
Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild **NEWSLETTER**

July 1995

JULY MEETING

Nancy Landrum will host an informal guild meeting and lunch (!) at her home in Meridian on **Saturday, July 15**, beginning at 10-10:30 a.m. This summertime gathering at Nancy's is becoming a guild tradition that you won't want to miss! **DIRECTIONS:** From I-20, take the Valley Road exit; turn right. After 2.7 miles, you should see a split rail gate on the right with the number 4250; that's Nancy's driveway. (If you reach Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, you've gone too far.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Felting Workshop: There were 10 replies: 2 wanting the workshop, 8 not interested. I wrote Julia Kubat explaining the situation. Those of you interested in the workshop should contact Julia directly (RR2 Box 294, Poplarville, MS 39470).

Triangular Loom Workshop: 3 people are interested. I have written Helen and told her that I have turned over the arrangements to one of the interested parties.

Leaving Workshop: There were 10 replies: 5 yes, 1 conditional (depending on subject matter), 4 not interested. Those interested wanted primarily a Saturday workshop as opposed to the entire weekend. Most people were willing to pay up to \$35. Because this is not enough interest to make the workshop pay for itself, it would have to be subsidized by the Guild. I will ask the Board to consider this request, but I suggest that this be done after Roc Day, since we don't know how much money Roc Day is going to cost us.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Petrini, Chair

STUDY GROUP REPORT

Those of you who have attended the study group this past year have experienced a treat each and every month. If you did not attend, you really need to consider making the effort to do so for the coming year.

It was decided that a report of the meeting will be written for the newsletter each month. This might help you

analyze what you are missing each month, let you know that we are seriously learning, and it is for all levels of experience.

The topic for the year was simply "PROBLEMS." Each month Marcy graciously asked us to come to her house for 'serious' study. This was not party or social time. (But how can you meet at Marcy's without

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doing that?!) Each person was to bring their problem, and Marcy, with all her experience and library, would lead a discussion in solving the problem. Some topics were familiar to others in the group, and a discussion of treatment by those was always welcomed. (example--Hazel has done lots of rag weaving, Margaret is proficient in overshot, etc.,.)

Even if you had no specific problem that month, you were welcome to come and listen or contribute to the discussion. There were projects planned and topics discussed that were so very beneficial to all who came. Please try to fit the study group into your schedule for the coming year.

The June 1995 study group met at the home of Marcy Petrini. The first thing that caught everyone's eye was the beautiful Montana yarn that Kathy Cohron had brought. They were 'Mountain Colors,' 100% Soviet-American wool, 2 ply, handdyed. Luscious. **Question:** Can I use this weight in a woven vest; do I have enough yarn for a vest? Marcy looked at the label, wrapped an inch, did some figuring, asked the type of vest desired, and a very informative discussion followed.

(A social note thrown in while figuring was going on: Kathy had tickets for the 1995 Tour of Figure Skating Champions while she was visiting daughter Coleen in Montana. Also, Kathy 'suggested' to Coleen that she plan her wedding next summer around Convergence! Isn't that wonderful?)

Question: How do I put this afghan together?

Kathy had woven an afghan and now it needed to be put together. It was woven in two pieces and needed an invisible center seam. Marcy brought out her afghan and showed just how to accomplish this.

1. Pin the edges together
2. Lay the afghan in your lap or on a surface where you can control it with no pull on the piece as you stitch.
3. Sew using warp thread. Sew edges together--being careful to keep edges butted together. Do not overlap the edges. Unpin ahead of your stitches only a short way.

Washing tip: Wash in synthropol. This will help to remove oils and will not damage the wool.

Question: After removing a scarf from the loom, there was discovered a length where two warp threads had been caught in the same shot. Can this be repaired?

Solution: After carefully looking at this, it was decided that it was not two threads, but a slub in one warp thread which gave the appearance of two threads. Just live with it.

Discussion: What is "tabby"? This came up while several were talking about our inlay learning exchange. Tabby is a balanced plain weave. That is, the same size warp as weft, with the same shots per inch as ends per inch.

Marcy then brought out some pieces of Damask that she had woven in red and green. This was a study of "why do red and green now look gray?." Damask must have a minimum of 8 harnesses to weave a true damask. It is a derivative of the satin weave. Beautiful patterns are developed according to the treadling and threading. The interesting study of these pieces was the interplay of color accorded to the floats on each side. (You really needed to be there to see it.)

Then we looked at a scarf on the loom compared to a knitted scarf from the same variegated yarn. The interplay of colors was startling. They were more vivid in the knitted piece, but pleasingly subtle in the woven piece.

Our study sessions are serious but fun. We encourage you to attend.

The Weaving Study Group will meet July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Marcy's (950 Fairfax Cir.; 957-1423).

Previous attendance is not necessary. Bring a project to discuss, if you have one, or just come to contribute to the discussion. Meetings will continue throughout the summer on the usual day (second Thursday of the month) and time (7:00 p.m.).

Changes and Additions to the Directory

Heather Gillis has moved to Hattiesburg to take an exciting new job. ☺ Best wishes, Heather! ☺ Fortunately, she will remain CWSG Treasurer for the 1995-1996 year. Heather may now be reached at 2300 Lincoln Rd., Apt. 26, Hattiesburg, MS 39402; 264-6263.

A former guild member has decided to return. Welcome back to Norma Cox, 115 North Meadows Place, Jackson, MS 39211.

ROC DAY

The ROC Day Committee met to formulate plans. It is going to be a great day. When you are called on to help, be assured you will be participating in a fantastic event.

Committees formed:

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| 1. Food (Friday Pot Luck, snacks) | Hazel Howell |
| 2. Vendors | Marcy Petrini |
| 3. Registration | Carol Parks |
| 4. Set-up | Marva Goodman |
| | Hazel Howell |
| 5. Exhibits | Barbara Mitchell (?) |
| 6. Fashion Show | Sandi Tucker (?) |
| 7. Prizes | Kathy Cohron |
| 8. Goodie Bags | Kathy Cohron |
| 9. Publicity | Debbie Stringer |

We will have a pot-luck supper Friday night with a guest speaker, and Marcy plans an HGA reception at her house for those who stay over on Saturday night. We can discuss things while we are at Nancy's on the 15th. If you have suggestions for a small keepsake or special name tag, please present them at that time.

Marva Goodman, ROC Day Committee Chair

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