
Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild **NEWSLETTER**

November 1995

OCTOBER MEETING

After stuffing ourselves with a "Mexican Pile-up" meal then German Chocolate Upside-down cake, President Kathy called the October meeting to order. In the absence of the secretary, Marva was drafted to write up minutes. (Sandi, we REALLY missed you.) [If items have been left out, they can be 'additions' to the minutes at the next meeting.]

Kathy read a letter from Dyed In-the-Wool Weavers and Spinner Guild. Spring retreat for our combined guilds will be held at HOCOKA on April 12-14. You may come for all or part of the time. Please let them know if you plan to come by contacting Florence Dunnaway, 126 Fairway Dr, Pass Christian, MS 39571, 452-3280.

Southeast Fiber Forum Annual Conference in Nashville is the same week-end. If you plan to attend that meeting, you should register so that your form is received by Nov. 10. You may register later, but may not get your choices of class or seminar.

Nancy Landrum said that she had interviewed someone with historical knowledge of fibers while she was at the Rail Road Festival in Meridian. She reminded us that a quick query as to knowledge of **old hand-woven pieces, weavers, or spinners** should be done if a stranger makes a statement that makes you believe this person is possible resource for our study to gather historical facts of the past history of weaving and/or fibers in Mississippi.

Nancy will host another "Day In the Country" at her place on November 10. She invites any who will come to attend--she also feeds lunch!

Demonstration Policy for Pioneer Day, and other Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi functions was discussed. We have a wonderful opportunity to show to the public the skills that we practice and for passing out word that there are weavers and spinners guilds located in Mississippi. We do not sell work at these events.

The Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi furnishes us a place to meet--with no charge. We even may have our library and materials cabinets in their building, with easy access when we need it, and there is no charge for this. The Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi has a well equipped weaving studio where classes are taught by an excellent instructor, and we are allowed to use this studio for workshops that we hold. In turn, we

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as a guild take advantage of the opportunity to hold public demonstrations by doing so at events they sponsor. We also furnish and decorate a Christmas Tree (Our Angel Tree) for the annual Chimneyville Crafts Show. The Angel Tree has been a beautiful asset to a wonderful show that is attended by thousands.

Marcy said that she had received a letter from the New Orleans weavers, and they are considering holding a 'Weaving Retreat' similar to ROC Day. If you are interested, contact Brenda Harms, 105 W Claiborne Sq., Chalmette, LA 7043. **Please send any ideas or interest you may have to Brenda.** Target date is October, 1996. (Sounds like fun to me!)

Loom Crawl will be held December 9. Final plans have not been made. Loom Crawl is a progressive pot-luck luncheon which occurs the second Saturday of December as a holiday party. Guild members have the opportunity to look at other members' weaving and spinning equipment. Handmade or fiber-related gifts are exchanged among those who wish to do so. **Copies of Loom Crawl Procedures are included in this newsletter and will be handed out at the November meeting.**

Please bring your tree decorations to the November meeting.

If you have an item for our "Fiber-in-the-Hat", bring it to the November meeting. (This is a small way to raise funds/pass along something you have that is a duplicate or you have excess of.) Tickets are purchased for 50 cents each, filled out with your name, and placed in a bag by the object you might like to have. One ticket is drawn for the object, and some lucky person takes it home! The money is added to the guild treasury. You may donate any item you desire--preferably fiber related.

Melba Nipper, Kathy Smith, and Marva Goodman spent two days demonstrating for fifth grade classes at Rankin Conservation Day on October 24 and 25. Melba brought two of her sheep. The students were treated to sheep, wool preparation, weaving, spinning, and crocheting. They were saddened to learn that Jody (a Suffolk) was headed to the butcher, but relieved to learn that Nichole (a Corridale) would always be around--because she has such nice wool!

