

# *Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild*

## **NEWSLETTER**

**March 1995**

### **February Program**

Nancy Landrum was to do the program on linen but was absent due to illness. Lu brought a video--but the impromptu audio-visual team couldn't get the VCR from Blockbuster & TV to work together. To fill the gap, Marcy gave us an excellent explanation of drafting *ex tempore*. Thank goodness for Marcy! She will bring a few handouts to the next meeting. Nancy will present her **linen spinning** program at the **March 18** meeting.

### **February Business Meeting Minutes**

The February meeting was called to order by Marva.

**Minutes**--it was moved and seconded that the minutes in the newsletter (Feb.) be accepted as printed.

Sharon gave a report of the **Mississippi Rags** show.

First place (\$100) --Nancy Landrum for her coverlet  
Second place (\$75)--Sandy Tucker silk tie rags evening bag  
Third place (\$50) --Hazel Howell basket of leather rags from old hat  
HGA Award (\$75 + HGA one year membership)--Jean Sparks African Jibba  
Honorable Mention--Margaret Pittman Denim Rug

No "Best of Show" was given at request of the judge who wanted to acknowledge the excellent level of workmanship of the **Mississippi Rags** show.

Procedures were discussed. Marcy suggested that Procedures be written in teams to avoid any one memory failing and leaving anything out. Procedures will be compiled in a booklet. There was a call for volunteers to work on procedures for the "Christmas Tree". Marcy commented that our design is changing and volunteered to work on that subject.

#### **1994-95 CWSG Board**

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**Equipment Rental**--Debbie collected the information that was passed out at the last meeting. Marva made a call for comments. Virginia Rogers (former member visiting from Birmingham) shared some of her experiences in her new guild: They divided their stock into big and little. Records for loans were kept for both, with a 3-month lime limit on all loans. Whereas there are no fees charged for 'little' equipment (reeds, shuttles, etc.) there were fees of \$5 for the 'big' equipment (looms and such). At present, CWSG has only the drum carder which would be classified as 'big'.

**Library**--Marcy mentioned that the Craftsman's Guild may set up their own library in the meeting room of the studio. Marva mentioned that CWSG material should be kept separate (preferably under lock, though with relative ease of accessibility for members). Cataloging is set for March. Milti suggested her mother be commissioned--by barter and cost of materials--to build a cabinet for material. In the meantime, it was moved

and seconded that they be kept in cabinets in the studio where yarns are presently kept.

**Marva requested that ALL LIBRARY MATERIALS BE RETURNED BY NEXT MEETING SO THAT THEY MAY BE CATALOGED.**

**Sheep-to-Shawl**--Sandy suggested that the date be 22 April. Arrangements have been made to have the activity on the grounds of the Ag Museum. Otis Davis, county agent of Madison County, will do the shearing; Hazel has volunteered use of her Baby Wolf for the weaving; Marva is to obtain a sheep. The possibility of using a second loom was discussed. If the committee would like to do this, Marva offered her Baby Wolf. Lu questioned whether the guild's drum carder should be used in the greasy wool. Details were left to committee.

**Other Old Business**--Education Committee--Responses to the "Cotton Spinning with Nancy Kahrs" questionnaire are as follows: 13 replied, 11 of which are interested, 1 is not, and 1 is undecided. About half liked the \$25 fee; the rest checked "whatever it takes." Of the 12, 3 people had no preference for the length; the rest preferred an all-day Saturday program. With regard to time, 3 people would prefer the same Saturday as our regular guild meeting, 4 would prefer an alternate Saturday, and 3 had no preference. And finally, of the month preference, all had none; one person requested that the program not be scheduled for late August or September. I have contacted Nancy, asking for her schedule in the coming months. I have not heard from her yet, but it is too soon for her to have replied.

In addition to Betty Smith, Julia Kubat has offered to teach a felting workshop. I will have preference ballots at the meeting and for the next newsletter as we did for Nancy Kahrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Petrini, Chair

It was moved, seconded, and voted that the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild invite Nancy Kahrs to teach a one-day Saturday workshop on cotton spinning, the time and date to be mutually convenient and to be determined later; the guild will charge each participant \$25 to cover the cost of the workshop, plus \$5 for the fiber fee as requested by Nancy.

**Publicity Committee**--The publicity question raised at last meeting was never resolved. Margaret reported that not all her efforts have been successful--calls to the Ag Museum have not been returned, but the Colonial Mart Library seemed promising. Margaret proposed that we commit to do an informal show at the Colonial Mart Library for Weaving & Spinning Week in October this year. It was moved and seconded. Debbie, as publicity chairman, will be asked to send notices of guild activities to sources she suggests.

**HGA LX**--Marva suggested that HGA members get involved in the Learning Exchange (deadline: February 22). Information for this is in SS & D. Marva noted that participation is an excellent way of building a sample notebook.

**By-Laws**--It was moved and seconded that discussion be left for the March meeting. Marcy suggested that changes be made in committee.

