
Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild
NEWSLETTER

November 1994

October Program

Guild members attended the annual Pioneer Festival at the Natchez Trace Crafts Center in Ridgeland on October 22 to demonstrate spinning and weaving. We had a steady stream of curious onlookers from 10:00 a.m. till about 4:00 p.m. Some of us were dressed in costume, some were in our normal late 20th century attire, but everyone who ventured off the porch shared a common fashion element--muddy shoes! Although tickets for food and drinks were given to demo participants, Hazel also brought us fruit-and-nut snack bags, tea cakes, and "nervous" sandwiches stuffed with special ingredients guaranteed to keep you calm even when four-year-old children decide to kick the spinning wheels. Thank you, Hazel, for nourishing both our bodies and souls with your thoughtfulness.

During the show-and-tell segment of our meeting, Heather passed around her lovely silk-and-wool handspun yarn, while Jane Dollar showed us some wool she had dyed and the first part of a sweater she's knitting. Margaret modelled a T-shirt printed just like her business cards, and Tina showed samples of business cards created to look like trading cards. Nancy brought a card that she received from Kati Meek, a weaver noted for her tartans whom Nancy assisted at the last Convergence; the card had a beautiful sample of handwoven tartan decorating the front.

October Business Meeting Minutes

In Marva's absence, Lu officiated at the October business meeting.

Member Lists/Yearbooks--The yearbook project has been delayed. We hope to have them ready for the November meeting. Instead, Carol distributed lists with members' addresses and phone numbers and asked everyone present to check her listing for accuracy.

Zoo Sweater--Work on the sweater for the Jackson Zoo continues. Tina showed knitted swatches and skeins of the yarn spun from Homer's wool.

Refreshments for Future Meetings--Hazel is coordinating hostesses for our monthly meetings through May. If your name is not on this list, you will be asked to help with show refreshments.

November--Kathy Cohron

January--Jane Dollar

April--Nancy Landrum

December--Everyone contributes
to Loom Crawl.

February--Tina Bradford

May--Margaret Pittman

March--Lu Harding &
Heather Gillis

Hocoka--Lu announced that she was finalizing the food and travel arrangements for retreat participants.

Christmas Tree for Chimneyville Crafts Fest--Margaret reported that Beth Arrington cannot be in charge of the Christmas tree decorations this year. Because her father is ill, Beth's time and attention are needed elsewhere. Heather volunteered to take over this job.



Mississippi Rags--A mailing concerning this exhibition went out in October and is included in this newsletter. The show is scheduled for February 12-24, 1995, at the Northwest Community College Art Gallery in Senatobia. Nancy mentioned Mississippi Rags to the art gallery director at Meridian Junior College, and he expressed interest in displaying the show at MJC next summer. The guild will consider this possibility further at our November meeting.

Workshops--Lu brought flyers on various workshops being offered throughout the Southeast in the coming months. She also reported that Nancy Kahrs of Niceville, Florida, might teach a cotton spinning workshop for the CWSG. Several of the guild members present expressed interest, so we will discuss arrangements at a future meeting.

Crafts Center Renovation Fund--The Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild has been awarded a challenge grant by the Mississippi Arts Commission to aid in enlarging the Crafts Center cabin on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Plans include improving the demonstration area and creating more gallery space. For every \$1 donated to the Craftsmen's Guild for this project, the Arts Commission will provide \$.50 in matching funds. The Craftsmen's Guild hopes to raise \$34,000 in donations by February 1995. Heather suggested that the CWSG make a donation to this project. Her proposal will come up for a vote at the November meeting.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Silvio Petrini

Marcy's father, Silvio Petrini, died on October 25 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Many CWSG members have expressed their sympathy to Marcy and her family. In addition, memorials may be made to the Silvio and Eugenia Petrini Fiber Fund, Handweavers Guild of America Inc., 2402 University Ave., Suite 702, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Spinning Classes

Tina Bradford plans to teach spinning classes, beginning (probably) this month, with a new class starting in early 1995. The schedule is tentative, so contact her at (601) 673-9446 for more information.

Study Group

The next meeting of the Color Fiber and Structure Interactions: A Problem Solving Approach study group will be Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. sharp, at Marcy's house (950 Fairfax Circle, Jackson, MS 39211; 957-1423).

JUST SPINNING

There comes a time when the old body needs to slow down and relax--just lean back and take life easy. Such a time came last weekend.

