

# CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS GUILD

May 1992 Newsletter



## Calendar

**June 6**

**Mohair Spinning Workshop** with Kathryn Chastant, Pass Christian Library. (See details under Announcements later in newsletter.)

**July 23-26**

**A Capital Convergence**, Handweavers Guild of America, Washington, D.C.

**August 8**

**Summer guild get-together** at Nancy Landrum's house near Meridian. Details to follow in summer newsletter.

## '92-'93 CWG Board

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

## Newsletter

Send newsletter notices and contributions to:

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Deadline for submitting material for the next (summer) issue is July 1.

Chimneyville Weavers Guild  
c/o Craftmen's Guild of Miss.  
1150 Lakeland Dr.  
Jackson, MS 39216

**IMPORTANT:** Your input is needed. See section on the Year of the Craft Traveling Show and the ballot at the end of this newsletter.

## SHEEP TO SHAWL

The May meeting was our annual Sheep to Shawl at the farmhouse at the Miss. Agriculture and Forestry Museum. Good participation, beautiful weather and lots of onlookers made it a fun and productive day for the guild. Barney Tanner, Rankin County Extension Agent, brought a fleece and sheared two sheep at the farmhouse. Some members carded, some spun; Nancy Landrum wove the handspun weft into a shawl.



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Special thanks to Barney and to Ernie Dorrill, whom Marva Goodman asked to videotape Sheep to Shawl events. Marcy Petrini donated a handwoven man's scarf for the guild to present to Barney in gratitude. We also included a copy of the guild's cookbook, signed by all at Sheep to Shawl, and photos of his shearing.

We welcomed three guests to Sheep to Shawl from the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild: Bunny Oxley of Pass Christian, Helen Caire of Pass Christian, and Jenny Lu Ames of Bay St. Louis.

## MAY MINUTES

**By Debbie Stringer**  
**New board installed**

The 1992-93 board of directors was installed at the May meeting during Sheep to Shawl. Accepted by acclamation were:

Barbara Mitchell, director  
Nancy Landrum, vice director  
Debbie Stringer, secretary  
Hazel Howell, treasurer  
Beth Arrington, historian.

Outgoing director Jane Dollar presented her former board members (Tina Bradford, Margaret Pittman, Hazel Howell, Barbara Mitchell) with a gratitude gift of dyed mohair/wool roving. We are all grateful to Jane, Tina, Margaret, Hazel and Barbara for doing a super job!

New director Barbara Mitchell suggested that in future meetings, time spent in the business session should be kept to a minimum to allow more time for show-and-tell and activities. Barbara plans to conduct more business by committee, and she asks those who may have new business for meeting to present it to the board ahead of time.

### **Christmas tree**

Members passed a motion to decorate a Christmas tree again this year during the Craftmen's Guild Christmas show. We can make new decorations or use old ones; the only criterion is that they be of fiber. Hazel says she's unable to act as chairman this year but will serve as a contact for obtaining the tree. Members also passed a motion to act as volunteers for the craft show.

### **Study-group book**

Those who haven't put in an order but want a copy of Elsie Ragenstein's *Program for Weaving Study Group* must contact Margaret Pittman immediately. The price is \$2.50 for HGA members and \$3 for non-members, plus \$1 shipping. We can use these as a self-study guide until we set up a study group.

### **Year of the Craft Traveling Show**

Hazel Howell has been empowered by the board to chair an ad hoc committee to work with the board in forming recommendations for the guild's participation in a traveling show of handwoven/handspun items to coincide with the Year of the Craft in 1993. Ad hoc committee members also include Debbie Stringer (co-chair for communications), Marcy Petrini, Barbara Mitchell and Marva Goodman.

Six other fiber guilds from our region have shown an interest in participating in the show. Our guild will be responsible for organizing the show schedule (to begin roughly March '93), publicizing the show, determining details for submission, providing a judge for HGA award, staging an opening and providing a catalogue of entries (probably 10 from each guild).