(and this is where my notes ran out. I think I got so busy talking, I forgot to take notes.) Marva

Education Report - The Workshop with Nancy Kahrs about cotton spinning was wonderful. Some of us who had tried the long draw before (2 times for Marcy) finally got it. Others, like Hazel, were a natural. Nancy gave us lots of information, lots of fiber to spin, and lots of options to try. We tried charka spinning, supported spindles, and a great hand-made spindle wheel. I think we all have a new appreciation for spinning cotton. Nancy is a wonderful teacher and I hope we can have her back sometimes for part 2. The weekend was also full of social activities. Hazel hosted a wonderful dinner Friday night, and the group went out to dinner on Saturday night at the Brick Oven. We also took a longer than expected lunch break, so we didn't finish all of our spinning, but Nancy gave us fiber and homework to do. Oh, yes, I used the long draw to spin Kathy Cohron's dog's hair. It's great! (the hair and the long draw). Those of you who didn't participate really missed a very educational, fun filled weekend.

November Program - The November Program will be on Designing and Network Drafting. Because 8 shafts are required for network drafting, I have taken the liberty to make the program more broad. I will talk about designing in general, and, at the end, I will touch on network drafting. After lunch, for those who are interested, I will go into more depth on network drafting, with graph paper and pencils. That way, everyone will get something out of the program and those interested can really learn network drafting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Petrini,
Education Chair

ROC DAY '96 UPDATE (submitted by Marva Goodman)

Registrations are coming in for ROC Day. I have received some reservations for the Trolio Hotel. Diane Dixon has confirmed that she will give a basket lecture/slide presentation on Friday night. Those chairmen for each activity, please be making plans for your event. To refresh your memory, this is:

1. Food (Friday Pot Luck, snacks)-Hazel Howell
2. Vendors (letter to contact)-Marcy Petrini
3. Registration-Carol Parks
4. Set-up (of room, vendor space)-Marva Goodman, Hazel Howell
5. Exhibits-Barbara Mitchell
6. Fashion Show (informal)-Sandi Tucker
7. Prizes-Kathy Cohron
8. Publicity-Debbie Stringer

If you are going to attend ROC Day, you must register. This includes Chimneyville guild members. Your registration includes lunch Saturday. We must have specific numbers for the caterer. It is going to be a fun week-end. Even if you are not a spinner, a trip to the vendors' tables will be worth your time!

SPINNING CONNECTION:

A very special thank you to the guild for the lovely 'Navaho Weaver' pin I received at the business meeting. It is something I will always treasure--and wear often. Thanks. Marva

COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SERIOUS WEAVER

48" Macomber Add-a-Harness Loom
(4 harness)

Bench 3 reeds 7 shuttles
weaving sticks bobbins raddles
\$1000.00

290#

Call Mrs. Trainor at 924-2691

WANTED TO BUY: Used loom. Not too expensive. Four harness. At least 30 inches wide. Please call or write Melba Nipper, 120 Evergreen Drive, Brandon, MS 39042; 601/825-3749.

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.

Friday night Spin-in will be held at Hazel's home in Canton. If you need directions, call me. (My map is on the blink!) If you don't spin, come make angels--I'll bring materials--but let me know if you want to do that kind of thing.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our meeting at Marva's was wonderful. Marva had enough food for an army, and it was s-o-o good! Plus that delicious German chocolate cake.

Marva's show-and-tell was a beautiful woven necklace! Be sure to ask to see it. Maybe she can give us a class in this later. You'll love it!

Just a note from your Pres: If you haven't been in a while, I hope you can try to come again. We miss you! We support each other in our fiber interests. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 856-6698.

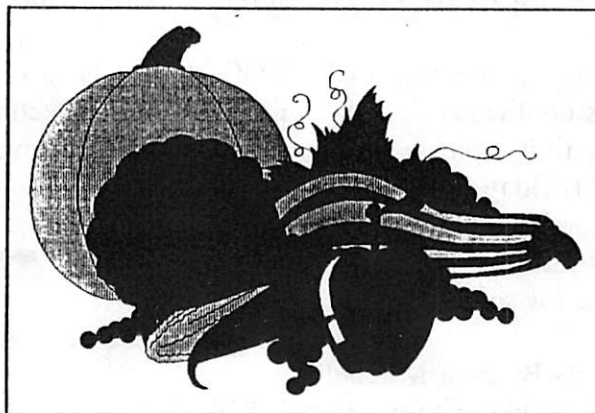
Sincerely,
Kathy Cohron

Dates to Remember

Nov. 9 - Study Group, 7:00 at Lu's
Phone 355-8807

Nov. 17 - Spin In, 6:30 at Hazel's
Phone (Canton) 859-4836

Nov. 18 - Monthly Meeting at Ag Museum
Program will be Designing and Network Drafting
by Marcy Petrini.



