

Chimneyville Weavers Guild

October 1992 Newsletter



Calendar

October 17: Zoo Fun Spin
October 24: Regular meeting and Pioneer Festival at Crafts Center; 9:30 board; 10:00 general
November 20: Regular meeting
December 3-6: Chimneyville Crafts Festival
December 12: Loom Crawl
January 15: Party and judging of Chimneyville Weavers entries for Traveling Show
January 16: Regular meeting
February 20: Regular meeting
March 19: Judging of Traveling Show
March 20: Regular meeting
March 20,21: Donna Sullivan seminar
March 27: 1800's Festival, Port Gibson
March 28: Opening of Traveling Show at Eudora Welty Library, Jackson
April 10: Take down of Traveling Show
April 17: Regular meeting
May (Date to be announced) Sheep-to-Shawl
June 6: Children's Craft Sampler at the Crafts Center on the Trace

'92-'93 CWG Board

Director: Barbara Mitchell
Vice director: Nancy Landrum
Secretary: Debbie Stringer
Treasurer: Hazel Howell
Historial: Beth Arrington

Newsletter

Deadline for November issue is Nov. 1. Send newsletter contributions to:
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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting reflected the guild's new meeting format that puts the program before the business meeting. Welcomed guests at the meeting were Cynthia Crull, state HGA rep, and Jenny Lu Ames; both are Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild members from Bay St. Louis.

For the September meeting program, Chimneyville Weavers Guild members shared reports on books that have been especially motivational and/or inspirational. Favorites ranged from Mabel Ross' "Essentials of Spinning" to "The Key to Weaving" by Mary Black and "Summer and Winter" by Donna Sullivan.

Speaking of Donna Sullivan, CWG members voted at the September on topics for her seminar in conjunction with the Year of American Craft Traveling Show in March. The tentative tally indicates that topics will be Summer & Winter and Color Interaction. The Year of American Craft Traveling Show details are included in this newsletter for discussion at the October meeting.

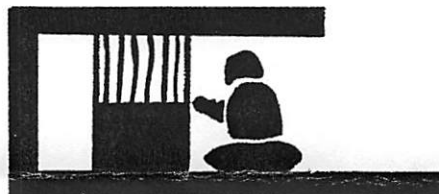
A change of plans: Hazel had mentioned the possibility of a Dauphin Island retreat this fall, but she has had to cancel the retreat due to her daughter's illness.

Marcy Petrini will move at the October meeting that the CWG join the Southeast Fiber Forum and pay the \$5 membership fee.

A new committee chaired by Marcy Petrini has been formed to review the guild's bylaws and draw up details of board members' duties.

Jane Burrows II is planning the Loom Crawl for Dec. 12. She's asking for volunteers to host the progressive Christmas party in their homes.

The October CWG meeting will be held during the Pioneer and Indian Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Miss. Crafts Center on the Natchez Trace. Wear a period costume if you can, and bring something to work on.



FROM THE GARDEN

By Barbara Mitchell

Alas, the garden isn't looking very good right now. Maybe by next month this column will be "From the Loom". I should have no more excuses by then.

I really appreciated the good attendance at our September meeting and especially appreciated the cooperation and good spirit that was evident in expediting our business meeting. Once we get the hang of this parliamentary procedure business, we should be able to dispense with the business quickly and have plenty of time for programs, show and tell, and fellowship. I don't want our meetings to be too rigid or restrictive in manner—just brief.

Along those lines, remember that all committee reports need to be



sent to the newsletter*. There will not be a time in the meeting for committee reports other than for those issues requiring a vote, and those must be presented to the membership as a whole through the newsletter before being offered for a vote.

Also, only those matters that have been previously brought before the board and placed on the agenda will be discussed in the business meeting.

Thanks to all of you who offered moral support and positive feedback after the last meeting. That is not to say that I only want positive feedback.

**The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first of the month of publication.*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Newsletter/Publicity: Debbie Stringer

Traveling Show: Hazel Howell, chairman; Barbara Mitchell, Marcy Petrini, Marva Goodman, Debbie Stringer

Community Service: Jackie Rollins

Education: Marcy Petrini, chairman; Margaret Pittman

Refreshments: Heather Gillis

Christmas Tree: Beth Arrington

Loom Crawl: Jane Burrows II

Special Committee (Bylaws Review): Marcy Petrini, Gerri Reiff, Jane Dollar

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Christmas Tree by Beth Arrington

We voted to decorate the Christmas tree again this year during the Chimneyville Crafts Festival. We can make new decorations or use old ones; the only criterion is that they be of fiber. We all need to gather up our old ornaments and make new ones so the tree will be as spectacular as ever!

Please make a list and put an identifying mark on your ornaments, and bring them to the November guild meeting, or leave them with the Craftmen's Guild.

We need to come up with about 20 each. We will also need volunteers to decorated and dismantle the tree.

NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1800's Festival

We have been invited to participate in the 1800's Festival in Port Gibson on March 27 & 28. The festival is a recreation of an old Southern custom of celebrating the beginning of spring and is celebrated in conjunction with their pilgrimage.

Information from the 1800's committee states that there will be over 200 participants in period costume who will recreate a weekend of living history with live entertainment of music, dancing, games and merrymaking of the 1800's. Craftsmen will demonstrate works of a bygone era.

Because this conflicts with our Traveling Show opening on the 28th, we probably can't make a Guild commitment, but they assure us that those who can will be more than welcome on the 27th. See Barbara Mitchell for more info.

Zoo Fun Spin

The Fun Spin is set for Oct. 17. I hope as many spinners as possible will participate. Weavers are encouraged to come, too. They plan to set us up someplace in the Discovery Zoo area—close but not too close to the sheep.

