

Chimneyville

Weavers & Spinners Guild

June 1996 newsletter

CWSG Calendar

June 15

Baskets on the Loom: Part II

Hazel Howell's,
9:30 a.m.

*Those who are taking
Hazel's basketweaving
workshop should bring
their woven pieces for fin-
ishing. (1468 Sunset Dr.,
Canton, 859-4836)*

June 22

Book of Procedures meeting

Marcy Petrini's, 10 a.m.
*We'll organize written
accounts of Guild proce-
dures. Lunch will be
served. (950 Fairfax Circle,
Jackson, 957-1423)*

June 27

Study group

Marcy Petrini's
Refreshments 6:30 p.m.;
study 7 p.m.

July 13-20

HGA Convergence Portland, Oregon

July 27

Summer get-together

Nancy Landrum's,
10 a.m., Meridian
*We'll meet at the Ag
Museum parking lot at 8
a.m. to caravan to Nancy's.*

May Meeting Minutes

Program

We changed our meeting place to the Northside Library so we could use their VCR and spacious meeting room for our program:

Relieving muscle tension while weaving—or performing any other type sedentary activity—is the subject of “Bodywork for Weavers and Fiber Artists,” a video by Tracy Penfield that we viewed for our program. We followed Tracy's movements as she led us in graceful stretching exercises, many of which can be done without leaving the loom bench. In the video Tracy explained how she performed these dance-inspired moves to relieve tension after long hours at the loom. But now she dances full time and weaves to take a break from performing (we loved the simple tunic she wore in the video).

After watching the video, guild members voted to add a copy to the CWSG library. Anyone interested in ordering the hour-long video can send \$33 (includes shipping) to Pendium, PO Box 251, Chelsea, VT 05038, or call 802-685-3157.

Thanks, Marcy, for sharing “Bodywork” with us!

Business

Guest and new member: We welcomed guest Sherrie Lee of Brandon, who came with Melba Nipper. Andrea Longo of Jackson arrived at the meeting as a guest but left as a member! Read what Andrea's been up to in the *Show and Tell* section.

Election: Topping the agenda was the election of 1996-97 officers. Members passed a motion to accept these officers by acclamation: Margaret Pittman, treasurer; Marva Goodman, historian; and Debbie Stringer, newsletter editor. (Other officers will remain in their posts through spring 1997.)

Dues increase and billing: CWSG members voted to increase annual dues to \$20 for an individual or family and \$7.50 for CWSG Friends. This will help cover rising costs in producing and mailing the newsletter. We decided to keep family membership dues the same as individual dues to encourage more family participation. (CWSG Friends are individuals who want only a newsletter subscription.) We also decided to change our procedure for collecting dues: rather than include a form in the September newsletter, we will mail postcard bills, to be returned with payment and any address corrections. The intent is to make dues more convenient to pay; it will be easier to stash the bill with other household bills and pay it along with them. Now, if we could only come up with something to call it other than a “bill”

Storage of rental equipment: We decided to store CWSG rental equipment at the home of the treasurer for easier access and record keeping. Our new treasurer, Margaret Pittman, graciously agreed to this arrangement. Our rental equipment comprises a spinning wheel, a drum carder (both available for \$10 per month each) and drop spindles (\$2 per month). To reserve equipment call Margaret at 956-1478 and make arrangements to

Deborah's knitting class starts in Sept.

Knitter Deborah Levine is organizing a September knitting class for any skill level. Call Deborah at 362-6694 if you're interested.

At study group. . .

- Discussed converting eight-shaft warp and weft stripe pattern to a four-shaft one, based on Barbara Mitchell's photo of a table runner. Marcy Petrini helped convert pattern.
- Margaret Pittman talked about planning projects. She has recently rediscovered "A Twill of Your Choice" by Paul O'Conner.
- Margaret also has planned a tunic similar to the one Tracy Penfield wears in her exercise video.
- Heather Gillis brought her color study threads and discussed color gamp.
- Marcy showed kenaf samples sent by Julia Kubat.

New members

We're happy to welcome these new members:

Linda Gayle Smith
740 Lower Myrick Rd.
Laurel, MS 39440

Susan and Sara Davis
115 Tiffany Dr.
Brandon, MS 39042

Andrea Longo
631-B Hampton Circle
Jackson, MS 39211
952-0471

pick it up at her house at 5875 Baxter Drive in northeast Jackson.

