

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

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Calendar

September Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 16, 1989

Time: 9:30am Board Meeting

10:00am General Meeting

Place: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
Crafts Building, 2nd Floor

October 21, 1989 -- October Guild Meeting and Pioneer Festival
at Natchez Trace Crafts Center

October 21 & 22, 1989 -- Kentuck Crafts Festival, Tuscaloosa, AL

December 1-3, 1989 -- Chimneyville Crafts Show

May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was held in conjunction with the Sheep-to-Shawl at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. A short business meeting was held. The out-going officers were thanked for their service and commitment to the guild. Marcy Petrini was presented with a lifetime membership to the Guild for her many hours of work, help and encouragement. Members were reminded that dues for 1989-'90 are payable (\$15 for members, \$5 for friends to receive newsletter).

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Rogers.

Notes/Announcements

Treasurer's Report -- as of August, 1989, our treasury showed a balance of \$384.14, according to Melanie Hays.

Classifieds -- Classified ads run for 3 months. Cost is \$5 for non-members and free for members. Contact Virginia Rogers, 107 E. Willow Ct., Ridgeland, MS 39157.

I've had lots of fun digging through the Secretary's file box, handed down to me from Marsha Harris. Some of the goodies contained here include newsletters from neighboring guilds, information on conferences and seminars, mail order resources for supplies and yarns, addresses and correspondence from folks who have shown interest in our guild, and so on and so forth. Please feel free to contact me if you ever want to wander through some of this. My phone number is 856-3142.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S BED:¹

The time has come, the director said, to speak of weaving things
To meet and share and eat a pear and plan what the new year brings.

The coffee's hot - the meeting room's not!

In the Craft-Guild's friendly space.

So come, unwind, and be inclined to know this here's your place!

As you can see, I'm having a hard time getting serious after a carefree summer AWAY. My motto has become the last line from Rita Mae Brown's new novel, Bingo: LIFE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE SERIOUS.

Most of us weave or spin, not from necessity, but because it's fun! We come to Guild meetings to get new ideas, learn new techniques, share our accomplishments and failures (and consequently, receive praise, sympathy and encouragement), but also, because we enjoy being together. How many times, at the end of a meeting, have you heard Hazel exclaim, "Oh, I just love being with all of you - you're so special!"

One of my goals for this year is to know each of you better. This past year was so full of distractions for me that I lost ground there. Hazel is right - you are special and each has something to contribute to these meetings. Believe me, even if you are the beginningest of beginners! If I didn't believe that I would be long gone! In this company of accomplishment I'm still beginning. Sooooo...we all need to know what Hazel already knows about us and that's what our first program deals with: "Getting to know you - getting to feel free and easy," and each of us is the program. What would you like us to know about you - in 25 words or less? Don't panic! You won't be asked to make a speech. But think about the "assignment." We'll come at it with a twist I'm borrowing from the humor class. After the program we'll show and tell about our treasures and dogs and any weaving related experiences we've had since last we met. That will be followed by a short business meeting. But first, we'll eat! and last, those who want to will go to lunch together - everybody invited (dutch).

Among the missing, and sadly missed, will be Marsha Harris. Our loss is a big gain for Louisiana weavers! Her new address is:

Rt. 2, Box 925, Carencro, LA 70520

Spinners and knitters: this will be such an informal session you may want to spin/knit along. We who don't would enjoy watching you who do.

See you all on the 16th!

Gerry

¹ Like Churchill, that's where I do the important stuff..... save England, plan life, write doggerel verse.....but I still haven't figured out how to rig up my loom so I can weave in bed. Maybe that's why I'm still beginning!

Dear Guild members,

I went to the "Sheep to Shawl" expecting a short business meeting to thank the outgoing officers (which unfortunately for the case of Marcia is literally true), to see sheep being shorn, and to get a whole lot of weaving done. I was wrong on all counts! I was so surprised to receive the Life Membership that I forget completely what I said or did at the time - it was probably not very gracious (Gerry Reiff will have to work harder on me)! But perhaps you understood my awkwardness to be gratitude. I cannot imagine life without weaving (even if it is just 20 minutes a day) and I cannot imagine weaving without the Guild. I am deeply grateful and moved by being so honored.

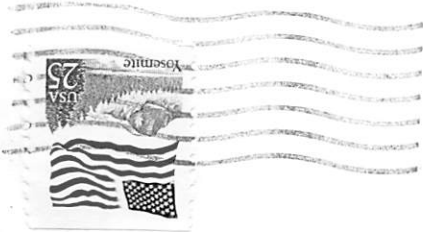
The Guild does mean a lot to me and I try to serve the best I can; but the fact remains that there wouldn't be anything to serve if it wouldn't be for the hard work that everyone puts in - I thank you not only for the honor, but also for being the individuals who make up the Guild. I have belonged, and still do, to many organizations and I can truly say that no other group has a large percentage of members who are truly involved, who really care and who are willing to work so hard to make it all function properly. I have been told that the reason for this is that the Guild is so small; but this is not true, as I know of other small organizations where the usual small percentage of members does all the work and the group dies if it can't grow. I think what makes our Guild different is the commitment of the individual members. The reason that I may have served the Guild more than other folks is that I have been in it longer! Hazel is right: there are advantages to getting older!

Thank you again. I am looking forward to another fruitful, inspiring, and exciting year together.

Happy weaving,

Marcy

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