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# *Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild* **NEWSLETTER**

*January 1996*

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**ROC DAY**  
**Canton, Mississippi**  
**January 6, 1996**

**IT RAINED, AND STILL THEY CAME.** It began to freeze, and still they came. There were threats of closed highways, but did they stay away? Of course not! It was ROC Day 1996!

There were spinners, weavers, lacemakers, vendors, HGA officials, and even some hardy ones who just came out to see us do the unique things we do. And ROC Day was a memorable success, if unsolicited comments from many of our guests can be relied upon.

It began at the Trolio Hotel (a fun thing in itself) on Friday afternoon as participants arrived - some damp and cold, but all smiling. The first official function was dinner, which Hazel had overseen to the last detail, including serving from her own pine needle/raffia trays and baskets. (The cracker trays with the gourd tops woven into the center ought to be patented or something. It seems nobody had ever seen such a thing--and for good reason, since they were her own design.) Lots of volunteers helped prepare and serve the food, and the chili and homemade bread were perfect for such weather. Nobody will 'fess up to sampling all the desserts, but .....

Following dinner, Diane Dixon gave a fascinating slide program on the basketry of Southeastern Indians, enhanced by her comments on its cultural significance, both historically and at the present time. Diane should be declared a national treasure, so extensive and thorough is her knowledge on the subject--and I say that sincerely. Not only is she extremely knowledgeable, but she is a basketmaker *par excellence*.

After all that, there was an informal session of spinning, inkling, tatting, and talking going on upstairs in the hotel until an hour when age and/or common sense sent everybody to bed, where visions of (fiber) vendors danced in our heads!

The next morning (also cold and wet), ROC Day officially began at the Community Center. Marva and the ROC Day Committee deserve nothing but congratulations and thanks for doing such a masterful job of planning and anticipating the events of the day. Carol efficiently managed endless details of registration, and President Kathy didn't miss a beat either, as far as I could tell. The catered boxed lunches were full of tasty food, the goody bags and door prizes were really special, and the use of the space at the Community Center was quite accommodating. The items in the fashion show and on the show-and-tell tables were outstanding, bringing lots of oooh's and aaah's from observers. Did anybody leave either of those events without an idea for a project?

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Next year ROC Day will be in New Orleans, and it sounds like their committee is already on the ball, too. Plan to attend!

*(This completely unbiased report is brought to you courtesy of your recording secretary, Sandi, who is obviously delighted with the whole thing.)*

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 19 Spin-In**  
Marcy Petrini's, 6PM
- 20 Guild Meeting**  
9:00 - 10:00 Board Meeting  
10:00 - 11:30 Program: "Roc Day Hash"  
(Bring what you bought!)  
11:30 - 12:00 Show & Tell  
12:00 - 12:30 Business Meeting  
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch  
2:00 - 4:00 Spin-In, Weave-In, Visit,  
Knitting, etc.
- 24-28 Spin-In**  
Destin, FL
- 25 Study Group**  
Marcy Petrini's, 6PM
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## Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

### March 9-10

Acadian Textile Workshop with Norman Kennedy  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### April 12-14

Fibers in Harmony - Nashville, TN  
For more information, contact Becky Brodersen,  
6722 Duquaine Ct., Nashville, TN 37205;  
615/352-7413.

### April 12-14

April Retreat at Hocoka  
(with Dyed-in-the-Wool Guild)  
\$20 deposit required by the end of January  
Refunds up to March 1, 1996  
(Contact Kathy Cohron for registration info.)

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

1996 Roc Day has gone down in history as a big success! I'd like to take the time to thank everyone for their donations, hard work, time, and talents to make this a very special and fun gathering. And to top it off, a reception at Marcy's--and she had only 67 people signed up to come! It was great--what a treat! Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Kathy

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**WEAVING STUDY GROUP.** There was a consensus to move the study group to the 4th THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. This will give us a chance to remind people of it at the meeting, and it will appear in the newsletter in time for people to make plans to come. For the rest of the school year, the dates are as follows: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 20, July 25, Aug. 22. Please mark your calendar for these dates and plan to come. The meetings are held at Marcy Petrini's, 950 Fairfax Cr., Jackson, MS 39211; 957-1423. Look in the newsletter for reminders and notification of changes in dates or place. \*Beginners are welcomed--indeed, encouraged to come!\*

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Petrini  
Education Chair

## MORE FROM MARCY

Study Group: Make a new year resolution and come to the study group! It has been moved to the 4th Thursday of the month. For January that's the 25th, at Marcy's (950 Fairfax Cr. 957-1423). I bought some new color books, so we can think color again.

Spin-in: (or weave-in, knit-in, whatever). Friday, January 19, at 6:00 at Marcy's. See you all then!

A thank you: I would like to thank you all for the help you have given me for the HGA reception at Roc Day. I had a great time and so must have those who came, since the party didn't break up until after 11:30. I wish more folks could have come, but the weather decided not to cooperate. We certainly had enough food, and the food was great!

Marcy

*I had a few requests for this recipe after Roc Day and the HGA reception at Marcy's, so here it is. I'm fond of this cake not only because it's sinfully, indulgently good but also because it's just about the only thing I can cook! Carol*

### **CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE**

Mix together in a large bowl: 2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
1/4 tsp. salt

Mix in a saucepan: 1 stick margarine  
1/2 cup shortening  
4 tbs. cocoa  
1 cup water

Bring to a rapid boil. Pour over flour and sugar mixture. Stir until well mixed.

Add: 1/2 cup buttermilk      1 tsp. each of cinnamon,  
2 eggs                              soda, and vanilla

Mix well and pour into a greased 11 x 16 pan. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes. Let cool in pan on cake rack.

Frosting - Melt and bring together to a boil: 1 stick margarine  
4 tbs. cocoa  
6 tbs. milk

Remove from heat and add: 1 box confectioner's sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup chopped nuts

Beat well and spread (pour) on cake while warm.

Carol Parks  
Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

## ROC DAY WRAP

It was a **WONDERFUL** day. A great big **Thank You!** to all of the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild who helped make this a smooth, enjoyable event. It took all of you working quietly and efficiently to make it so.

We have worked on this for a full year, and I think we did well. Any comment that I heard from those who attended was complimentary. The hotel was full, and, due to the weather, some stayed an extra night. There was a warm camaraderie that was only possible under the conditions that existed at that particular housing arrangement.

The people in the city of Canton were most gracious and hospitable. (A banker even called the hotel to see if anyone needed a check cashed or loan--with their credit card.)

If I start naming names, I will be sure to leave out someone, but I will try anyway. Thanks especially to Carol for all her work handling the registrations--prior to the event and at the door. Thanks to Hazel for all her food, **FOOD, FOOD!** and her "connections" in Canton. That surely made things smoother on occasion. Melba and Kathy Smith made the lovely paper name tags. We got lots of nice compliments on those. Thanks to Kathy Cohron for the wonderful door prizes and to Sandi and Barbara for taking care of the fashion show and the exhibits. And to Marcy for contacting the vendors and bringing such special guests! I really enjoyed the reception at her house on Saturday night, especially since I had **no responsibilities**. Debbie did some special publicity and we "made the paper."

A group got together to put together the "goodie" bags; I don't know all that were in on that group. I also don't know all of the contributions to the bags, but they were filled with great stuff! Almost every member of the CWSG was involved in some capacity. We can give ourselves a pat on the back. I was able to turn over a job to someone and not worry anymore whether or not that job would be done.

## **THANK YOU**

Marva