Dec. 1-3 - Chimneyville Crafts Festival

Pam and Ed Kreyling are chairpersons of our Chimneyville Christmas Tree. If you have the Christmas decorations from last year, please give Pam and Ed a call at 957-0397. Everyone bring your Christmas tree ornaments to our November meeting.

Dec. 9 - Loom Crawl

Info to be announced. If you would like to host our Loom Crawl at your home, please call Milti Leonard, Loom Crawl Chairman, at 355-3937.

Convergence Prospectuses -- A Clarification

Convergence is sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America. You can receive prospectuses for the various exhibits (which, incidentally, are open to non-attendees as well) from the Convergence Committee. While Convergence advertises in all fiber publications, **you cannot obtain prospectuses from *Handwoven***, as listed in the previous newsletter. *Handwoven* is published by Interweave Press, a for-profit corporation which is in no way associated with HGA. There is always confusion about this issue, which is why I bring it up. I have a set of prospectuses for all the exhibits, so the easiest thing if you would like to participate is to ask me, and I will be glad to get you a copy. And don't forget the InVEST in HGA contest. The deadline is some 3 months away. There is still time to weave!

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Petrini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Weaving Study Group will meet at Lu Harding's house (1715 Devine St., Jackson; 355-8807) on **Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 pm.** (Marcy's house is still under construction. They said it would be ready by Thanksgiving, but they didn't say which year). The 3 of us who were there last month would like to remind you that you shouldn't feel intimidated about attending. Conversely, we could use the expertise of some of you whom we have not seen lately. There will be no Weaving Study Group in December.

The Craftsmen's Guild of MS needs **volunteers for the Chimneyville Festival**. If you want to volunteer, please complete and return the form included with this newsletter. (And don't forget to wear your CWSG sash when participating in volunteer activities! Sashes should contain the guild colors-- red, purple, blue and green--in any combination and should be long enough to fit diagonally across the body from shoulder to waist like a baldric. If you haven't made your sash yet, see the instructions on the next page for instant inspiration.)

KNITTED BELT / TIE

(submitted by Margaret Pittman)

1 strand each of at least three yarns

With #15 needles and all strands of yarn, cast on 9 sts. **PATTERN STITCH** - Purl 1 * yarn over, purl 2 together. Repeat from * across row. Repeat this row for pattern.

Work in pattern st. as given until piece measures approximately 46" or desired length from the beginning. Loosely bind off all sts purlwise.

If you have an aversion to purling, as I do, substitute knit for purl.



Southeast Fiber Forum Assoc. 1996 Conference

Nashville, Tennessee
April 12 - 14, 1996

Keynote Address
by Nancy Crow

WORKSHOP TEACHERS

- Nancy Crow: "Two Improvisational Techniques" (quilting)
Arlyn Ende: "Hooking from a New Angle" (contemporary rughooking)
Jennifer Gould-Traylor: "Designing Dolls" (contemporary dollmaking)
Bethanne Knudson: "Fabric Etching: Cutwork Without Scissors" (surface design)
Ethel Kawamura: "Kumihimo" (Japanese braiding)
Priscilla Gibson-Roberts: "Tapestry Knitting" (knitting)
Beth Hester: "Cherokee Style Storage Basket with Chief's Daughter Pattern" (basketry)
Claudia Lee: "Papermaking: Personal Imagery" (handmade paper)
Madelyn van der Hoogt: "Thick 'n Thin" (weaving)
Heather Winslow: "Handwoven Sweaters" (weaving - finishing)
Jan Friedman: "Exercises in Color Blending and Texture" (weaving)
Patsy Zowistaski: "Marvelous Goats and Mohair" (spinning)

contact: Becky Brodersen
6722 Duquaine Ct., Nashville, TN 37208 phone: (615) 352-7413

Southeast Fiber Forum Association is an organization made up of individuals and guilds who share an interest in fiber arts and crafts. Its purpose is to provide an annual fiber conference in the southeast for its membership. These conferences hosted by member guilds give fiber enthusiasts an opportunity to meet, study, and have fun with others who share their enthusiasm. Lifetime memberships are only \$5.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for guilds.