Lost and Found

Will whoever left a Pyrex dish during the Guatamalan supper at Marcy's please contact her as soon as possible. Thank you!

Pre-Meeting Get-Together

Barbara Mitchell is inviting CWG members to her home at 7:00 p.m., Oct. 23, the night before our October meeting. Call her at 362-4570 if you plan to come. She lives at 1012 Parkwood Place in Jackson.

Loom for Sale

It's a 24-inch, 4-harness LeClerc floor loom with some accessories; \$500. Call Lu Harding at 355-8807; leave a message with teenager.

Year of American Craft Traveling Show

EXHIBITION DETAILS

Please note: These arrangements were accurate as of Oct. 13, 1992. However, there may be further developments later, which you will receive in the form of YOAC Updates.

Entries

1. Each guild may submit 15 juried pieces with a fee of \$10 per piece. (This is up from 10 pieces originally planned, because we now have 5 guilds committed to participate.)
2. Show will be open to all weavers and spinners who are current members of participating guilds.
3. All pieces must be constructed by the entrant since March 1991.
4. Maximum size of entries may not exceed 5 feet by 5 feet of wall display space. A locked display case will be available for small and valuable pieces that are not hung on walls.
5. Credit should be given for work that is not original, such as weave, pattern, design, tailoring, etc.
6. All pieces should be neatly finished and ready to hang; hangers and instructions should be included.
7. All pieces are entered at the owner's risk. Chimneyville Weavers Guild will not provide insurance.
8. All pieces must be tagged with forms supplied by Chimneyville Weavers Guild. Accuracy is important as this form will be used as identification for the duration of the traveling show.
9. Each guild shall submit their entries packed inside substantial, clearly labeled cases into which they may be repacked for transporting to each subsequent showing.
10. Each guild will provide return postage for their entries if they do not plan to pick up at the last scheduled showing.
11. Guilds will ship or hand deliver entries to arrive no later than March 10, 1993.

Shipping Address

Hazel M. Howell
1468 Sunset Drive
Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-4863

Hand-Delivery Address

Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi
1150 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS 39216

(Hazel Howell will receive entries at the Craftmen's Guild office from 12-5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 1993.)

Judging

Donna Sullivan, nationally acclaimed weaver and-author, will judge the show on March 19.

Awards

HGA will sponsor an overall Best of Show. The New Orleans Weavers Guild will award \$25 to Best of Show Wall Hanging. The following awards are suggested and will be confirmed at a later date:

Best Handspun and/or Handwoven All-Cotton entry

Best of Show Handmade Article from Handspun Yarn (may be hand knitted, hand crocheted or handwoven.

Article must be constructed by the handspinner.)

Best of Show Hand-Dyed, Handwoven Article

Best of Show Handwoven, Wearable Article

Best of Show Handwoven, Household Article

Best of Show All-Wool Article

Participating guilds may sponsor one of the above awards or may suggest and sponsor additional awards.

Chimneyville Weavers Guild must be notified of guild award preference as soon as possible and no later than Jan. 1.

Responsibilities of Participating Guilds: Timetable

October 10, 1992: Notify Chimneyville Weavers Guild of commitment to participate in traveling show.

January 1, 1993: Last date of notification to Chimneyville Weavers Guild of award choices.

February 1, 1993: Return entry forms provided by Chimneyville Weavers Guild with entry fees (\$10 for each piece submitted). Chimneyville Weavers Guild will prepare a catalog from information on the entry forms.

March 10, 1993: Guild entries received by Chimneyville Weavers Guild. (See item 9 under Entries)

March 19, 1993: Donna Sullivan will judge the show and place awards. After judging, the show will be available to the public.

March 28, 1993: Reception at Eudora Welty Library in Jackson, MS

Other Responsibilities of Host Guilds

1. Guilds may choose their own method for selecting juried pieces from the respective members.
2. For the exhibit of the traveling show, each guild is asked to obtain a gallery or display area with good security and good public access.
3. Each guild should be responsible for publicity of the show.
4. Pieces shall be carefully repacked in original cases and safely delivered to the next designated site. Each guild committee will exercise due responsibility for pieces in their possession until signed for by the next guild.

Catalog

Chimneyville Weavers Guild will prepare a catalog of the show. Each guild will receive one copy for each of their entries plus five extra. These will be sent to guilds as soon as the catalog is printed. All guilds will be recognized in the catalog. Guilds may reproduce and distribute the catalog as they wish.

Show Schedule

The Chimneyville Weavers Guild will open the show on March 20, 1993 in Jackson, MS at the Eudora Welty Library Auditorium. Chimneyville Weavers Guild will host a reception for the exhibit on Sunday, March 28. The show will hang in Jackson through April 9.

The following 1993 itinerary is flexible and is suggested as the shortest route between geographical locations:

April 15: Montgomery Spinners and Weavers (AL)

May 15: Mobile Bay Fiber Guild (AL)

July 15: Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild (MS)

August 15: New Orleans Weavers Guild (LA)

September 15: Bayou Yarn Benders (LA)

The July and August dates may be moved back if summer schedules are a problem. This would mean the show would run into October and November.

Seminar

Donna Sullivan, noted weaver and author ("Summer and Winter" is her latest), will jury the show. Chimneyville Weavers Guild will take advantage of her presence in Jackson by having her conduct weaving seminars on March 20 and 21 at the Chimneyville Weaving Studio.

Chairman for this seminar is Marcy Petrini, Chimneyville weaving instructor and HGA first vice president.

Details will be sent later.

*Correction:
Ornt Bayou (near Benton from
9042 show schedule.*

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