
Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild NEWSLETTER

March 1996

MINUTES

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PROGRAM "Baskets Begun on the Loom". Hazel was ready with kits, instructions, examples, and enthusiasm to give us orientation on the baskets we are to design and begin at home, then bring to her house for our June "non-meeting" and guidance in finishing. Can't wait to see all the different ways we use our identical materials! Hazel's creativity generally causes some kind of "spin off"!

SHOW & TELL Kathy Smith amazed us again: first, with the rigid heddle (floor model) loom her husband made, accompanied by the "trap" she made for it, and then with the circular knitting needles she made for herself. And all the time she was wearing her knitted and felted mohair hat that was so becoming... *(I have to confess here that I got pretty caught up in what I was looking at and am not at all sure I wrote everything down. If I've left out something special, it's because I enjoyed it too much. It was a great Show & Tell.)* Hazel brought her year's worth of spinning that she and Margaret dyed, and some fun baby blankets that prove there is a use for acrylic yarn. Melba brought her fireplace rug *(and its sad story)*, but it was still very attractive...happy mending, Melba! She had more pieces too, and she and Kathy had also brought an entourage of young weavers, with items of their own making to show. Lots of promise there! *(Glad to have you, girls, and keep weaving!)* Marcy had her knitted and felted hat *(purple, in case you wonder)* finished, and also let us enjoy handling the silk and merino scarf she bought from a fellow weaver. Marva had a delectable basket of wools that she did for her LX on dyeing. *(They were so pretty in the basket I'd hate to disturb them to spin them.)* And then I, sgt, brought the "Russian Bus Station", and Marva took the yarn label from that to get one of the craftsmen who is working on the St. Petersburg exhibition to translate it for us. *(If that makes no sense, well, you just had to be there.)*

BUSINESS: The Treasurer's proxy reported that there was about \$1500 in the treasury, which included money and expenses from ROC Day. It was agreed to ask Heather to separate the ROC Day funds so we will have a clearer picture of our situation.

In the **Sheep to Shawl** report, Sandi was directed to write Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Lester Spell and his wife to attend the event on May 4. Melba will supply the sheep, and her husband will shear. We may have additional sheep to be shorn throughout the day, for added interest. Anyone who has any related equipment for spinning or fiber preparation is asked to bring it that day. Marva suggested that we have a "practice day" to be sure we all spin to size. We will do this at the April meeting, and she will instruct.

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In regard to the **CWSG Newsletter**, members were reminded not to submit **copyrighted** articles for publication. The **correction** was made in the minutes that **Jill's show** will be in September, and not as stated in the minutes. It was the consensus that it would be helpful to have the **incoming newsletters** from other guilds in one place so that members can peruse them. Carol will be asked to put them in a folder in the cabinet when she has finished with them.

Marcy is trying to find a day for the **Study Group** that will suit the most people. She will let Carol know a new standing date and time. She also announced that we are now the official host guild for the **COE in Weaving, 1998**. Marva will be the registrar, and Debbie will do publicity. In other HGA news, she announced that the deadline for entries to the **Convergence spinning show** has been extended, as has the **TLC** deadline.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Study Group Update from Marcy There was poor attendance at the January study group. Perhaps the 4th Thursday is not good for everyone. At the meeting people reported conflicts with all possible Thursdays. For March, the meeting will be the 4th Thursday, the 28th. Please note that the time is 7:00 pm, which is the time we have previously used. (I erroneously said 6:00 pm more recently).

