



CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

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Calendar

April Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 21, 1990

Time: 9:30 Board Meeting; 10:00 Social; 10:30 Business Mtg & Program

Place: Natchez Trace Craft Center Pavillion

Program: Dyeing Workshop and Yarn Swap

May 5 -- May Guild Meeting, sheep-to-Shawl

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

May 19-20 -- Jubilee Jam, Jackson, MS

August 10 -- Entries Due, Path of the Weaver, Memphis, TN

September -- Dues for 1990-91 season due

September 10 -- 10th Anniversary of Chimneyville Weavers Guild

September 27 -- Opening, Path of the Weaver, Memphis, TN

March, 1991 -- Mississippi Weaves III

December, 1991 -- Weaving Exhibit, DGNB Gallery

March Meeting Minutes

Our treasurer, Melanie Hays, reported that we have a current balance of \$281.97.

The first order of business was to name a slate and take nominations from the floor for next years officers. The slate offered by the nominating committee is as follows:

Director: Margaret Williard

Vice Director: Margaret Pittman

Secretary: Virginia Rogers

Treasurer: Hazel Howell (2-year term)

The office of Historian, held by Tina Bradford, will not be on the slate since it is a 2-year term. The ballot is attached -- please fill it out an deither mail it or bring it to the April meeting.

Amy Evans has graciously agreed to be the chairman of Mississippi Weaves III, our biannual show.

Gerry received a call from Deposit Guaranty National Bank asking the Guild to exhibit in their gallery during December, 1991. After discussions, the Guild voted to accept this exhibit. More details at a later date.

It was brought to our attention by Marcy that the 10th Anniversary of the Guild is September 10. A celebration will be in-the-planning soon. Ideas are welcomed.

Our program was a quick and easy inkle belt, presented by Helen Caire. We made one belt and started a second one. It was a very informative and fun day. As usual, everyone was inspired by each others weaving and yarn choices.

The April program will be a Dyeing Workshop & Yarn Swap. A motion carried for 10% of all proceeds to go to the Guild. It was noted that yarn donations to the Guild are tax deductible. All yarn for swapping should be priced and measured prior to the meeting. More detaile below.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Rogers.

From the Director's Bed -

This is being written a few days after the March meeting because:

1) I'm full of weaving enthusiasm after Helen Caire's workshop and in love with my once-despised inkle loom! Love's fresh bloom is energizing and my sun porch is blooming with colorful sashes. I'm weaving!

2) I picked up the latest Handwoven which had gone to Atlanta with us on spring break but grandchildren pre-empted most of my reading time. So, belatedly, I flipped through and happily came upon the article "Finding Time" by Marcy. Several of us are in it - a fun surprise! It's a worth while read and the note at the end shows Marcy's delightful sense of humor.

3) At the time this usually gets written for the newsletter I'll be doing a humor weekend for a church women's group at Tanner State Park in Georgia. Once I plunge into the final preparations for that I won't be thinking weaving, so, for once, I'm looking ahead.

Speaking of looking ahead - Helen Barrett, in Marketing at Deposit Guaranty, was pleased to hear that we voted to accept their invitation to hang a show in December of 1991. She says they are remodeling and will have an open air restaurant, more display area and a lot of traffic. She will send more information and some agreements for us to sign six months ahead of time. We should get that shortly after our Mississippi Weaves III show.

For now I'm looking ahead to a more immediate event - our April yarn swap and dyeing workshop.

See you at the Trace!

Gerry

Notes/Announcements

April Program -- For the April meeting, we will meet at the Natchez Trace Crafts Center, in the pavillion. Jane Dollar & Margaret Pittman will conduct a workshop in natural dyeing using onion skins, cochineal and indigo with alum mordant. This will give us yellows, reds adn blues. In addition, we will try to over-dye to acquire greens, oranges and purples. Should be fun! You will need to bring between 4 and 8 ounces of skeined, natural-colored, washed wools and/or silks. "Figure 9" each skein loosely in 3 or 4 places. These will be tagged with your name to take home. If you have dyed previously (note spelling!) and have any dyeing equipment, it would be helpful if you could bring it, i.e. dye pots, measuring spoons, wooden dowels or spoons, heating elements, etc. For the yarn swap, please measure and price all yarn prior to the meeting. As mentioned previously, 10% of all proceeds will be donated to the Guild. Also, any yarn donated to the Guild (for weaving classes) is tax deductible.

About Dyeing Cotton... -- Well, Margaret Pittman and I spent Saturday dyeing cotton with chemical dyes in an effort to decide if we could offer this for the April program. We worked like fanatics (lunatics also applies) from 10am

to 4:45pm, had a great time, and have some gorgeous yarn. Just wait until show-and-tell! However, we agreed that dyeing cotton warranted an entire program. Maybe next year!

Name tags -- Thanks to everyone for wearing name tags in March. Gerry gives a special honorable mention to Emily Flowers and Elizabeth Lewis for their imaginative tags. I, on the other hand, even after writing the newsletter, failed to read it and had no name tag. Let's all wear them again this month.

Statement of Dues -- Sharing the page with our ballot is a statement of dues. As you know, dues are payable now and due no later than September. I will use the information you provide to compile and update our membership directory, and will pass along some of the info to the new Vice Director for program development.

Chimneyville Crafts Festival -- A while back, several of us were discussing the Chimneyville Crafts Festival. We talked about the Weavers Guild volunteering as a group to work at the annual December show, perhaps as hostesses or runners or some such. Dianne Davidson was part of that group and enthusiastically assured us that the help was needed and would be greatly appreciated. Let's start thinking about it and talking about it.

Patterns -- While we were all going over Hazel's lovely coats last month, we started talking about patterns for clothing. Someone suggested that we could include patterns in our library. Since Tina Bradford is our librarian, perhaps she can give this some thought and let us know if this is feasible. Tina?

Don't forget to fill out the ballot and statement of dues!