

# *Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild*

## **NEWSLETTER**

*April 1995*

### ***March Program***

**Linen** was the focus of Nancy Landrum's presentation at the CWSG March meeting--spinning, weaving, and caring for it. She brought examples of the various stages of linen from flax stems to fiber ready for spinning to handwoven samples to machine woven textiles. Besides advising us not to be afraid of working with linen, she also gave us these tips:

**Spinning:** Her linen has all been wet spun. Wrap the linen in a towel and spin from the root end. Because of the length of the fiber, the draw will be longer than with most other fibers.

**Finishing:** Wash the linen fabric six or seven times to soften it. (Nancy lets her handwoven linen go through the spin cycle in the washing machine, even though most sources advise against it.) Air dry; do not put it in the drier. While the fabric is still damp, iron it dry. Don't iron diagonally; iron in the direction of the warp and weft to avoid stretching the fabric out of shape. The last side ironed will be shinier than the first.

**Show and Tell** featured Sandi's tale, illustrated with photos, of the runner she wove for the City of Yazoo City to present to the ambassador from Niger; despite finding herself short of a few necessary inches of warp, she completed the project with 6 hours to spare! Marva brought a notebook with the narrative and photos of the Homer sweater, and Lu shared her photos from the Mississippi Rags show. Margaret brought three lovely fingertip towels woven in overshot (of course!) with crocheted trim. Hazel has been working with fourth grade students through the Arts Access program, and she showed us samples of their rag weaving projects--Easter eggs, Christmas stockings, and Christmas/Easter trees. She also brought a double weave blanket that used some of her odds-and-ends in blues, greens, and browns. Marcy brought a handspun, handknitted narrow scarf in black with blue and purple sparklies; she knitted a larger version of the scarf for former CWSG member Gerry Reif.

### ***March Business Meeting Minutes***

The March meeting was called to order by Marva.

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

**Exhibits Committee Report**--Margaret Pittman reminded guild members that we have agreed to provide a spinning/weaving display for June and July at the Madison library. The theme for June is "bridal gifts," and for July, it's "red, white, and blue." **Please give Margaret your entries for June by our May meeting.** A guild display is also scheduled for the Colonial Mart library in October. Because National Spinning and Weaving Week takes place in October, it was suggested that the guild "go all out" to create and promote this display. It was moved, seconded, and voted to adopt "anything goes" as the theme, allowing us to showcase the diversity of our spinning and weaving projects.

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

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**Sheep-to-Shawl**--April 22--Shearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., so please try to be at the Ag Museum by 9. Sandi Tucker said that she will bring several drop spindles and asked for volunteers to use them in demonstration. Kathy Cohron and Milti Leonard volunteered.

**No Mistake Plantation**--The May guild meeting will take place during a "field trip" to No Mistake Plantation on May 20. There will be a \$15 charge per person; Sandi will handle the reservations. Expect further information soon from Lu.

**Library Cabinet**--As soon as the guild decides on dimensions for the cabinet, Milti's mother is ready to negotiate.

**Roc Day**--Several sites have been researched, including Roosevelt State Park, Percy Quinn State Parks, the Homeowner's Building in Jackson, Primo's, Allison's Wells, and the Canton Community Center/Trolio Hotel. The board recommended the Canton site as the best combination of space and affordability. Quoted rental prices are \$100 for the auditorium, \$50 for the green room, \$25 for the kitchen. Hotel rooms run from \$15-\$22 per person. Box lunches from Penn's would cost \$4.95-\$5.95; however, other food options will be considered. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the board's recommendation of the Canton site for our Roc Day event.

**Education Committee Report**--We have heard from Nancy Kahrs, who has agreed to come. I am in the process of finding some options for us so we can settle a date. So get your wheels ready for spinning cotton with Nancy Kahrs! There are 3 questionnaires about possible workshops included in this newsletter. If you did not reply at the meeting, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. For the Helen Currie Caire's workshop, I am requesting that you fill out your name, so that the interested folks can arrange with Helen for a mutual, convenient time, if there is enough interest. For the other questionnaires, the names are not necessary as we are just polling people. Thank you!

Additional information from Helen Currie Caire:

Standard 6 ft loom: \$115

Adjustable 7 ft loom: \$170

shed sticks (recommended): \$17

stand (not needed) \$95

These are purchase prices, not rental prices! (I forgot to mention).

