Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild NEWSLETTER

August 1995

AUGUST MEETING

Our next informal meeting will be a "Fiber Fest," August 12th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Kathy Cohron's. Bring your spinning and handwork, or just come to relax and eat!

Margaret will show us how to make her woven ear rings and pins. She will also show us how to knit a cord that has endless uses. In addition, she will have frame loom kits for sale @ \$15 each.

Marva will demonstrate again, for those interested, how to get started on the scarf looms. Small cardboard looms will be given to those who need a hands-on sample to take home. Bring 1 or 2 yards of yarn for your direction sample.

Directions to Kathy's house: Drive north on I-55. Take exit 105B - Old Agency Road/Ridgeland. Turn left on to Old Agency Rd. and drive until the road dead ends. Turn right, drive 3.1 miles, and you're there. The house is on the right: 414 Lake Cavalier Rd.; phone 856-6698.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Weaving Study Group will be Thursday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Marcy's. Hope to see you there! The group meeting has been cancelled for September.

Included in this newsletter is the registration form for the Nancy Kahrs spinning cotton workshop on October 14. We have opened up registration to nonguild members to make it self-supporting. Register now! If you won't be participating in the workshop, you can still attend the pot-luck dinner to meet Nancy and have dinner with the group, but please let Marcy know by October 1. CWSG members who will be coming to the pot-luck dinner, please bring a dish to share.

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Turkey Lasagna

8 oz. lasagna noodles 1 lb. ground turkey 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 med. onion, chopped

1 16 oz. can peeled tomatoes,

drained & chopped

8 oz. tomato sauce 6 oz. tomato paste 2 tsp. basil 1 tsp. oregano 1/2 tsp. thyme 2 tsp. fennel seed

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes

2 tbsp. fresh parsley, minced

1 egg, beaten 2 cups lowfat cottage cheese 1/4 tsp. freshly cracked pepper 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

8 oz. shredded part-skim milk mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 375°. Prepare noodles according to package directions. Rinse in cold water and set aside. In a skillet, cook turkey, onion, and garlic just until done. Stir in tomato products, dried seasonings and 1 tbsp. parsley. Simmer 15 minutes and set aside. Meanwhile, mix together egg, cottage cheese, pepper, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, and the remaining 1 tbsp. parsley. Set aside. To assemble in a 9" x 13" baking dish, layer half of the noodles, half the cottage cheese mixture, half the meat mixture, and half the mozzarella. Repeat layering with second half of everything. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup of Parmesan. Bake 30 mins. or cover and refrigerate to bake later.

- Nancy Landrum

CELTIC FEST

The guild has been invited to participate once again in the Celtic Fest held



annually at the Ag Museum. This year's event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 10, from noon - 5 p.m. Ann Hayne, one of the Celtic Fest organizers (and potential guild member--she took spinning lessons from Tina Bradford!), has promised to include a PR blurb for us in the souvenir program, photocopy a supply of flyers for us, and give a donation to the guild in exchange for our participation. We'll probably set up our spinning wheels and other demo "stuff" on the north porch of the Forestry Auditorium, just like last year, although there is a slight chance that we'll have an indoor demo area. The purpose of the event is

to raise awareness of Southern culture's Celtic heritage through music, dance, and crafts--and it's lots of fun even if you don't have a drop of Celtic blood! Please let Carol know by Sept. 3 if you can come. what day you can come, and the time you can come so that we can coordinate space and equipment (chairs, tables, etc.) needs.

News from Lu

For some reason, I was worried that our new president, Kathy Cohron, would try to do everything herself and would just work herself down to a tired puddle. Never fear, this gal, nice though she is, knows how to delegate. For example, she has me writing reports on both Study Group and the visit to Nancy Landrum's. Somehow, I think she got me to volunteer. And somehow--I guess because she's so nice--I just find it a ioy. Kathy, I think you are getting delegation training from Marva. Members, watch out; you're gonna be working.

Study Group

Our CWSG Study Group met at Marcy's on July 13th. We tackled several question and problems and learned a lot. Margaret P. brought a vest and purse she had made with her beautiful and famous subtly changing coloring. She shared a sample of Barbara Miller's that she likes a lot and asked about using it in double face or overshot. Marcy explained to us how this could be done—a complex answer that I can't write; you sort of had to be looking at it. Margaret also shared some chenille yarn and asked for advice on use. Marcy shared her advance copy of SS&D that features chenille, which will also be available as a topic for HGA LX next time.

