
Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild
NEWSLETTER

September 1994

Mark your calendar! The next meeting will be held at the Craftsmen's Guild on Saturday, September 17. The Board will meet at 9:30 a.m.; the general meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Bring your show-and-tell items and be prepared to try your hand at wheat weaving. Please also bring along (or mail as soon as possible) the following:

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- * the program questionnaire that Lu mailed to all guild members several weeks ago
- * your completed Statement of Dues form (included in this mailing) and payment for this year's dues.
- * your ideas for a new guild logo--the deadline has been extended.

Informal plans for the day include going to lunch at a nearby restaurant and then going to Heather's house to watch Marcy's video tape of the 1994 Convergence fashion show.

Also on Sept. 17, the guild will hold a dinner to honor Marcy for her recent selection as president of the Handweavers Guild of America and to thank her for all she has done to help the guild and its individual members. Cocktails will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30, at the Jackson Yacht Club. Please notify Marva if you can host out-of-town guests who may come for the party. See you all there!

Because Saturday the 17th will be so busy, the spinners' get-together which ordinarily would be scheduled for Friday, Sept. 16, will not be held.

JUST SPINNING-----

A great big "CONGRATULATIONS!" to Marcy, along with our sincere best wishes and support. Marcy has contributed so much to weaving and spinning here in Mississippi and also through her involvement in HGA. She was one of the founders/organizers of the Chimneyville Weavers Guild. Even as busy as her life is, she keeps several weaving classes going here. We are grateful and lucky to have an instructor of her quality and graciousness so accessible. She is always ready to help and answer all our many questions. THANKS, MARCY!

Now on with the new year. Your board has hit the ground running this summer. We have met twice and have pretty well organized all the mundane business for the year. Joyce Kille-Marino moved to Charleston, SC. The board appointed a replacement--Carol Parks.

We hope to have a fun, productive year. Business sessions will be short with programs and Show-and-Tell getting most of our time and attention. (The fun stuff comes first. One thing the board has planned is a small, handy yearbook which will include meeting dates and places, programs, extra activities, officers, and committee chairmen along with the membership list. If anyone has a special request for inclusion, please let me know.)

We are planning several special activities this year. Participation is voluntary, but I promise they will be fun. One project is HOMER. Remember the zoo sheep? Well, Tina Bradford and I have talked, gotten together, and planned a sweater from Homer's fleece. This will be donated to the zoo from CWSG, and will be used as a fund raiser. Even as I sit here writing, HOMER is on the stove dying. For this project, Tina and I think we need two sessions for spinning. The knitting may be finished in the second session. We shall see! ---But we need spinners. The fleece will be prepared, ready to spin. Bobbins from different people will be plied to obtain a more even yarn. Tina has volunteered her kitchen. Now we need dates to spin. We will set times in September.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY: This was such a fun day last year, and when the organizers called to ask if CWSG would come again, I said yes. The date is October 1. Put this on your calendar. We will have a handout for people who might want to know more about the guild. This is an excellent opportunity for recruiting new members.

WEAVING EXCHANGE: Last year we talked about having a cup/weaving exchange. At the September meeting, those who would like to participate, please bring a cup with your name attached in some way. Lu and I will put them in identical bags. Participants will take home a bag, then plan and weave something to go with the cup, bring the finished product to loom crawl, and return the cup along with your woven piece to the owner. If you would like to participate but cannot attend the meeting, please call me or Lu.

WEEK-END BASKET CLASS?---I talked to Jackie Spencer today. (She teaches Basketry at John C. Campbell Folk School.) She said she would come teach us a week-end class next spring. Anyone interested?

ROC DAY, 1996--One more item for thought: ROC Day, 1996. Do we want to host it? We need to make an official decision at the September meeting.

SUMMER FUN: Jane, Joyce, and I visited Barbara Batson just before \$ Day Yarn Sale the end of June. We dyed, and dyed, and dyed. We dyed several varieties of wool. We dyed on top of the stove. We dyed in the oven. We dyed silk. We dyed mohair. We played hard and had fun. We even bought a little yarn when we took a break and went over to Cartersville and Canton, GA.

Remember to bring all of your summer projects to the September meeting. Show-and-Tell should be too good to miss! See you September 17.

Marva

Did you know that Margaret Pittman is a member of HGA's Long Distance Connection? The following article, originally published in the *HGA Update* in the summer 1994 issue of *Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot*, explains the purpose of this special networking group.