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Petrini, Chair

**\*\*\*UPDATE! \*\*\*UPDATE!**

*The Cotton Spinning Seminar with Nancy Kahrs has been set for October 14. This was convenient for all of those who replied to the questionnaire and with Nancy. Please mark the calendar right now and don't let anything get in the way! If this date is a problem for you, please let Marcy know immediately.*

## **New Business**

**Constitution Revision**--Lu brought copies of the Directives and Bylaws and explained the revision committee's proposed changes, the first of which is correcting the name of the group to Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild. Other proposed revisions include dropping "executive" from "executive board" references, changing "Director" and "Assistant Director" to "President" and "Vice President," eliminating the sponsorship of two guild members for new member applications, adding "at the board's request" to the September audit report requirement, changing the annual dues from "shall be \$15" to "will be set by the board," adding "Ways and Means" to the standing committee list. Under Amendments, the committee suggested adding the beginning and ending dates of our fiscal year and a provision that names and addresses of guild members will not be released without approval from the guild.

There was also some discussion among the members present about the possibility of adding Librarian to the roster of officers. Traditionally, the Historian has either served as the Librarian herself or has appointed someone to that position. Consensus was that the guild does not need to include Librarian among the board's officers.

Marva asked that everyone look over the Directives and Bylaws once again and make recommendations for revision at the April meeting.

**Nominating Committee**--It's almost time to choose new officers for next year. Marva appointed Sandi Tucker and Jane Dollar to a nominating committee and charged them with presenting nominees for a vote at the April meeting.

**GIVE Award**--The board decided to nominate Marcy for the 1995 Governor's Initiative Volunteer Excellence award for all the uncompensated work she has done for the guild, for HGA, and for spinning and weaving in general. Marva will write and submit the nomination based on a written account that Marcy has agreed to provide of all the things she's done.

**Cottonlandia**--The Craftsmen's Guild has decided to give one of the looms in the weaving studio (the reddish one that never seems to work properly) to the Cottonlandia Museum in Greenwood for display. The museum wants to hold a juried show, open to non-Craftsmen's Guild members, to feature items woven of cotton. The show would open in July. Debbie Stringer volunteered to check out the museum's display space the next time she is in Greenwood and report to the guild. It was moved, seconded, and voted that the CWSG would commit to doing the Cottonlandia show.

**Other New Business**--Skip Allen is now the active director of the Craftsmen's Guild. Anyone who plans to attend the demo at Port Gibson should let Barbara Mitchell know ASAP. Marcy was appointed supervisor for the afternoon studio clean-up.

## Adjournment

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.*

*The Weaving Study Group will meet April 13 at 7:00 pm at Lu's (1715 Devine St.; 355-8807). (Marcy will be out of town and may not be back in time.) Previous attendance is not necessary. Bring a project to discuss, if you have one, or just come to contribute to the discussion.*

*Congratulations to Janet St. Lawrence for the wonderful towels in the current issue of Handwoven!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL CWSG NEWSLETTER**  
From Sandi Tucker 746-3081

REMEMBER THAT WE'LL MEET ON APRIL 22  
FOR

SHEEP TO SHAWL Come early! The sheep (singular or plural) will be brought by the shearer about 9:30, so we need to be pretty well set up by the time the shearing starts. Try for 9-ish.

WHERE. Our normal meeting place, but we'll be outside. The sheep will be shorn in the grassy area behind the Crafts building, unless it's too wet. We'll occupy the porches with our spinning wheels and loom(s).

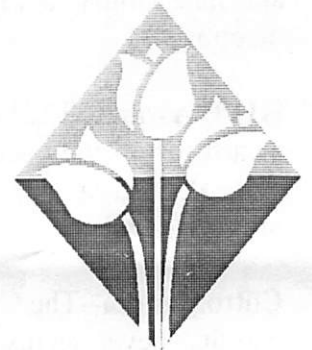
WHAT TO BRING: Your wool carders; spinning wheel and trappings; drop spindle (if you are inclined to let the onlookers give it a whirl, under your tutelage--spindles will be available if you don't have one handy) a sack lunch. (Dessert will be the S2S Committee's treat.)

WHAT TO WEAR. If you have clothes that suggest 'the olden days', wear them. If not, just normal togs are fine.

