

# FEBRUARY, 1990, NEWSLETTER

#### Calendar

February Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 17, 1990

Time: 9:30 Board Meeting, 10:00 Social, 10:30 Meeting & Program

Place: Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

Craft Building, 2nd floor

Program: Marketing Your Wares

February 11 -- Sunday, 2-4 PM, Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi Show, Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, MS

February 15 -- Deadline for application for Convergence "In the Park" exhibit; entries due June 1, 1990. More info below.

March 17 -- March Guild Meeting, Inkle Belt Workshop

March 29-April 1 -- Old Timey Country Fair, Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, Jackson, MS

April 1 -- Deadline for slides for Small Expressions exhibit. More info below.

April 21 -- April Guild Meeting

May 12-13 -- Gum Tree Crafts Festival, Tupelo, MS

May 19-20 -- Jubilee Jam, culture & heritage festival, Jackson, MS

Fall, 1990 -- Path of the Weaver, Memphis, TN

March, 1991 -- Mississippi Weaves III

### January Meeting Minutes

Melanie reports that we have \$266.97 in our treasury as of 1/20/90. Gerry will get us on the calendar to meet at the Ag Museum for the balance of this year. The February program will be Marketing Your Wares. Our distinguished panel of marketers includes Amy Evans, Martha Garrott, Judy Foster and Sharon Williams. I'm sure we can all learn alot from their experiences and insights.

The March 17, program will be an Inkle Loom Belt Workshop presented by Helen Currie from the Gulf Coast. Everyone participating will need an inkle loom. Looms are available through Helen Currie via Margaret Williard (362-2633), and through the Silver Shuttle via Sharon Williams (901-274-6302). This program, if needed, may continue through the April meeting.

Amy Evans announced that we have space reserved at 121 Millsaps for our Mississippi Weaves III, scheduled for March of 1991. She asked for names to suggest to the American Craft Council for their seminar speaker and workshop leader. We hope this person may also be able to jury our show. Amy will keep us updated.

We received a request from Virginia Tech to paticipate in a written survey regarding yarns and yarn sources. We agreed to do so and will complete the questionnaires at the February meeting. The graduate student doing this research has said that we will receive the results of the research-that ought to be interesting. The drum carder purchased by the Guild last month was delivered to us at the January meeting. Tina Bradford, Jane Dollar and Melanie Hays have agreed to draw up rules and procedures for its use for presentation to the membership in February.

Jane Dollar and Margaret Pittman will work on a dyeing workshop. They will try to find a good time to have it, perhaps in conjunction with the as yet unscheduled Sheep-to-Shawl. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, you may contact Jane or Margaret.

Our program was a Library Work Day. We organized an catalogued the volumes; Tina will take the cards, number and organize them and we ought to be set to check out! The library guidelines, apparoved by group vote in March, 1989, are printed below. If anyone has ideas for an inexpensive storage for our library, please contact Tina Bradford.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Rogers.

## From the Director's Bed

Who would have throught our January meeting would be so inspiring? Working on a library? But it was! First, because of Show & Tell--such great stuff was brought in! Second, because Amy got us fired up about our next show--still a year away but such exciting possibilities! We all are weaving for it, right? Well...soon...I promise. Third, Marcy--from Mississippi--really has a chance at a spot on the HGA board! Get those memberships in and VOTE. Fourth, that pile of books and periodicals we started processing for our library. We wanted to read instead of write and found things we wanted to check out NOW. Tina will move the processing along and circulation soon will be possible (on our new drum carder, too!). And fifth, just the fun of being with you folks and the learning that goes on in our informal sharing. It is good. Third Saturdays are special days on my calendar. Mark yours!

See you Saturday, the 17th --

## Notes/Announcements

HGA Membership — It's not too late to join the Handweavers Guild of America and vote Marcy to the Board of Directors. HGA membership gives you: access to a quarterly magazine; Convergence, a biennial show with seminars, workshops, exhibits and more; a Library; certificates of excellence in weaving and spinning; educational viedetapes and slide shows and sample kits; the Learning Exchange, an evaluated swatch swap; lots more. HGA also sponsors prizes for local shows, which is highly pertinent to us with our upcoming Mississippi Weavers III. Marcy notes that even though we may not take advantage of each and every HGA offering, we reap the benefits by sharing with others and networking. If you join or renew now, you'll be able to vote for Marcy in the 2nd issue. So, use the membership form conveniently attached here or call our HGA rep, Amy Evans, at 856-4494.

<u>Library Rules</u> -- 1) Check out time is from meeting to meeting, for \$1 fee per book and 25¢ per periodical, renewable if no hold is in effect. 2) Overdue fees will double per check-out interval. The borrower is responsible for returning the book or periodical to the library even if he/she cannot attend the meeting, or the overdue fees will go into effect. 3) The library is open during a meeting time so as not to dusturb the business meeting or the program.

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<u>Day in the Park</u> -- This is a non-juried, non-competitive event open to all Convergence registrants. Applications are due by FEbruary 15, and entries by June 1. See the Fall, 1989, issue of "Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot" for more details and an application.

Small Expressions -- This is juried exhibit open to woven media no larger than  $15" \times 15"$  and is held in conjunction with Convergence. Cash awards offered. See the Winter, 1989, issue of SS&D for details. Slide deadline is 4/1/90.

 $\underline{\text{Road Trip}}$  -- Anyone interested in going to the show in Senatobia this Sunday should get in touch with Marcy as soon as possible about carpooling. This show, sponsored by the Craftsmen's Guild of MS, is curated by Sharon Williams.

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