Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild NEWSLETTER

September 1995

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 16th ** Weaving Studio at the Ag Museum ** 10:00 AM (Board meets at 9:30.) In Kathy's absence, Nancy will preside at the meeting. Deborah Levine will demonstrate "I" cord. Please bring your favorite weaving/spinning/dyeing book for discussion/recommendation at the meeting. Also, bring any "white elephant" item you have lying around--here's your chance to get rid of it! (Further explanation will be offered at the meeting. This idea is based on an activity Marcy witnessed at another guild; some of you may have heard her tell about it at the August meeting at Kathy's house.)

Don't forget that dues for the 1995-1996 year are due this month. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Please complete this form and return it with your payment to the guild treasurer, Heather. The sooner we have our membership information updated, the sooner we can create and distribute the guild directory.

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE

The guild has committed to a show in October to be held in conjunction with National Weaving and Spinning Week. This show will be hung at the Canton Mart Road Library/Colonial Mart. We need everyone's participation. We would like to "pull out all stops" for this show to educate the community regarding weaving, spinning, and dyeing. Please bring up to three handspun and/or handwoven pieces to

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the September Guild meeting. Respectfully submitted,

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Margaret Pittman and Sandi Tucker

As we begin a new "official" guild year, I want to invite every member to submit your articles. mnouncements, reports, advertisements, recipes, etc. for publication in the newsletter. If you've found ertain information useful or interesting, other weavers and spinners probably will too, and the newsletter can be a convenient tool for information exchange. However, the newsletter loses its value if the information it contains is inaccurate, incomplete, or out-of-date. Therefore, I'd like to suggest the following guidelines for submissions:

If possible, please submit your news via e-mail (rparks@delphi.com) or on 3 1/2" diskette, preferably in WordPerfect 5.1 (or earlier versions). I can also use Microsoft Works or Word for Windows. (And of course, there's always ASCII.) E-mail or diskettes are especially encouraged if your submission is longer than half a page. If you can't e-mail and if your news is shorter than half a page, don't go to the trouble of mailing a diskette; I can easily retype that much. Diskettes will be returned.

If you don't have access to a computer, please type your submission or write legibly. Most importantly, put it in writing, with as much detail as you think is necessary. Telephone me with your news (or additions to the mailing list) only as a last resort; jotted telephone notes are usually sketchy and easily lost, and my answering machine sometimes cuts off the end of recorded messages.

The target date for mailing the newsletter is the 5th of each month. By then I must have all the parts of the newsletter typed, laid out, proofed, printed, copied, collated, folded, labeled, and stamped. Therefore, any submissions of half a page or longer that I receive after the 1st of the month *must* be e-mailed or on diskette; otherwise, there's a good chance that they will not be included in the latest issue.

These guidelines are meant to assure that the guild newsletter comes together smoothly and contains timely and accurate information—they are <u>not</u> meant to inconvenience anyone. I will gladly accept your submissions in any form (but some forms are better than others!).

Now I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm tired of the obvious-but-uninspired title *Newsletter*. How about a *real* name for this publication? Does anyone have any ideas to share? (Here's something else to think about, along with guild logo designs.)

And finally, let me get in a shameless plug for something totally unconnected to spinning or weaving: Many of you know that my husband, Rick, is a writer. He has a story in the September issue of Science Fiction Age magazine, which should be on the stands for a couple more weeks. He also has stories in the anthologies 100 Vicious Little Vampire Stories and 100 Wicked Little Witch Stories that are hot off the presses and available for a modest \$7.98 each at B. Dalton Booksellers. (Got a horror fair on your Christmas list? I can guarantee the autograph of one of the authors!)

Carol Parks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget! 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. We'll be on the north porch of the Forestry Auditorium (like last year). Tell the gatekeepers that you're with the guild and have come for the demo.

There will be no Study Group meeting in September. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Marcy's. (Call 957-1423 if you need more information.)

The Nancy Kahrs' Spinning Workshop is already half full! Sign up soon. Forms appeared in the August newsletter. Cost is \$30 for workshop and fiber fee. You need your own spinning wheel to participate.

Weaving Classes start Tuesday, September 26, at Chimneyville Crafts. This is the regular 10-week class. To register or for more information, contact Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216; 601/981-0019.

(informal minutes of the informal meeting) Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild August 12, 1995

Well, if you ever want great fried chicken "and all the trimmings", don't call the Colonel--call Kathy Cohron! What a super hostess! A goodly number of us gathered at her house on the 12th and enjoyed it immensely. There was some of everything: spinning wheels, jewelry making, triangle loom lessons, lots of talking and catching up on things.

Melba sat down to spin on a wheel for the first time and was immediately hailed as a prodigy.

Marcy was given an 'early Christmas gift' by Kathy. When the wrappings were plowed through Marcy found an incredible doll--of herself! Marcy Jr. was all hand woven with some crocheted accessories (purple, naturally) and carried a tiny basket of knitting supplies and a little (really little!) facsimile of SS&D. A discussion of a suitable name for the little Marcy ensued for some time. I don't know at present under which name she will be registered with HGA, but there is no doubt that she will be!

We also got to look through the growing collection of wonderful door prizes, favors, etc., that Kathy has gathered for Roc Day. Seeing all the goodies made Roc Day seem like more of an exciting reality to me, since I've never attended one and don't know quite what to expect--except lots of nice people!

Margaret brought supplies and gave instruction for making the eyecatching pins and earrings she creates. Debbie, Barbara, and Carol got right into it and had some nice ones underway, last time I looked.

Marva patiently explained the concept of constructing and weaving on a triangular frame loom; a few members had scarves to show that they had already done. (I had to leave during this session, unfortunately, and did not get to master the technique, but maybe somebody will show me later...?) She also brought some wonderful pins that Max had forged to be worn with the scarves, and sales were immediate!

As I said, that's when I had to leave, so I can't speak for what happened after that. I do know, however, that everyone was supposed to be gone by 5 p.m., in recognition of the Cohrons' wedding anniversary. Hope it was a Happy Anniversary, Kathy, and thanks for a fun day!

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Classified advertisements are placed free of charge to members of the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild. The fee for non-members is \$5.00 per ad, to run a maximum of three times.

Statement of Dues

This will inform us of your intention to be a member of **Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild** for the 1995-1996 year. Dues may be paid now or at the September meeting.

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