

JULY, 1990, NEWSLETTER

Calendar

August 4 -- Informal meeting to make ornaments for the Chimneyville Crafts
Festival tree. Meeting will be held at Nancy Landrum's home in Meridian.

Directions below. Meeting starts at 10am. Bring a sack lunch. Nancy will provide

August 10 -- Entries due, Path of the Weaver

September -- Dues for 1990-1991 season due

September 15 -- 10th Anniversary Celebration, Masonic Lodge of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, 11am-3pm.

September 27 - October 20 -- Path of the Weaver, Memphis, TN

October 20 -- October Guild Meeting and Pioneer Festival at Natchez Trace Crafts Center.

November 17 -- November Guild Meeting

November 29 - December 2 -- Chimneyville Crafts Festival

March, 1991 -- Mississippi Weaves III

December, 1991 -- Weaving Exhibit, DGNB Gallery Downtown

June Meeting Minutes

As of the June 9 meeting, our treasury showed \$460.17. Bringing us current, Hazel reports a treasury in excess of \$500.

Margaret Pittman sent a sign-up sheet for the Anniversary Celebration to make your family's reservation and sign up to bring food. Anyone who has not signed up will be contacted soon. The latest update from Margaret has the lodge reserved. The time is set at 11am-3pm, since we have to be out by 5pm. More details next month.

Marcy Petrini agreed to coordinate the volunteers for the Chimneyville Crafts Festival booth sitting. Please start thinking about when you can be available to work--it'll make Marcy's job alot easier.

Hazel has ordered a tree and arranged for it to be delivered to the Trade Mart prior to the beginning of the Crafts Festival. A consensus held that we should get as tall a tree as possible. Hazel also has a wooden spool to stand the tree on and a red drape to cover the spool. Nancy Landrum suggested draping the spool with old quilts. We'll look at these options in August at Nancy's house; so if you have a quilt that could be used, bring it. Dianne Davidson will procure a sign which we can put in a pedestal stand to identify our tree-purple calligraphy on white. Set-up is 9:00am on Thursday, 11/29; take-down is 6:00pm Sunday, 12/2. Details below about decorations.

Hazel is already planning for our December Loom Crawl. We'll crawl around Melanie Hays' and Barbara Mitchell's homes and looms.

Under the trees at Hazels, we had a lovely afternoon of planning and visiting, including a tour of her garden and her loom.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Well, Hazel was so excited about all the ideas and enthusiasm expressed for decorating the Christmas tree. Everyone came to Hazel's brimming with examples and samples and pictures. Ideas included yarn garlands, crochet stars, miniature baskets, wrapped sheep, bound weave figure ornaments, ojos de dios, "people" made of yarn and woven scraps to represent each weaver, and all sorts of stuffed ornaments made of handwoven scraps. The possibilities seem to be endless.

The criteria we want to stick to are (1) fiber related, particularly weaving and spinning, and (2) hand made, obviously. At Nancy's home in August, we will concentrate on 3 things: Gerry's chenille-like garlands, Gerry's people dressed up like us, and Margaret's ojos de dios. The following is a list, probably not totally inclusive, of things to bring to Nancy's to work with:

woven scraps
yarn, ribbon, lace, braid, etc.
scissors
glue gun, craft glue
dowels (small diameter) or craft sticks
glitter, sequins
cardboard
whatever else you can think of!

Hazel will not be at the August meeting, so we won't make baskets. However, anyone who wishes to join her when she makes them is welcome to--just let me know at the August meeting so Hazel can gather everyone at a convenient time. This session will include the woven stars, garlic baskets, elbow baskets and pine needle baskets. Also, Hazel recently saw an angel made of cotton bolls, which she said was lovely, that we might make for the tree.

Now let's talk deadlines. We need to have everything in hand no later than the November meeting, which is 2-weeks prior to the crafts festival. If you won't beat that meeting, you can bring things to me, or to Dianne at the Craftsmen's Guild office.

Directions to Nancy's -- Taking I-20 into Meridian, exit at the Valley Road exit, then turn right. Go just under 3 miles, and turn right at a split rail gate. Nancy's home is at the end of this road. Meeting starts at 10:00 am. Anyone wishing to carpool or caravan, get in touch with me at 856-3142. Bring a sack-lunch.

Wanted

Beginning weaver woulk like to buy a used loom, at least four harnesses, and spinning wheel. Contact Marva Goodman, 404 Parkway Road, Brandon, MS 39042, 601-992-0383.

Craftsmen's Guild Offers 2 New Weaving Classes

Project Weaving Workshop -- The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississipspi is offering a 2-day project weaving class for those who have taken a beginning class but would like more practice, for those who have woven but need review, or for those who need a little inspiration. Class meets on Saturday, August 11, from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, August 12, from noon to 6pm. Cost is \$55 including loom rental fee. Students provide their own yarns. Instructor is Marcy Petrini, exhibiting member of the Craftsmen's Guild and a past winner of the Teaching for Learning Merit Award. Pre-registration and prepayment are required and enrollment is limited. The instructor will contact participants regarding preparations for the workshop. For more information call 981-0019.

Transition from Four to More Shafts Workshop -- The craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi is offering a 2-day workshop for those who would like to adapt four-shaft weaving structures to multishaft weaving. Participants whould know how to draft on four shafts, but do not need any background on multishaft structures. Students unsure of their drafting abilities should request the draft handout prior to the workshop. Duringclass, students will work with graph paper or with DRAFT, a computer program written by the instructor. Some looms will be set up for demonstrations of the principles involved. Class meets on Saturday, August 25, from 9am to 5pm, and Sunday, August 26, from noon to 6pm. Cost is \$40. Instructor is Marcy Petrini, exhibiting member of the Craftsmen's Guild and a past winner of the Teaching for Learning Merit Award. Preregistration and prepayment are required and enrollment is limited. For more information call 981-0019.

Please make checks payable to The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

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ATTENTION WEAVERS

Sallie T. Guy is a well-known, versatile weaver and teacher from Kentucky. She weaves everything from luggage to garments to ecclesiastical pieces. The Summer edition of "Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot" describes Sallie as "noted for her solid, practical and entertaining approach to weaving, problem solving and teaching." She has attended every Convergence, most often as a teacher, and has served on the HGA Board of Directors. She is the author of many articles and has made a popular teaching video.

We have a rare opportunity to benefit from Sallie's knowledge and experience at a seminar on Friday, September 21. The seminar, entitled "From Cone to Clothing," will clarify the steps involved in producing handwoven garments with proper "hand," construction and designer flair. The discussion will include appreciation of good design principles in the planning stage, consideration of color and styling, sampling for suitability, working with simple geometric shapes (without patterns), using conventional patterns, sewing tips and finishing touches. Slides and woven examaples will be included. This seminar is equally suitable for beginning and more experienced weavers.

Vital statistics:

What: Seminar, "From Cone to Clothing" by Sallie T. Guy

When: Friday, Sept. 21, 1990, 7-9pm

Where: Weaving studio of Craft Shop at Ms Ag & Forestry Museum

(park behind large building on museum grounds, not the ballpark lot)

How much: \$10 for Weaver's Guild members; \$15 for non-members Registration deadline: Friday, September 14 (space is limited)

Name		,
Address	·	
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Amount enclosed	_	

Your space is reserved when I receive your check and registration form. Send to Virginia Rogers, 107 E. Willow Ct., Ridgeland, MS 39157. For more information, call me at 856-3142.

Make checks payable to Chimneyville Weavers Guild.

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