Long Distance Connection

Electronic mail, fax machines, telephones and computers make it possible for artists to live far from crowds and cities and still stay in contact with friends, colleagues, markets, and materials sources. But it's people make the connections happen. Here at HGA we want to know if weavers, spinners and other fiber artists in remote areas are making the connections they need. HGA Vice President Marcy Petrini recently asked for an indication of interest in a group to connect HGA members who have no local guild. Responses to date suggest that there is considerable interest.

Although e-mail serves the needs of some, there are others who only have access to mail delivery and telephone. The Long Distance Connection may be the vehicle by which HGA members with common interests can contact each other, form special interest or study groups, and communicate information by means of progressive mailings or telephone calls.

In creating a new program, it is necessary to weigh the balance between the number of members it might serve, the start-up and support costs, and the effect a new program might have on existing programs. If you think the Long Distance Connection might serve your needs, or the needs of someone you know, let us hear from you. Contact Leslie Killeen, 4201 University Drive #102, Durham, NC 27707; (919) 490-6336; or e-mail to Internet kpugh@allen.com.

Changes/Additions to the Guild Directory

NEW ADDRESS for Andrea Dinep: P.O. Box 913,
Mississippi State, MS 39762-0913; 601/323-5279.

ADDITIONS: Julia Kubat, RR 2 Box 294,
Poplarville, MS 39470.

Milti Leonard, 1156 Pecan Blvd., Jackson, MS
39209.

Catherine Hill, Brandon, MS 39042.

Janet St. Lawrence, 112 Duranville St., Jackson, MS
39212.

The following reports were submitted by Lu Harding:

Info on trip to Nancy's: A group journeyed to Nancy Landrum's for what has become a traditional informal and unofficial summer gathering. We found Nancy's home to be as lovely as ever; she served us an unusual and delicious lunch; her loom was warped with a beautiful project; we all drooled with envy over her studio; and her lotus plants were blooming (the biggest blooms we ever saw) in her pond. She and her family are chinking the log cabin, which is a very time consuming and messy process; but the results are going to be well worth the effort. The following from Chimneyville W&S were in attendance: Nancy Landrum, Carolyn Nichols, Linda Chapman, Joyce Kille-Marino, Jane Dollar, Heather Gillis, Cathy Cohron, Marcy Petrini, Barbara Mitchell, and Lu Harding.

Guests included Lu's mother, Catherine Hill. We also welcomed Julia Kubat from Poplarville (Dyed-in-the-Wool) and Aggie Hurdle from the New Orleans guild. We sadly said good-bye to Joyce Kille-Marino, who is moving to Charleston, S.C. Otherwise, it was a great day. Thank you, Nancy!!!

Info on program for September: For our September program, Martha Garrott will teach us about wheat weaving. She is sharing with us at no cost some "seconds" material with which we will make wheat stars. She will also demonstrate the wheat plaiting process and provide information on how to obtain these materials for those interested. This is something we have not tried before, so please come and enjoy. Remember, our policy is to have the program first, so we will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. We'll be on the second floor of the Craftsmen's Guild Gallery at the Agricultural Museum.

Info on Hocoka: Please mark the week end of October 28, 29, and 30 on your calendar. Yes, we will be spending Halloween '94 in the woods. We will be hosting our annual shared retreat with our friends from the Dyed-in-the-Wool Guild on the Gulf Coast. Plan to come for as much as you can. If you can only drive down for Saturday afternoon, that'll be o.k.; but I urge you to take advantage of this bit of heaven for the whole week end. It is just a time of fellowship away from phones and television so we can share our love of spinning and weaving with really nice people. Please call me (Lu) at home 355-8807 to make your reservation and I'll fix up car pools. Everyone who attends splits the cost of the food, so it's always very reasonable. Their guild members will pay their share also. When you let me know who can participate, I will call on you to help with food. (I'm talking Sam's lasagna and frozen Danish here; home cooking is only by your choice if you feel ambitious.) Bring your spinning wheel, books and articles you want to share, questions about spinning and weaving and knitting, very casual clothing, sheets and a blanket or sleeping bag and towels, toiletries and make-up if you just must wear it--and come!