On April 12 - 14, 1996 the Handweavers Guild of Nashville has planned an exciting SFFA conference to take place in Nashville. Noted quilter and color expert Nancy Crow will give the keynote address. Early conference tours with a fiber focus will be fun and informative. Two rooms of commercial vendors from as far as Oregon will provide those "hard-to-find-in-your-hometown" supplies. There will be a choice of seminars and a choice of twelve workshops.

Conference brochures will be available in late September. Contact: Becky Brodersen,

6722 Duquaine Ct., Nashville, TN, 37205;
telephone (615) 352-7413.

Make membership checks payable to SFFA.

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Loom Crawl Procedure

The Loom Crawl is a progressive pot-luck luncheon which occurs the second Saturday of December as a holiday party. Guild members have the opportunity to look at other members' weaving and spinning equipment. Handmade or fiber-related gifts are exchanged among those who wish to do so.

1. The President appoints a Loom Crawl Chair in September.
2. The Loom Crawl Chair (the "Chair") announces the Loom Crawl in the October newsletter and asks for volunteers among the membership to host the event.
3. The Chair places a reminder of the Loom Crawl in the November newsletter with an explanation of the procedure and gift exchange.
4. The Chair selects 3 members with 3 houses in the greater Jackson area by the November meeting. Alternatively, if a guild member, who lives outside the greater metropolitan Jackson area, offers to host the event, the entire loom crawl can take place in one location to save driving time.
5. The Chair announces the order of the Loom Crawl at the November meeting and asks for volunteers to sign up for food to be brought.
6. In November, the Chair invites members of the Craftsmen's Guild Staff, and others as appropriate, to be guests of the guild at the Loom Crawl.
7. An invitation, maps and a list of volunteers bringing food appears in the December issue of the guild newsletter which is published early, before the Loom Crawl.
8. Volunteers who have not signed up for food can still participate by bringing whatever food items may be missing from the list.
9. Members may bring a guest to the Loom Crawl.
10. Hosting members provide their house, drinks, and eating utensils. All other participating members bring food.
11. The Loom Crawl starts at 10:00 am. Appetizers are served in the first house. A short business meeting takes place before departing for the second house.
12. Lunch (traditionally soup and bread, but other luncheon items have been added over the years) is served in the second house.
13. Dessert is served in the third house. A gift exchange takes place here among those members who wish to participate.
14. Small gifts for the gift exchange should be handmade (not necessarily by the donor); alternatively, fiber related gifts can also be brought (books, supplies, etc.). Gifts should be anonymous.
15. The Chair collects the gifts, numbers them and lets the donor know the assigned number, so that members do not accidentally select the gift they brought. There are two sets of numbers. One is affixed to the gift. The second is dropped in a box for the drawing.
16. Once all gifts have been numbered, all those who brought a gift draw a number, making sure that they don't draw their own.
17. Gifts are opened one at a time, starting with number 1. Once the gift is open, the donor can be identified.
18. Loom crawl ends around 4:00 or 5:00 PM.
19. The President officially thanks the Chair and the hosting members in the January newsletter. Individuals are responsible for their own thank-you's.
20. The Loom Crawl shall occur the second Saturday of December.

Chimneyville Festival Volunteer Form

Friday, December 1	7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 2	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 3	12 Noon - 5:00 P.M.

Mississippi Trade Mart
Jackson, MS

You will receive 1 weekend pass for each two hours that you volunteer to work.

Name: _____

Phone number (evening): _____

Phone number (day): _____

I can volunteer for the following times:

___ Friday night	time: _____
___ Saturday	time: _____
___ Sunday	time: _____

Duties that I am willing to volunteer for:

___ Booth sitting (Saturday and Sunday only)
___ Ticket selling / collecting
___ Lounge (coffee and cookies only)
___ Guild information booth
___ Whatever is needed

Please return to:

The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.
ATT: Carrie Didlake, Volunteer Coordinator
1150 Lakeland Dr.
Jackson, MS 39216