

# Chimneyville Weavers Guild

November 1992 Newsletter



## Calendar

**November 21:** Regular meeting at *Shoney's in Highland Village*; board meets at 9:30 a.m.; membership at 10 a.m.

**December 3-6:** Chimneyville Crafts Festival, Jackson

**December 12:** Loom Crawl

**January 15:** Party and judging of Chimneyville Weavers entries for Traveling Show, Hazel's house

**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 28:** Opening of Traveling Show at Eudora Welty Library, Jackson

**April 10:** Take down of Traveling Show

**April 17:** Regular meeting

**May:** Sheep-to-Shawl (Date to be announced)

**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 December issue is Dec. 1. Send newsletter contributions to:

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**IMPORTANT:** Our next meeting (Saturday, Nov. 21) will be held at **Shoney's in Highland Village** so that we may watch the Convergence fashion show on the restaurant's television. Shoney's management has offered the space provided we promise to eat (we can handle that, can't we?).

Board meeting is 9:30 a.m.; regular meeting is 10 a.m.

Highland Village is located at the corner of I-55 and Northside Drive in Jackson.

Directions: Coming up I-55 from the south, take the Northside Drive East exit and turn right into the parking lot before the Highland Village sign.

Coming down I-55 from the north, take the Northside Drive exit and take a left onto Northside at the traffic light. Get over to the right lane and take a right into Highland Village.

See "Committee Reports" in this newsletter concerning things you need to know before the Nov. business meeting.

## OCTOBER MEETING

**Pioneer Festival:** The October meeting was held during the Pioneer Festival at the Crafts Center on the Natchez Trace. CWG members, dressed in period costumes, demonstrated carding and spinning to curious onlookers who packed the grounds.

**Show-and-tell:** The show-and-tell session included Hazel Howell's summer-and-winter experiments (from Donna Sullivan's "Summer and Winter: A Weave for All Seasons") and Tina Bradford's first steps in machine knitting (3 sweaters!). Nancy Landrum displayed the lovely herringbone shawl from last spring's sheep-to-shawl.

**YOAC recommendations:** Members approved three recommendations presented by Hazel Howell that concern activities in conjunction with our Year of American Craft Traveling Show. CWG members received these recommendations in the mail prior to the October meeting. They include:

- a party for CWG members and their guests as members jury work for the traveling show;

- the creation and distribution of invitations for the show's March 28 reception; and

- CWG sponsorship of a category award of \$25 for a traveling show entry.

**YOAC invitations:** Each member will mail her own invitations to the YOAC show reception March 28. Margaret Pittman (invitations chair) must know *how many* reception invitations each member will need for mailing. Please be prepared to tell her at the January meeting, or, if you can't make that meeting, write or call her with your number.

**YOAC volunteers needed:** Hazel Howell announced that the YOAC show committee will ask at the November meeting for committee volunteers to help with various duties. There's a lot to be done to make this wonderful event a success, and we need your help! Be prepared to volunteer for one (or more) of the following committees:

- Catalog

- Publicity

- Education (needs help with loom set-up for seminars)

- Entries receiving (to receive show entries at Ag Museum on March 10)
- Refreshments (during juring party and traveling show reception)
- Show hanging committee (includes take-down)
- Transportation (to transport entries from Jackson to next show site, Montgomery, AL)
- Invitations
- Hospitality (to secure housing for overnight guests and help out with reception)

**Bylaws review:** Barbara Mitchell announced that the bylaws review committee's duties have been postponed until after the first of the year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### YOAC Traveling Show Committee

#### Hazel Howell, chair

The show committee met after the business meeting at the Pioneer Festival, discussed a lot of details and nailed down some. The committee decided to ask for volunteers for show committees to sign up at the Nov. meeting. If you can't come to the Nov. meeting, you can write Hazel Howell and volunteer. We need this to be a real guild experience. (See minutes in this newsletter for list of committees.)

