



CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

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Calendar

May Guild Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 5, 1990

Time: 9:30am, will have business meeting at lunchtime

Place: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, farmhouse

Program: Sheep-to-Shawl

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

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

June 3 -- Children's Craft Sampler, Trace Craft Center

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

September -- Dues for 1990-91 season due

September -- 10th Anniversary of Chimneyville Weavers Guild

September 17 -- Opening, Path of the Weaver, Memphis, TN

March, 1991 -- Mississippi Weaves III

December, 1991 -- Weaving Exhibit, DGNB Gallery Downtown

April Meeting Minutes

Correction to the March Minutes: our 10th Anniversary is September 1990, not September 10, 1990. Thank you Marcy for correcting me on this.

The treasurer reports that our coffers hold \$228.97.

The May meeting is our annual Sheep-to-Shawl, to be held at the Farmhouse of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum on May 5. We'll begin at 9:30, though the Museum will be open at 9:00 for anyone who wishes to come early. Bring a sack lunch; the General Store stocks things such as cheese & crackers, cokes and candy. We'll have our business meeting at lunchtime, so we can get an early start in the AM. Plan to come weave, spin, card, dye, visit, roam. Speaking of dyeing, Jane and Margaret plan to have dyepots of indigo, onion skin and madder. Bring wool or silk if you wish. Traditional garb is encouraged, but not required.

Gerry has confirmed with Deposit Guaranty our participation in an exhibit scheduled for December, 1991. More details as they become available.

Projections made regarding the Guild elections rang true, as the slate was elected by a landslide. Officers for the 1990-1991 year are as follows:

Director	Margaret Williard
Vice Director	Margaret Pittman
Secretary	Virginia Rogers
Treasurer	Hazel Howell
Historian	Tina Bradford

Marcy reports that much-needed fluorescent lighting is being installed at the weaving studio. She also notes that the studio is running short of storage space, and suggests that the Guild get some shelves to house our library. Ginny Trainer will price several varieties and report back at the May meeting.

There was some discussion of the Guilds volunteering as a group to help at the Chimneyville Crafts Festival. Everyone likes the idea. Dianne Davidson assured us that our help would be greatly needed and appreciated. One particular area of need is hostesses for the vendors, to get them soft drinks, booth sit when they need a break, etc. The only downside is that a substantial number of members will be exhibitors themselves. We need to be sure we'll have membership commitment if we do this. Will talk more at the May meeting.

Also regarding the Crafts Festival, Hazel suggested that the Weavers Guild decorate and display a Christmas Tree at the show. Dianne will check out any limitations, and we will decide in May.

We were reminded that it is time to vote Marcy to the HGA Board of Directors. The ballot is on pages 9 & 10 of the Spring issue of SS&D. Vote today!

The Children's Craft Sampler is Sunday, June 3. We have been invited to participate again this year. Will discuss and decide at May meeting.

Our program for April was a dye workshop and yarn swap. We dyed using indigo, cochineal and onion skins. The yarn swap was also great fun. So much so that we talked about making this a regular thing.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Rogers.

Notes/Announcements

-- If you have not done so, please fill out and return to me your statements of dues. I will use them to update our directory. If I can get my act together, I'll have the directories available at the May meeting.

-- I've just noticed all of the typewriter-induced (ha!) typos there are here today! I type faster than I think, and lots faster than this silly cheap typewriter moves. At least the typos are generally entertaining. For example, someone asked me last week how to make a "figure 9" in their skein of yarn; a "figure 8" might have been easier and more effective! Maybe one day I'll get my act together.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S BED.....

Yes, I still pile up on the bed when I have important things, like this, to do. I must have had a bad experience with a desk in my early childhood.

We had a beautiful day at the Crafts Center on the Trace and came away with yarns dyed indigo, red, yellow, orange, and several variations of the same. Our thanks to Jane Dollar and Margaret Pittman for all the work they put in to make a successful natural dye workshop. Jane has a helpful handout on the subject - I hope she will bring the left overs to our next meeting.

It's true - time does fly when you're having fun! Our time together Saturday whizzed past and, for me, this whole year has done the same. The good attendance at our meetings, the new faces, the "old" faces back again, contribute to our good feelings about the future of our guild and weaving in Mississippi. I thank you all. A special word of thanks to Margaret Williard for arranging a variety of good programs, to Melanie Hayes for two years of keeping our funny finances in line, to Tina Bradford for carrying on our history and getting our library underway and to Virginia Rogers whose energy and enthusiasm made her more an administrative assistant than a secretary. As with most good Ad.A's she did the lion's share of the work. I appreciate all of you.

To Amy Evans, our beautiful HGA state rep., and to Mother Marcy, who continues to teach and encourage us - thank you for pushing us to raise our sights and see that there is a whole world of weaving out there and we aren't limited to what's right here. Last, what probably should have been first, to the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi for their cooperation and support and for allowing us to meet in their beautiful building. We all look forward to years of happy relationship with you.

There's talk of getting together some during the summer. Four months is too long a hiatus! Bring you ideas on that for some discussion next time. Virginia and Hazel came up with the best nametags for the April meeting. Guess who forgot? I hope to see yours (and mine!) at our sheep to shawl meeting on the 5th!



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