

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS GUILD

August 1991 Newsletter

July Minutes

There was not a formal business meeting, I am told, at Nancy's in July; however, several things were discussed. Hazel invited everyone for an informal meeting at her house to be held on August 24. Details and directions follow from Mama Hazel.

Decorations for the Christmas tree for the Chimneyville Craftsmen's Guild show were discussed as well as booth-sitting for the show. Hazel will be in charge. There will be a sign-up list for helpers. It was suggested that we sit only at craftsmen's booths as they need us.

Hazel will also be in charge of our annual Loom Crawl to be held in December.

The Chimneyville Weaving Exhibit was also discussed. Gerry Reiff is in charge of this event. That's in December, folks! Let's get ready and have a good show!

Convergence was brought up, and Hazel suggested that we should spend one guild meeting talking about it so it wouldn't take all us "first-timers" by surprise as it did her!

Everyone I have talked with/heard from had rave reviews about Nancy's pasta salad using some of her homegrown herbs and, of course, her lovely home. Thanks again, Nancy.

Treasurer's Report

Hazel reported that as of 8/10/91 the balance is \$528.22, some dues forthcoming in September.

CALENDAR

Aug. 24: Informal meeting at Hazel Howell's home in Canton. Details and directions below.

Sept. 21: Tentative date, Guild meeting, program to be announced.

Sept. 22: NOWG exhibit and reception at Longue Vue House. To enter, contact NOWG.

Oct. 8 - Nov. 14: Fiber Arts Competition and Exhibition, sponsored by BASF Carpet Fibers and Creative Arts Guild, Dalton, GA. Dec. 1991: Weaving exhibit, DGNB Gallery, downtown Jackson.

Dec. 7: Chimneyville Craftmen's Guild show.

Jan. 4, 1992: ROC Day '92, sponsored by the Bayou Yarn Benders, Baton Rouge Fiber Guild. Location: First Baptist Church Family Activities Center, 9637 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA, from 10-4. More details in September newsletter.

Jan. 22-26, 1992: Spin-in and Stitch-in, Holiday Inn, 1020 U.S. Hwy. 98, P.O. Box 577, Destin, FL 32541, (904) 837-6181 or

contact Margaret Pittman for copy of

registration form.

From the Lab

If you weren't with us last month, you should have been. Nancy's house and yard are gorgeous. I especially liked her work room -- desk, looms, books, yarns all in one room. But I did notice the spinning wheel is in the den! See you all in August at Hazel's for a heavenly time. --Jane

August Meeting

Dear ones, you are all invited to my house on Saturday, August 24, for an angelic occasion -- an informal angel-making. Come about 10 for coffee and/or frozen tea. I'll have a pot of something for lunch, bread and beverage. Tina Bradford promises slaw; Virginia Rogers and Jane Dollar are making our dessert. If you know you are coming, it would help to let me know so I can get your name in the pot.

No matter what you want to work on, bring large-eye needle, scissors, white thread, scraps of yarn,

sequins or lace (also a folding lawn chair, maybe).

Options:

(Bring crochet needles and appropriate thread for these first two.)

M. Pittman's crocheted 2-dimensional angel

L. Harding's crocheted 3-dimensional angel

Yarn angel -- M. Goodman will direct. Bring white or off-white, some colored yarn, lace scraps, glue, any tiny plastic flowers.

Fleece angel -- I have fleece and examples; will show you how I did mine and you're on your own -- easy.

Straw angel -- I have some mildewed wheat straw and am trying to work this one out. Bring understanding and patience.

Cone angel -- If you have empty yarn cones, go wild with this one on your own. Virginia Trainor did cute ones last year.

Marcy promises (where time permits) to try for boundweave angel directions.

Inkle loom/Popsicle stick angel -- Surprise, it's a brainstorm I'm working on.

Any other ideas - roll 'em out, you smart, creative creatures. I love you!

Directions: Off I-55 (where all the gas stations are), go east on Miss. 22 to Courthouse Square where Miss. 16 joins it. Follow 16 to flashing light at hospital; turn right onto Lakeview Drive, go 1 block. Turn left onto Sunset Dr.; turn in at fifth house on south side -- long, pink brick with wall.

Notes/Announcements

Twill Weaving Class: Sept. 16 through Nov. 18, 1991.

The Craftmen's Guild of Mississippi is offering a 10-week class in weaving twills beginning Sept. 16. This class is designed for those who have completed beginning weaving and are able to dress a loom and weave. The class will cover threading, treadling, weaving and drafting of various twills; combining twills in one piece; color and weave effects; and treadling variations. Students will dress the looms for special projects using yarns provided and then weave the projects using their own yarns. Class meets on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 from Sept. 16 through Nov. 18. Cost is \$75 plus \$15 loom rental fee.

Beginning Weaving Class: Sept. 30 through Dec. 2, 1991.

The Craftmen's Guild of Mississippi is offering a 10-week beginning weaving class for students who would like an introduction to weaving. No loom or previous experience is necessary. Students learn to dress a loom and weave by working on different samples. The following will also be discussed: weaving structures, kinds of fibers and their characteristics, how to plan a project, how to finish fabric, yarn sources, kinds of looms and weaving equipment. After completing the sample portion of the class, students will plan and weave a project of their choice. Yarns for samples are furnished, but students provide yarns for their personal project. Cost is \$70 plus \$15 loom rental fee. Class meets on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 from Sept. 30 through Dec. 2 at the Chimneyville Crafts Center at the Agriculture Museum.

Instructor for Twill and Beginning Weaving Classes is Marcy Petrini, exhibiting member of the Craftmen's Guild and a winner of the 1987 Teaching for Learning Teacher of Merit Award. Preregistration and prepayment are required and enrollment is limited; spaces will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, fees are non-refundable for cancella-

tions less than two weeks in advance. For more information or a registration form, call 981-0019.

Note from Marcy:

I will be teaching a seminar/workshop on The Transition Between 4 and More on how to extend weaving structure from 4 shafts to multi-shafts in New Orleans the weekend of Oct. 26. If anyone is interested, contact directly: Valerie Lorio, 203 Maumus, New Orleans, LA 70131.

For sale: 4-shaft Schacht table loom; 20-inch, 8-dent reed; maple with nylon rachets; flat steel heddles. New condition; \$240. Selling to help pay for new floor loom. Contact Debbie Stringer, P.O. Box 7897, Jackson, MS 39204; day phone, 922-2341 or 1-800-933-7897; evenings, call 373-6292.

For sale: 4-shaft, 45" wide, jack-type Herald loom. \$600 or best offer. Contact Margaret Pittman, day phone, 992-0715, or evenings at 956-1478 (new home number).

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