**Update on developments:** We have signed a contract with Donna Sullivan. Excerpts below:

The exhibition will be juried on Friday, March 19, 1993. The two days of seminars will run from (six-hour maximum instruction, plus breaks) 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, and Sunday, March 21, 1993. The maximum number of students is 25.

In consideration of these services, the sponsor will:

1. Pay \$200 upon completion of the juring;
2. Pay \$500 upon completion of the seminars;
3. Provide transportation expenses;
4. Provide room and board in a separate bedroom in the home of a guild member, whose name, address and phone number will be provided at least one month in advance (preferably Marcy Petrini).

The sponsor will supply a room suitable for the juring. The sponsor is requested to copy one set of *Donna Sullivan's Evaluation Criteria* for each item submitted to juring (they may be copied two per page and then cut in half). The sponsor will also provide two assistants with clipboards and pens; coffee will be available for the juror.

The sponsor will provide a classroom suitable for the seminars, as well as slide projector with screen and two carousels, blackboard with chalk and eraser, two tables for layout, one stool and nametags for seminar participants. The sponsor has permission to supply one unaltered copy of the copyrighted handout to each participant at the seminar opening; no other copies are authorized.

The instructor is willing to donate part of an evening on Friday or Saturday to discuss HGA's COE-Weaving program for interested members, if desired.

We now have the following awards promised:

- HGA: Best of Show Overall, 1-year HGA membership
- New Orleans Weavers Guild: Best of Show, Handwoven Wall Hanging; \$25
- Mobile Bay Fiber Guild: Best of Show, Handwoven Household Article; 1-year HGA membership
- Threads magazine: Best of Show, Handwoven Garment; 1-year subscription to Threads magazine
- The Yarn Collection (Helen Currie Caire): Best of Show, Hand-Dyed Handwoven Exhibit; 1.5 lbs. yarn to be dyed
- Chimneyville Weavers Guild: Category to be announced; \$25

By notes or phone calls, a number of participating guild members have expressed interest in the Donna Sullivan seminars and hope to attend. If any of you could host a visiting weaver for the weekend of March 20-21, please let us know. We want to be happy and hospitable.

Your exhibit committee members have worked so hard and have so willingly volunteered

for extra work session. I humbly want to hug and bless them all.

### **Loom Crawl Committee**

#### **Jane Burrows II**

Loom Crawl, our annual Christmas meeting/party, is set for Saturday, Dec. 12. We'll enjoy brunch at the home of Carol Parks in Clinton, then move on to Ginny Trainor's home (also Clinton) for lunch and dessert.

At our Nov. 21 meeting, come prepared to sign up for dishes to bring to Loom Crawl. We'll discuss whether to swap gifts, too. Directions to Carol's and Ginny's houses will appear in the Dec. newsletter.

### **Education Committee**

#### **Marcy Petrini & Margaret Pittman**

See the enclosed application form for the details of Donna Sullivan's seminars. The fees to attend the seminars were based on Donna's teaching fees, her estimated travel and other expenses, and a registration of 10 people per seminar. We tried to make the seminars as inexpensive as possible to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Please support your guild's efforts! If registration is low, the guild will lose money, making it impossible in the future to take advantage of other learning opportunities. March is far enough away that we hope you will be able to make plans and reserve the weekend.

Our expectations are that the seminars will be successful, so we suggest that you sign up early to reserve your place. Seminars are limited to 25 people by Donna's request.

We are also inviting neighboring guilds. If you can host a visiting seminar participant, please let us know.

Other activities are being planned for the weekend. Details will follow.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A sympathy note**

Our deepest sympathy goes to Hazel Howell for the loss of her 99-year-old mother in early November.

#### **Fiber Forum memberships**

The guild has voted become a member of the Southeast Fiber Forum. Individual memberships are also accepted. To join, send \$5 to Dody Proctor, Southeast Fiber Forum, 3840 Highway 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30208.

#### **YOAC show update**

The Bayou Yarn Benders of Baton Rouge, LA will not be participating in the Year of American Craft Traveling Show. This leaves five participating guilds in AL, MS and LA.