Kathy shared that her yarn from out west is too heavy for some projects. This of course led to discussion of deciding on appropriateness of fibers for projected uses. Also, Kathy wanted advice on finishing. The book *Finishing Touches* was recommended. Marcy and Margaret reminded us to use wrappings to examine yarns when they are to be used together. Marcy pointed us toward Weavers' Way as a source for synthetic yarns, which Kathy was interested in. This brought us to a discussion of mixing fibers in a piece and how to avoid "seersuckering" when doing so. Marcy reminded us to wash for the most delicate fiber when using this technique.

Lu brought her recent LX cotton spinning samples and passed them around. Lu asked if anyone had tried the new (and expensive) end feed shuttles. Marcy has one but has not had time to learn about it and try it out. Lu reported great potential from her thus-far limited experience. She spoke of a phase-in period which had its frustrations; Cynthia Crull and Cheryl Reynolds of Dyed-in-the-Wool both highly recommend working through this to the great success they have found.

Hazel brought several skeins of beautiful handspun wool (by Hazel, of course) which she will dye. She is also making another gourd chip basket. Hazel asked for help with spinning dog hair that was quite short. Marcy was able to spin it, and Hazel was working at it at last report. It was <u>very</u> short fiber. Hazel also shared plans for a blue/white/red Western design blanket for a grandson's gift.

The group moved on into a color discussion with Marcy sharing a knitted scarf. The yarn in a skein was eautiful; knitted it was very unspectacular. The colors just grayed each other out. The group discussed the various ways colors interact and the fact that even experience did not always prepare one to correctly envision the result. Marcy also showed the group the way to knit a diagonal scarf by starting with one stitch and increasing stitches on each edge. The group discovered that newer members need information about the sashes that CWSG members wear when volunteering--colors are red, blue, green, and purple. Creativity is a key. (I don't have one yet either, so nobody should feel bad. We just need to get started.)

Adjournment came at around 9:00 p.m. when Kathy and Margaret remembered how far they had to drive to deliver items to the Cottonlandia Museum in Greenwood the next morning. The date for August is different; check elsewhere in this newsletter for the new day (Marcy is on the road again.). Or call me after August 1.

--Lu Harding

Trip to Nancy's

On Saturday, July 15, the Jackson members of the CWSG met at the stadium to carpool over to Nancy Landrum's beautiful home in Meridian for what has become an annual outing and day of bliss in the country. This group consisted of Kathy Cohron, Marcy Petrini, and Margaret Pittman. Hazel Howell and Marva Goodman took a meandering route, making some visits along the way. Lu Harding picked up new members Melba Nipper in Brandon and Kathy Smith in Pelahatchie lest they get lost trying to identify Nancy's driveway. Jane Dollar and Linda Chapman came from Starkville, and Barbara Mitchell delivered her grandson with two broken legs to her son's home in Meridian and came out for a little while. Of ourse, Nancy was our hostess, and Winki Allen from Meridian joined us. And Heather came to her first meeting as an out-of-towner, all the way from Hattiesburg and her new job responsibilities. To those of you who could not make it, we can only say do not make the same mistake next year. The hostess is outstanding, the place is beautiful, and the food is delicious. Needless to say, the fellowship is fantastic!

We enjoyed Nancy's house and her progress on her weaving and other projects. I always enjoy her antique weaving/spinning items; this time she had a "new" old flax winder. We checked the progress on the log cabin (much further along but a long way to go) and enjoyed the flowers and plants and blooming lotus in the pond. We got to see the video of Nancy's daughter's outdoor wedding and reception--wonderful. The bride and mom looked great!!! Those interested for immediate reasons learned lots of tips on weddings, and some of us made notes for the future.

We sat around the den and spun and did fiber projects we had brought, and Marva gave the ambitious a lesson in triangular loom weaving. I was too enthralled by Nancy's beautiful books to pay complete attention, but I saw people taking notes. The products Marva showed us were wonderful. I think even I could do it if I could borrow someone's notes. . . . Hazel worked on her dog hair spinning, and Melba had her first spinning lesson. She is looking for a wheel if you know of one, and I think Kathy Smith could be tempted also. They are going to bring us a lot of knowledge about sheep and wool. In addition, they will be bringing a great big dose of youthful enthusiasm. I really enjoyed getting to know them on the drive; they're great.