1994-95 CWSG Board

Director: Marva Goodman, 404 Parkway Rd.,
Brandon, MS 39042; 992-0383

Vice Director: Lu Harding, 1715 Devine St.,
Jackson, MS 39202; 355-8807(H), 968-
5128(W)

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Cir., Clinton, MS 39056; 924-8605(H), 924-
1830(W)

Treasurer: Heather Gillis, 507 Boardwalk
Blvd., Ridgeland, MS 39157; 856-7850(H),
939-9030x433(W)

Historian: Debbie Stringer, 2534 Crestleigh
Manor, Jackson, MS 39204; 373-6292(H),
922-2341(W)



Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

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(601) 981-0019

Mississippi Crafts Center
on the Natchez Trace Parkway
Box 69
Ridgeland, MS 39158
(601) 856-7546

Chimneyville Crafts Gallery
Agriculture and Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 981-2499

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LAUREN DIXON 981-0019

AUGUST 17, 1994

FALL WEAVING CLASS

Weaving Classes will be offered on a modular system, open to students who have taken a beginning weaving class. The modules are as follows:

- Module 1: plain weave and its derivatives (basket weave, rep, tapestry etc.)
- Module 2: twills
- Module 3: unit weaves (huck, M's & O's, Sweedish lace etc.)
- Module 4: block weaves (overshot, summer & winter, monk's belts, crackle, etc.)
- Module 6: complex weaves (more than 8 or special weaves)
- Module 7: color (and color & weave effects)
- Module 8: fabric analysis and design (must be extremely familiar with drafting)
- Module 9: fiber exploration (appropriateness of different fibers to finished product)

Students will choose a specific weave structure or topic within a module, and plan a project of their own; thus it is possible to repeat a module. Students wanting to learn about a specific item, for example lace or rugs, should sign up for the appropriate module (unit weave or twills for lace, modules 1, 2, or 4 for rugs). Students provide their own yarns; a limited number of yarns are available to students in the studio at a minimal charge.

Students must sign up ahead of time, and payment for class is due when registering. Because of this arrangement, class size will be limited. Class may be canceled if enrollment is too low.

Fall class starts on Tuesday September 20 and continues thereafter on Tuesday evenings through November 22. Registration starts immediately and it is final after payment has been made. Cost is \$95 (\$80 plus \$15 loom fee).

Students interested in beginning weaving can sign up for this class with the instructor's permission.

For more information, if you are unsure of the module to take or if you don't know how to weave, please contact the Guild office (981-0019) or the instructor.

Statement of Dues

This will inform us of your intention to be a member of **Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild** for the 1994-1995 year. Dues are payable anytime between now and the September meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Homephone _____ Workphone _____

Spouse _____

Type of membership: _____ Member (\$15), _____ Friend (\$5)

Method of payment: _____ Check, _____ Cash

Type(s) of loom(s) owned _____

Subjects you would like to have as programs _____

Subjects you could contribute to as programs _____

Committee Assignment you prefer (Currently in By-Laws) _____

Newsletter _____

Exhibits _____

Community Service _____

Publicity _____

Education _____

Refreshments _____

Area of Weaving or Spinning that is your Special Interest

Spinning _____

Weaving _____

Anything else you want us to know:



Please join us for a
DINNER
honoring
MARCY PETRINI

President, Handweavers Guild of America

Saturday, September 17

Jackson Yacht Club

Cocktails 7:00 p.m. (cash bar)

Buffet Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dress: Nice casual

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild hopes you will help us pay a special tribute to Marcy Petrini for her contributions to the guild and to handweaving in general, as well as for her selection as the new HGA president.

Make your dinner reservations by sending a check for \$16 per person (no later than **September 14**) to:

Heather Gillis

507 Boardwalk Boulevard

Ridgeland, MS 39157

Home: 601-856-7850; Office: 601-939-9030, extension 433

Directions to the Jackson Yacht Club:

Exit onto the Natchez Trace from I-55 north of Jackson. Take the Madison exit off the Trace, then turn right onto Old Canton Road. At the first stop sign, turn left onto Rice Road. Continue until you see the Jackson Yacht Club sign. (*Alternate route:* Exit onto County Line Road from I-55 in Jackson. Turn left onto Old Canton Road and continue to Rice Road. Turn right onto Rice and look for Jackson Yacht Club sign.)

MISSISSIPPI
BY AIR

WALKER, PAUL

1000 WOODS DRIVE
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am pleased to hear from you and to learn that you are interested in the White House. I am sure that you will find the White House a most interesting place to visit. The White House is the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States. It is a beautiful building with a long and rich history. I am sure that you will enjoy visiting the White House and learning more about the President and the work of the Executive Branch.

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