#### **Roc Day**

The Acadiana Weavers and Spinners Guild invites CWG members to take part in Roc Day 1993 on Jan. 9. The festive day of spinning (including a fashion show) will begin with registration at 9 a.m. in Breaux Bridge, LA at the Crawfish Kitchen. A handspun contest (natural fibers only) will award ribbons. The fee is \$15 per person, which includes a lunch buffet. Deadline for fee and application is Dec. 5. See Debbie Stringer at our Nov. meeting to get an entry form, or call her at 922-2341 (weekdays) to get one by mail.

#### **Looms for sale**

Carol King has a Nilus Leclerc 23" loom for sale. Includes cloth/nylon heddles, bobbin winder, warping board, reeds, shuttles, bench, warping aide and books; \$500. Call her at 981-7249 (home) or 981-0052 (work).

Katherine Reeves of McComb is offering a Nilus Leclerc 45" four-shaft loom with six treadles and lots of extras (reeds, warping board, bobbin rack). \$800 or best offer. Call her at 684-3697.

#### **Lost and (hopefully) found**

Margaret Pittman is missing her "Finishing Touches for the Handweaver" book by Virginia West. If you can help her out, please do.

# Donna Sullivan Seminars

The Chimneyville Weavers Guild is sponsoring two one-day seminars led by nationally known weaver Donna Sullivan, author of "Summer and Winter", at the Chimneyville School of Crafts and Design, Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Mississippi.

Seminar topics are:

## **Summer & Winter: A Weave for All Seasons**

Summer and winter is the most economical tied unit weave. In the workshop, weavers will explore traditional and modern treadlings: two blocks, four-shaft four blocks, textured treadlings, transparency, warp patterning, related tied weaves and more. All levels.

Saturday, March 20, 1993; 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

## **Color Interaction for Handweavers**

Weavers will explore the magical way color interacts uniquely with different types of structures: plain weave, twills, laces, supplementary warps and wefts, surface texture weaves, double weaves and warp-faced weaves. The mini-gamps and samples of different color harmonies (neutral, monochrome, analogous, triad, split complement and complement) demonstrate how to effectively control hue, value and intensity in various weaving situations. All levels.

Sunday, March 21, 1993; 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Each seminar is limited to 25 participants, so make your reservation early. Return the form below (your check made payable to Chimneyville Weavers Guild) to:

Hazel Howell  
1468 Sunset Drive  
Canton, MS 39046

## **Donna Sullivan Seminars**

Please make my reservation for the following seminar(s). Full payment is enclosed.

\_\_\_ Summer & Winter, \$40 (March 20, 1993)

\_\_\_ Color Interaction for Handweavers, \$40 (March 21, 1993)

\_\_\_ Both seminars, \$75

Name (and guild affiliation, if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day/night numbers) \_\_\_\_\_

The Chimneyville Weavers Guild will try to find accommodations for out-of-town seminar participants in members' homes. If you will need accommodations, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

If you can *provide* accommodations, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Help decorate our tree!

**It's time once again** to gather up your fiber ornaments and take part in a Chimneyville Weavers Guild Christmas tradition: decorating a tree at the Chimneyville Crafts Festival (Trade Mart in Jackson, Dec. 4-6). Make new ornaments or contribute old ones; the only criterion is that they be made of fiber.

This tree gives us a chance to showcase some of our smaller fiber efforts, and it's always a real crowd pleaser.