About the May meeting:

### **MAKE "NO MISTAKE"!**

You'll want to be at the May meeting at No Mistake Plantation in Sartartia. The elegant bed and breakfast inn is also a nationally recognized day lily farm, and these flowers will be at their peak when we meet there on May 20. Be at the Ag Museum at 9:45 a.m. to carpool over. Our meeting will be at No Mistake at 11 a.m.. Following our tour of the house, lunch will be served. Then we are invited by the Barfields to set up spinning wheels or looms on the lawn and stay as long as we like.



**RESERVATIONS** are required, and are to be made by sending your check for \$15, made out to No Mistake Plantation, to Sandi Tucker, 2106 Wildwood Terrace, Yazoo City 39194. Your check must be received by Wednesday, May 17.

### *And now a word from Lu about the No Mistake May Meeting . . .*

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Please note that, as a special treat, we will be holding our May meeting at No Mistake Plantation. (You go toward Yazoo City; we'll furnish a map next month!)

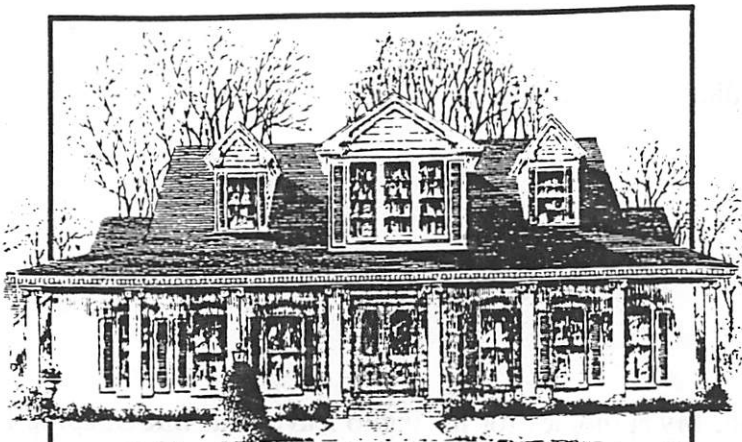
This meeting will include a lunch. The price of the lunch, visiting the plantation grounds (beautiful gardens), and seeing the house is \$15.00. I realize this is not cheap, but I think you will find it to be your money's worth! The plantation is now a daylily farm, so you can buy bulbs if you are a plant fanatic. The house is now used as a bed-and-breakfast and is full of antiques.

I got the idea of taking our group up there when Randy and I spent the night at the bed and breakfast last year. Sandi Tucker has been kind enough to work out the details with the owners, whom she knows. I am trying to find a dyeing-with-daylilies formula--which somehow seemed likely to me. Little luck so far--we'll see how I come out. Bunny Oxley of the coast guild may have the answer. We will not dye that day, but I'll share if I learn anything about a recipe.

Our program, at 11 a.m., will be on color. We'll eat lunch. Then we'll get a tour and wander the grounds. If anyone wants, we can spin on the porch later. (The plans are somewhat tentative, but it'll be close to this.)

To clear up confusion I may have caused at the March meeting, we are not going to demonstrate at their request. We are paying "customers." Staying to spin is for our own pleasure. (I guess we could have some daylily shoppers who may want to watch us, but that's purely coincidental.)

Please make your reservation by giving \$15.00 to Sandi Tucker (at the April Sheep-to-Shawl or mail to her). I'm sure we'll have to set a cut-off date/deadline. (*Editor's note: Deadline is May 17. See Sandi's announcement above.*)



## *No Mistake Plantation* BED AND BREAKFAST INN

*Hospitality and elegance at its best*

In 1833, when John William N. H. Smith wrote his brothers about the land he had discovered near the Yazoo River, he got a reply stating he would "make no mistake in buying that land."

And the only mistake you'll make in visiting No Mistake Plantation is that you'll never want to leave! It is more than an inn, more than a bed and breakfast—it's the home and service you've always dreamed about.

- Seven-acre garden complex —
  - Azaleas and other flowers with a peak blooming season March 15-April 15
  - Registered daylily farm with peak season May 15-June 30

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED  
on Highway 3, four miles south of  
Satartia, Mississippi

- 30 minutes from Vicksburg
- 45 minutes from Jackson
- 90 minutes from Natchez
- 20 minutes from Yazoo City



So remember two things our of the ordinary for May:

1. An hour's drive (We'll carpool.)
2. Pay \$15 each in advance.

Please plan to come; you'll love it! Randy and I didn't want to leave!

*Lu*

## JUST SPINNING

I hope you all had a good clean-up party last month. My apologies for having to leave you, but Dauphin Island and grandchildren were waiting! (You can see where my priorities are.) I talked to Lu and she told me the work progressed well. Thanks to all of you.