More on the Study Group from Margaret The February Study Group met at Marcy's on Thursday night, February 22. Lots of knowledge was shared after (and during) refreshments of espresso and cookies - chocolate, of course! Marcy showed us two beautiful two-block damask shawls and a wonderful wool shawl just off the loom in addition to showing us her "hitch" finishing technique. Marva brought beautiful periwinkle wool to "pick" in preparation for spinning. Rosina shared her excitement with us regarding a prospective new loom. Hazel brought some of her wonderful home-grown, hand-picked, hand-carded, handspun brown cotton and is planning to weave additional placemats to go with her seven "Pine Blossom" overshot placemats. She brought her hand-dyed wool for comments regarding a double-weave blanket she plans to weave for her son and daughter-in-law. At this point dyeing was discussed with all of us looking forward to the March program on dyeing. Kathy Cohron is ahead of the rest of us in planning her baskets to be woven on the loom. One will be woven in a flowered chintz and the other in a checked chintz on a pearl cotton warp. Yum! Kathy is also in the process of weaving a overshot sampler in pearl cottons and doing a great job! I sought advice from the tailoring experts (Marva and Hazel) in interfacing some very drapery twill vests and crackle treadling advice from Marcy. As you can tell, there's something at Study Group for everyone. Seems so much is learned from the experience of others and in small groups such as this. The March Study Group will meet at my house on Thursday night, March 28 at 6:30 for refreshments. Discussion/Group Meeting will begin at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Pittman

From the Editor

NEW MEMBER!

Hank Ingebretsen
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Yes, I do exist, even though I didn't attend the February meeting and I probably won't be seen again till May or June! March, April, and May are the busiest months for me at work, with a major fund-raising event each month. In addition, I'm now in a massage therapy training program. So I've asked Sandi to fill in for me for the next three months, and she agreed. (Bless her!) **Please give your submissions for the April, May, and June newsletters to Sandi.** (Of course, I will forward things that come to me.,

And if any of you are interested in being "massage practice" for me, let me know, and we'll arrange a session. There is a \$25/hour charge at the clinic where I'm training, but it's not absolutely necessary to use those facilities. I need bodies, various bodies! - Carol Parks

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

March 9-10

Acadian Textile Workshop with Norman Kennedy
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March 29-31

Florida Tropical Weavers Guild 1996 State
Conference

Contact: Ann Revels, Conference Coordinator, 1520
Bahama St., Titusville, FL 32780; 407/267-
0009(home); 407/269-6730(work)

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)

Contact Kathy Cohron for registration info.

April 15 - 16

Madelyn Van Der Hoot Workshop, Cordova
Cellars Winery - Memphis, TN

The MGHW is hosting this two-day workshop on "Thick 'n' Thin" weaves. More info to follow in an
upcoming newsletter.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Price reduction! LeClerc 4-
harness, 24" floor loom, used one year (10
years old). 12- and 5-dent reeds, new brake
band, raddle; recently used and works great! I
need floor space. \$350. Sandi Tucker, 2106
Wildwood Terrace, Yazoo City, MS 39194;
746-3081.

*Classified ads are run free of charge to CWSG
members. Non-members may place ads at the
rate of \$5 for three consecutive runs of the
same ad. Please submit classified ads to the
newsletter editor by the first of each month.*

MARCH CALENDAR

15 Spin In

Barbara Mitchell's, 6 PM
1012 Parkwood Pl., Jackson
362-4570

17 Guild Meeting

9:30 - 10:00 Board Meeting
10:00 - 11:30 Program: "Dyeing & Warp
Painting" - Jane Dollar, Debbie Stringer,
& Margaret Pittman
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.

March refreshments by Melba

28 Study Group

Marcy Petrini's, 7 PM

From the Director

At our February meeting's Pink Elephant Drawing,
we collected \$9.50. We had some really nice prizes
and happy customers! Don't forget your pink,
white, or whatever elephant for our March meeting.
There's no telling what you might win.

Get Ready to Get Ready - Sheep to Shawl date -
May 4 at the Ag Center 9 a.m. Shear at 9:00 also.
Deborah Levine--Chairman; Lu Harding--Co-Chair.
Lester Spell and wife will be invited.

Will need

1. Loom - Lu & Margaret
2. Volunteer to warp loom _____
3. Volunteer to spin _____
and weave _____

Kathy Cohron