Here's what you need to do:

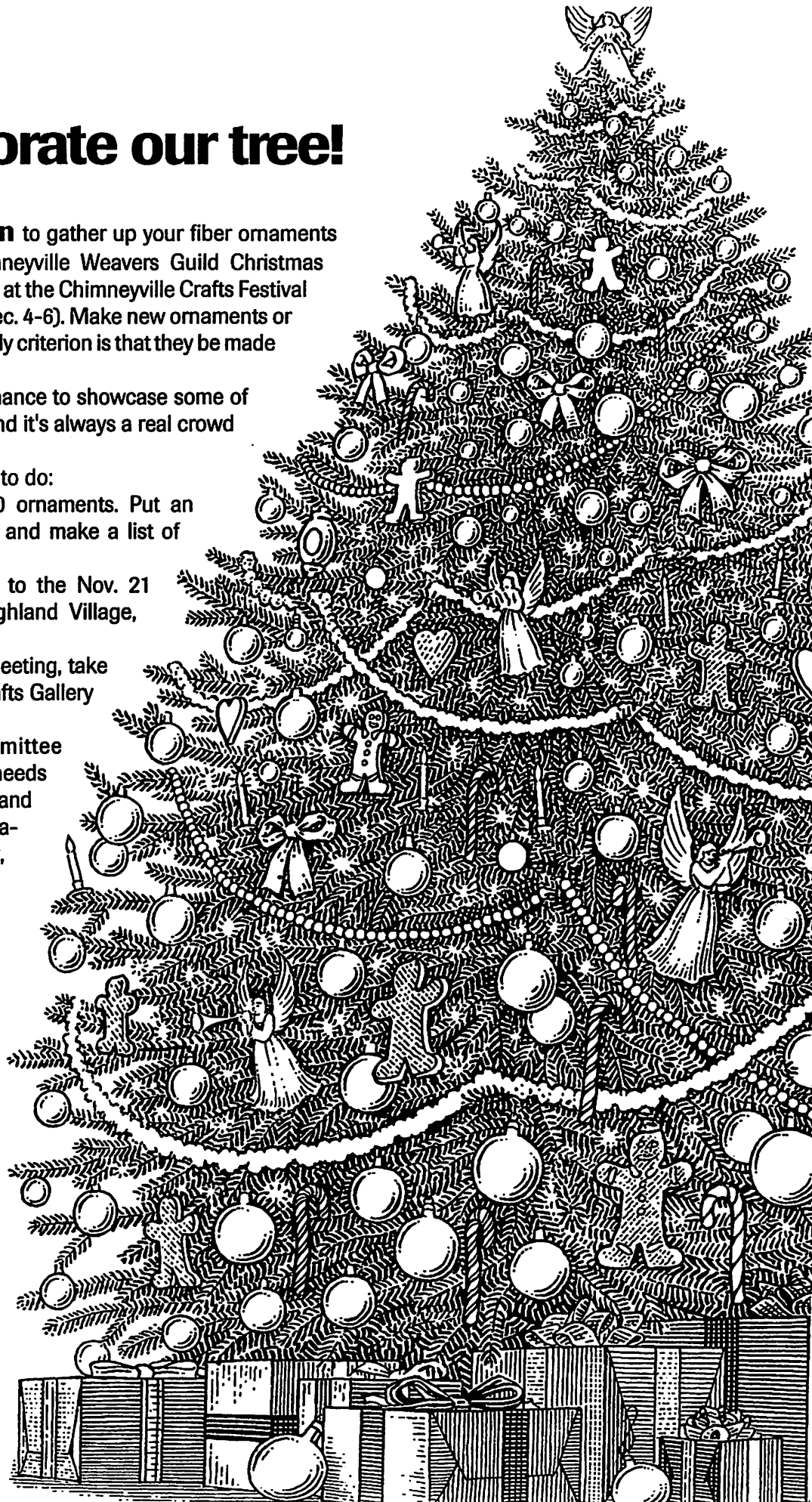
★ Get together about 20 ornaments. Put an identifying mark on them and make a list of what you contribute.

★ Bring your ornaments to the Nov. 21 meeting (at Shoney's Highland Village, remember?).

★ If you can't make the meeting, take your ornaments to the Crafts Gallery *no later than Dec. 2.*

Christmas-tree committee chair Beth Arrington also needs volunteers to help decorate and dismantle the tree. Decoration will begin Thursday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m.; take-down is Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

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