**Phone #**--Sharon announced that the company from which Marcy got her Pendleton rag materials was incorrect in the magazine. The correct number and address is: The Woolen Mill Store, 8550 S E McLoughlin, Portland, OR; phone 503/272-2786.

**Rags**--Jane offered to bring and give away upholstery material to anyone who asks.

**March Meeting**--Remember the March meeting is clean-up-the-studio day. Bring a few cleaning rags (not weaving rags) and supplies.

(Due to illness of secretary, Carol Parks, minutes were taken by Milti Leonard. **Thanks, Milti!**)

ATTENTION WEAVERS WHO PURCHASED WHITE PENDLETON RAGS. Before dyeing them, you will have to wash them pretty thoroughly. The fabric has a greasy film, as will be obvious the first time you weave. For pre-dyed rags, I wash after weaving, but the dye will not take if you don't wash first. I suggest synthrapol, available from Diane Hardy in Lake Charles (318-436-7260).--Marcy.

The weaving study group will meet March 9 at 7:00 pm at Marcy's (950 Fairfax Cr.; 957-1423). Previous attendance is not necessary. Bring a project to discuss, if you have one, or just come to contribute to the discussion.

Olivia Charles, aka our very own Milti Leonard, gave a wonderful recital on Sunday, February 26, 1995. Congratulations, Milti!

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### ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Correct Carol Bann to Carol Vann.

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\*\*\*\*\* If the upcoming St. Patrick's Day's festivities leave your head spinning, sure and ye should be weaving your way over to Barbara O'Mitchell's cottage (1012 Parkwood Place, Jackson; 362-4570) to join in the traditional guild meeting eve spinners' gathering on March 17, starting at 7 o'clock. Bring your wheels, your fiber, and your own green beer. Faith and begorrah, there'll be no finer place to be this side of the Emerald Isle! (Leprechauns should also plan to bring their own pots o' gold.) \*\*\*\*\*

## JUST SPINNING

Remember, our March meeting is for cleaning the studio and cataloging library materials, maybe updating the scrapbook. **IF ANYONE HAS ANY LIBRARY MATERIALS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE MARCH MEETING. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, SEND THE MATERIALS, OR DROP THEM OFF EARLIER.** Search your library--or the table beside your bed where you keep all the valuable reading material--just to make sure whether or not you have CWSG materials.

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### FOR SALE

Landrum Spinning Wheel, regular flyer with three bobbins and a lazy Kate. Call Carol Vann at 601/796-4820.

*Classified ads are run free of charge to CWSG members. The fee per ad for non-members is \$5 for three consecutive newsletters. Submit ads to the CWSG secretary/newsletter editor by the first of each month.*

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Life has been rather slow--thank goodness!--since the last meeting. But spring is coming and there is work to be done. Maybe now I can get the warps that are laying ON the loom, threaded and ready to weave. Or spin some of that lovely roving I bought at ROC Day. Or wash and dye some of that wonderful fleece that I bought. Isn't it nice that there are so many choices! I really can't understand people who are bored because they have nothing to do.

Speaking of ROC Day--several members are looking at places to hold the event. If you have a suggestion, please call me soon. Or better still, check it out, then call me. Places under investigation are: Percy Quinn State Park, Roosevelt State Park (booked by others already), Lakeover Center (rather expensive), Ag

Museum, Primos Convention Center, Reservoir Lodge. We really would prefer a large space where everyone could be in one room--vendors along with spinners.

Be thinking about goodie bags for ROC Day and door prizes. There may be merchants in the area who will donate small items that may be used.

I received a card from Perkins Farm. They are having "Wool Days" April 1st and 8th, 1995, 10 am - 4 pm.  
Anyone interested in going?

*Just keep spinning,*

*Marva*

**\*\*\*BARBARA MITCHELL RECENTLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER CONCERNING  
PORT GIBSON'S 1880S SPRING FESTIVAL. PLEASE NOTIFY BARBARA NO LATER THAN  
MARCH 18 IF YOU PLAN TO GO.\*\*\*\*\***

Mrs. Barbara Mitchell  
Chimneyville Spinners & Weavers Guild  
1012 Parkwood Place  
Jackson, Miss. 39206

2/6/95

Dear Mrs. Mitchell,

Plans for the upcoming 1800's Spring Festival are coming along nicely and I thought I would touch base with you for a few final details. Please send me approximately how many will be attending this year. We would like to locate them all together and want to make certain that enough space is provided for them.

Please ask the spinners to arrive at the front gate to receive their badges and directions to their reserved area. We would also like to know how many complimentary tour tickets to send and exactly how you would like to be printed in our programs.

We are always delighted to have the spinners as they add so much to the festival. The Festival Committee is grateful to the spinners for their support in this celebration of Mississippi and its proud southern heritage.

The spinners need not be spinning the entire time. They may display their craft whenever the mood strikes or they may wish to take part in some of the festivities. There are several which require no practices and are a lot of fun, the Grand Maypole, the Tribute to the Court and the lawn games.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Purviance*  
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P.S. Have you noticed that we used a photo of the spinners inside our new brochure? Oh, and look for us in the spring issue of Victorian Homes.

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