Museum (Use the service entrance from Lakeland and park in the employees parking lot; the Craft Building is to the right as you face the front of the main building).

Each student has access to a loom, thus class size is limited. Your place will be reserved with your non-refundable payment, to be received at least two working days prior to the starting of class. You will be notified if class is cancelled. Please fill out the enclosed form completely, send it with your check payable to the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and mail them to the address on the form. Questions? Call Marcy Petrini, weaving instructor, at 957-1423 (evenings or leave a message).

TINA'S KNIT DISHRAG "RECIPE"

*Size 9 needles
*Cast on 4 stitches
*Knit 4 rows on the 4 sts.
*Increase rows:

\[\begin{align*} K 2 sts \\ Yarn over \\ Knit across row \end{align*}

*Continue increase rows till 45 sts on needle

*Decrease rows:

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*Continue decrease rows till *Gsts - KI, KZ tog, KZ to

*Note: Tina Bradford wants to know if someone who has a reprint of the article (or has the article to reprint) on Kool-Ade Dyeing would please bring it to the Sheep to Shawl.

*Additional note: Our P.O. box was in a state of confusion recently, but all has been straightened out and our P.O. Box number has not changed. Those individuals who have keys, however, may find that their keys no longer fit. If that happens, they should simply take the key in and have it exchanged there at the Post Office.

We hope everyone will be able to attend the meeting on the sixth. Besides the fact that it promises to be a fun day, it should facilitate the change of board members and help us start our "new year" off right!

Marsha Harris, Secretary