Nancy's program on linen was very good. It was a treat to see some of the wonderful pieces done in a medium I won't tackle--yet.

Our next meeting will be at the Ag Museum. There is more specific information in this newsletter about the day. **We need everyone to be there. If you can only stay for part of the day--please come for that part.** We will have some drop spindles there for visitors to try. We really need all members to help card and get the wool ready for spinning, to get the plying done, and to keep visitors informed of the processes we will be doing.

Try to be at the museum around 9 am to help get everything ready for our demonstration. The first shearing will begin around 9:30. Hazel will have the loom ready to go. She has planned the warp to be woven off with a two-ply yarn, so we will need to spin a bit of the fleece quickly to get some plied yarn to use. We look forward to having some members of the Dyed In the Wool Guild visiting with us that day.

The nominating committee will be presenting nominations to the members at the April business meeting. At this time, nominations, duly seconded, will be accepted from the floor. At the end of the business meeting the newly elected officers will be installed. I didn't mean to do this at the April meeting, but I will be unable to attend the May meeting.

ROC Day preparations are going ahead. Please keep in mind which committee you will work on. I'll have a list for you to sign-up at the next business meeting. We could plan some work days for our "off" summer months. Let me know your preferences.

I got my group assignment for the HGA Learning Exchange! There are seven in the group (HGA tries to hold the groups to seven people per group) and they live in NY, VA, GA, PA, IL, and MS. Donna Sullivan will be our mentor. It sounds like fun, and I can hardly wait to begin. The hard work now will be planning my warp! All help will be gladly received. Maybe I better get back to the wheel and spin out some of my tensions.....

See you April 22 at the Ag Museum.

MARVA

## Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild Potential Future Seminars

If you have not filled this in at the meeting, please do so now and return to Marcy Petrini, (950 Fairfax Cr. Jackson, MS 39211) no later than April 22 1995. Please fill it out *even if you are not interested*.

I would be interested in a felting workshop with Julia Kubat: ☐ Yes ☐ No.

(If you answered yes, please complete the following)

I would be willing to pay, including materials:

- ☐ \$25/day
- ☐ \$30/day
- ☐ \$35/day
- ☐ whatever it takes
- ☐ other, please specify: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer:

- ☐ the same weekend as our guild meeting;
- ☐ a different weekend than our guild meeting.
- ☐ no preference.

I would prefer:

- ☐ I have no month preference;
- ☐ the following months (please list all that apply for the next Guild year):

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I would be interested a weaving seminar/workshop with Betty Smith: ☐ Yes ☐ No.

(If you answered yes, please complete the following)

I would be willing to pay:

- ☐ \$25/day
- ☐ \$30/day
- ☐ \$35/day
- ☐ whatever it takes
- ☐ other, please specify: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer:

- ☐ all day Saturday program;
- ☐ all weekend program;
- ☐ no preference.

I would prefer:

- ☐ the same Saturday/weekend as our guild meeting;
- ☐ a different Saturday/weekend than our guild meeting.
- ☐ no preference.

I would prefer:

- ☐ I have no month preference;
- ☐ the following months (please list all that apply for the next Guild year):

\_\_\_\_\_

## Potential Workshop on Triangular Loom

Helen Currie Caire has offered to teach a two day workshop, either in Jackson or on the Coast (where she would find accommodations), on weaving a shawl on a triangular loom. The Carol Leigh Design loom is adjustable, and weaves 6 different shawls, the largest of which is 6 feet. The loom rental fee is for a period of up to 1 month, and may be applied to the loom purchase. (If you have more questions, please call Helen at 601-452-2390)

Helen is offering two choices:

- 1) Workshop with 3 participants: \$60 / person, + \$20 loom rental fee / person.
- 2) Workshop with 5 participants: \$40 / person + \$20 loom rental fee / person.

We would like to know who is interested and possible dates. Please fill out this form and return to Marcy Petrini, Education Chair, 950 Fairfax Cr. Jackson, MS 39211, not later than April 15.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would be interested in the Triangular Loom Workshop for the \$60 option.

\_\_\_ I would be interested in the Triangular Loom Workshop for the \$40 option.

\_\_\_ I would be interested in the Triangular Loom Workshop for either option.

Please list 3 preferred weekends:

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Please list any weekend that are impossible for you:

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