We had a sort of informal meeting and worked on some Roc Day plans. Stay tuned as Marva will be making assignments.

Thank you, Nancy, for the beautiful meal and for your hospitality. We hope we can get invited back next year. Actually, we are available for adoption. . . .

--Lu Harding

WEEKEND WEAVING CLASS

Saturday, Aug. 19 & Saturday, Aug. 26, 1995 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. w/an hour lunch break

FALL WEAVING CLASS

Tuesday nights, Sept. 26 - Nov. 28, 1995 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration for classes starts immediately until class is full. Your registration is final after payment has been made. Cost is \$95.00 (\$80.00 plus \$15.00 loom fee). Classes are held in the weaving studio of the Chimneyville Crafts Building at the Agricultural Museum. (Please enter via service entrance.)

Weaving classes are offered in a modular system; modules after the first are open to students who have taken a beginning weaving class.

Module 1: Beginning Weaving Module 6: Block Weaves (overshot, summer

Module 2: Plain Weave (basketweave, rep, & winter, crackle)

tapestry) Module 7: Color Module 3: Twills Module 8: Fibers

Module 4: Drafting Module 9: Complex Weaves (more than 4

Module 5: Unit Weaves (huck, M's & O's, shafts)

Swedish lace, etc.) Module 10: Fabric Analysis & Design

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER WOVEN BEFORE should sign up for module 1. Modules may be repeated for in-depth study.

To register or for more information, contact: Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi

1150 Lakeland Drive Jackson, MS 39216 601/981-0019

Nancy Kahrs Spinning Cotton Workshop

October 14, 1995

Registration is now till October 1. Final information will be sent to confirmed participants on or about October 1. You do **not** need to be a member of the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild to participate, but you must be able to spin (beginners are welcomed). You must provide your own spinning wheel; Nancy will provide the cotton.

Register now! Registration is limited, as per Nancy's instruction. A small group makes the learning experience more pleasant.

Your registration is confirmed with payment. Make checks payable to Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild. No refunds on cancellation. Send your check and this form to: Marcy Petrini 950 Fairfax Cr. Jackson, MS 39211.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone #:	
	Yes, I want to register for the workshop. I am enclosing \$ 30 fee (\$ 25 workshop fee + \$ 5 material fee)
	I live out of town and I need housing *
	I plan to attend the pot luck dinner on Friday night.
	I am interested in going out to dinner with the group on Saturday night (Dutch treat)

^{*} Members of the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild will host some out of town guests in their own homes, first come, first serve basis. Others will be sent information about local accommodations.

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Welcome!!

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners 1995-1996

Unless otherwise announced, all general meetings are held on the *THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH*, beginning at 10:00 AM, at the weaving studio above the Chimneyville Crafts Gallery (Ag Museum in Jackson).

Meeting Dates and Programs

September 16 I-Cord & Book Reports

Debra LaVine & you all

October 14 Nancy Kahrs Spinning Workshop
October 19 Study Group at Marcy Petrini's

October 28 Pioneer Day at the Crafts Center in Natchez

November 16 Study Group - Marcy's

November 18 Net work Drafting - Marcy Petrini

December (TBA) Study Group

December 1-3 Chimneyville Craft Festival

December 9 Loom Crawl January 6 Roc Day

January 18 Study Group - Marcy's

January 20 Roc Day Hash

February 15 Study Group - Marcy's

February 17 Hazel Howell's directions for loomed baskets

March 14 Study Group - Marcy's

March 16 Dying & warp painting with June Dollar, Debbie Stringer, Margaret

Pittman

April 18 Study Group - Marcy's

April (TBA) Sheep to Shawl

May 16 Study Group - Marcy's

May 18 Hazel Howell - Finish Baskets!!!

Additional Activities/Dates to note:

September 9 Celtic Festival - Spinning, demo, etc. on the north porch of the

Forestry Auditorium

Sept 26 - Nov 28 Fall Weaving Class 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Craftsman Guild by Marci Petrini at Ag Museum

October 7 Chapel of the Cross, Day in the Country, Spinning & Weaving

Demo

Weekend Retreat (TBA)

July 17 - 21 Convergence 96 - Portland, Oregon