CWG will hang the show at the Eudora Welty library auditorium in downtown Jackson. Hazel says the library people are excited to have a show of this caliber.

Marcy Petrini has been in contact with Donna Sullivan, author of *Summer and Winter*, concerning Donna's judging of our show. We also want to have Donna conduct either a three-day workshop (possibly March 19-21) or a two-day seminar (possibly March 20-21) while she's in town to judge.

**IMPORTANT!!!** One of the most pressing decisions to be made concerns the scheduling of the Donna Sullivan workshop or seminar.

The workshop would be hands-on summer-and-winter instruction requiring the dressing of all looms ahead of time. Participants would pay a loom fee or bring their own looms.

The alternative, a two-day seminar, would cost less per person (Donna's fee is \$250 per day) and cover more topics (but no hands-on); space wouldn't be as limited, and those who work weekdays would be able to participate.

The ad hoc committee and the board vote for a two-day seminar. Please let the committee know how you feel. **Complete the ballot at the end of this newsletter and return it to the guild no later than June 15.**

More important details concerning the traveling show will follow in a summer newsletter.

### **Children's Craft Sampler**

For lack of a volunteer to lead the program, CWG will not participate in the craft sampler at the crafts center on the Natchez Trace in June.

### **Dauphin Island retreat**

Hazel mentioned the possibility of planning a weaving/spinning/eating retreat to Dauphin Island in September. Keep it in mind; we'll discuss it more later.

### **Summer get-together**

There is no formal meeting planned for the summer, but Nancy Landrum has again offered to host CWG members for a summer get-together at her wonderful home near Meridian. She wants to have it Saturday, Aug. 8 around 10:00 a.m. or so. You'll get direc-

tions and more details in a summer newsletter.

We really enjoyed visiting her country home last year. It's a great place to truly get away from everything and enjoy her gardens, loom room, porch, each other, etc.)

## FROM THE GARDEN

By Barbara Mitchell

I'm looking forward to a great year as *your* director. With the traveling show, the Christmas tree and all the other activities, it promises to be another really busy year. We've taken on some mighty big projects in the past and come through with flying colors, and I am sure the traveling show will be no exception.

I do so enjoy my association with all of you. I am convinced that weavers and spinners are the brightest, smartest, most fun, and most sharing people around.

Please let me know any ideas or suggestions to make our guild even better.



## NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mohair Spinning Workshop with Kathryn Chastant

Workshop is set for June 6, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Pass Christian Library. Sponsored by Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild. Cost is \$12.50 plus \$5 fiber fee. Bring carders, wheel, ball winder, niddy noddy and either a brown-bag lunch or plan to order from local deli. If you are interested in going, call Barbara Mitchell, 362-4570. Registration needs to be sent immediately to Helen Caire, as there are only a limited number of places left.

### Free fleece

Ann Porter is offering free wool from her sheep to anyone who wants it. Call her at 856-7587.

### Project/Beginning Weaving Class

The Craftsmen's Guild of Miss. is offering a project weaving class suitable for both beginning and advanced weavers. Class will meet Tuesday nights from June 23 through August 25, 7:00 to 9:00. Marcy Petrini is the instructor. Students may come from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday to work at their own pace. Beginning students will start by weaving a sash. More advanced weavers can weave a project of their choice.

Cost is \$80 plus \$15 loom rental fee. Students provide own yarns and weave as many projects as they like. Preregistration and prepayment are required, as class may be canceled if not filled. For more information call 981-0019.

### Guild cookbooks

CWG cookbooks are still available for \$5. Debbie Stringer will try to remember to bring them to the next meeting for those who want one.

### Donna Sullivan workshop vs. seminar ballot

Please check one and mail to Chimneyville Weavers Guild, c/o Craftmen's Guild of Miss., 1150 Lakeland Dr., Jackson, MS 39216. **Return by June 15.**

I prefer the three-day workshop.

I prefer the two-day seminar.

Please sign your name \_\_\_\_\_



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