Heather (with lots of food), Barbara, and I loaded our wheels and bed rolls and headed south. We turned east off I59 somewhere near Poplarville and then south onto a dirt

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NICE LOOM BENCHES: 40" wide; piano-hinged lid with box underneath for storage; storage box on each side; cypress and pine, stained to your specifications - \$150. Prices may vary with style and type of wood. Call Frank or Lucy Langford at 932-7869 for this and other custom wood needs.

road--bumpy, winding, no houses, no other cars. And then there was the lodge with friends on the porch waving a warm greeting. Peace, fun, no stress. No one expected you to have to do anything, yet everyone was willing to share things they knew. Soon we were all seated on that porch--just spinning, weaving, knitting, or just sitting.

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Food was prepared with no hassle and with all pitching in to do a small part--a community fruit bowl for breakfast and a large community soup pot for supper.

It was a time of renewing: A small pond, canoe on the bank, woods, trails, friends, lots of conversation, good food (plenty of it), a walk through the woods to Julia's house for a lesson using wool combs, knitting lessons, knitted felted hats, peace, and renewal. Those of you who could not go missed a wonderful retreat--How about next year?

Sorry I missed Pioneer Day, but I heard you had a good turnout and fun. I enjoyed my four days at the Southern Highlands Handcrafters Guild fall show in Ashville, NC.

I hope you are all planning your cup exchange project and your entries for the rag show. I will put my projects on the loom as soon as "Homer" is completed--which will be very soon. Tina said that she had knitted the front and will do the rest as soon as I send her the wool. I really think this will be possible the first part of next week.

Please make notes on your calendar of the dates for **ROC Day** (Jan. 7, 1995) and **Spin-In 1995** (Jan. 25-29). If the dates are on the calendar, it is easier to plan to attend.

MARVA

By popular demand, here's Hazel's recipe for tea cakes:

Old Fashioned Tea Cakes

<i>1 stick real butter</i>	<i>3/4 cup Crisco</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	<i>1 1/2 cups sugar</i>
<i>2 tsp. vanilla</i>	<i>1 tsp. lemon flavoring</i>

Cream all the above ingredients well. Add approximately 4 3/4 cups sifted self-rising flour (scant). Roll out on a lightly floured cloth. Cut and bake at 400° till brown--approximately 15 minutes. Yield--75 cookies

PROGRAM NEWS FROM LU

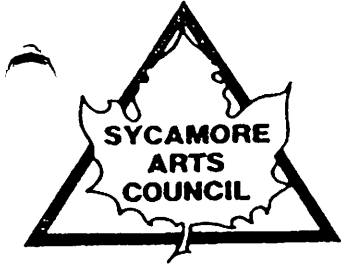
Our November program will be special, I think. Mary Lorenz, curator at the State Historical Museum, will present "Mississippi Homespun," the story of 10 Mississippi women who contributed to our textile history. This will be a slide show. I understand that the stories are fascinating. Mary will also talk about the care of old textiles. Please bring any textile items that you have that you consider to be antiques. We will share information about these. For example, my mother, Catherine Hill, is sharing with us a coverlet woven by her mother and grandmother; I am hoping she will join us and tell us about its history.

Please bring your fiber Christmas decorations for the Chimneyville Christmas tree. The Chimneyville Festival will be held Thursday through Sunday, December 1-4. I think everyone has a box of fiber decorations made for this purpose. We have all been storing our own. Please dig out the box and bring it to the November 19 meeting. Beth Arrington has had to give up chairing this project due to the illness of her father, and Heather Gillis has assumed responsibility. As you know, she's gonna need our help. Thanx!!



DON'T FORGET--THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, STARTING AT 10:00 A.M., UPSTAIRS AT THE CHIMNEYVILLE CRAFTS GALLERY AT THE AG MUSEUM!

Sycamore Arts Council



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“MISSISSIPPI RAGS”

A Juried Invitational Exhibition

Sycamore Arts Council would like to invite you, as a Mississippi weaver, to participate in a juried exhibition called Mississippi Rags. The exhibition will be shown at Northwest Community College Art Gallery in Senatobia, Mississippi, February 12th thru 24th, 1995. The Opening Reception will be Feb. 12, at NWCC from 2 to 4 p.m. No more than three pieces may be submitted by each weaver. The pieces shown may consist of clothing, rugs, wall hangings, or home accessories and the only requirement being they must be woven of rags. After jurying the pieces prize money will be awarded. The pieces will be picked up in Jackson, Miss., at the Craftsman Guild of Miss. office Jan. 28 or may be shipped to Nell Elam, 303 Bowden St., Senatobia, MS 38668, to be received no later than Jan. 28. The exhibition is sponsored by Sycamore Arts Council, Mississippi Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts. If you have any questions please call Sharon Williams, 601-233-2990.

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