Hosting Fiber Forum? Marcy Petrini suggested we consider hosting the Southeast Fiber Forum in spring 1999. The three-and-a-half day regional conference is composed of seminars and workshops (and usually a fashion show) led by instructors from across the country. One advantage to our hosting the event would be that our guild would have complete control over forum topics and instructors. That means we could make sure a variety of subject matter at varying skill levels would be offered our diverse membership. Marcy said the decision to host needs to be made this fall to allow plenty of time to secure a suitable site (something convenient to restaurants, airport, etc.) She also volunteered Marva Goodman and herself to do some legwork on the project and present it for a vote at our September meeting (got that, Marva?).

Sheep-to-Shawl: We all had a great time at Sheep-to-Shawl May 4 on the Chimneyville Crafts Gallery porch. Onlookers watched CSWG members (in period-style dress) card, spin and weave fleece shorn by Melba Nipper's husband, Mike, and Kathy Smith's husband, Terry. (Thanks guys!) The Nippers and the Smiths supplied the sheep for the event, and Melba brought one of their precious lambs. WJTV did a feature on the event for their news show that evening. A few young visitors (and a couple of older ones) even tried their hand at carding and spinning. We have proof of the fun in the photos taken by Kathy Cohron's husband, Chet, and Debbie Stringer. The pix will become part of the CWSG library collection.

Margaret Pittman, who wove the shawl on her Baby Wolf, said she learned a valuable lesson that day: "Never do pattern weaving for a demonstration!" It seems her concentration suffered with all the hub-bub. The warp was indigo and white wools, and the finished piece is lovely. We plan to raffle the shawl at next year's Sheep-to-Shawl.

Felted Hat directions: Marcy Petrini redid the instructions for her Felted Hat, which are included with this newsletter.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell always inspires ideas—and envy! Here's what we saw:

- New member **Andrea Longo** showed yardage she's weaving for a full-length tunic she'll wear in historical re-enactments. When finished, Andrea will have six yards of cotton fabric sett at 36 epi. Whew! She copied the broken diamond twill from a photo of a 4th century fragment in a book, "The Roman Occupation of Britain." A weaver for two years, Andrea is active in re-enactments depicting northern Europe prior to 1100.
- Prolific **Margaret Pittman** showed the warp she's woven for Hazel Howell's "Baskets on the Loom" program (more about this later). Margaret used cotton rags (calicos?) in many muted colors along with her reeds. She also brought the finished Sheep-to-Shawl piece.
- Ace knitter **Deborah Levine** showed a child's vest she knitted for Marva Goodman's granddaughter in exchange for some handspun yarn. She knitted the gorgeous vest in girlish hues of white, blue, rose and fuschia, and added pink buttons. (See announcement elsewhere in this newsletter about Deborah's upcoming knitting class.)
- Proud mom **Melba Nipper** showed off slippers her 12-year-old daughter, **Wendy**, whipped out with a crochet hook. Wendy designed the slippers herself (no pattern!) of multi-colored yarn. Melba also showed two clever handwoven wall hangings. Each long and narrow piece, woven with rug warp, had a pocket for holding items or displaying goodies; she called them "Weed Holders." She enhanced both pieces with hand-manipulated detail.

After the meeting, we adjourned to Bennigan's for lunch.

For sale

48-inch 8-harness Tawaquiva loom, sectional warp, warping tree and spools. Beautiful production loom for a serious weaver. Enormous quantity of high-quality wool.

Tay Broad, Jackson
601-948-7285

In excellent condition: 4-harness Nilus LeClerc 36-inch loom with all the extras, 3 reeds, all original equipment, storage bench, bobbin winder, book collection, volumes of yarn.

Beth Arrington, Brookhaven
601-833-2547

Like new 36-inch Harrisville loom. Good beginner loom. Call for price.

Barbara Mitchell, Jackson
601-362-4570

LeClerc 4-harness counter-balance with sectional warp beam. Inca model. Good condition, with accessories. Call or write. All proceeds go to Guild office or classroom fixtures.

Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Jackson
601-981-0019
1150 Lakeland Dr.
Jackson, MS 39216

Looking ahead

It's never too early to write these CWSG events on your calendar:

Sept. 5

Study group, 6:30, Marcy's

Sept. 20

Spin-in, Deborah Levine's house (make a note to RSVP, 362-6694)

Sept. 21

Guild meeting

van der Hoogt workshop coming to Huntsville

Madelyn van der Hoogt will lead a workshop on how to weave a coverlet Oct. 11-13 in Huntsville, Ala. The cost is \$100 to \$120, and participants will end up with enough squares to complete a friendship quilt. A loom is required for the workshop. **Registration deadline is June 1.**

Madelyn is the editor of *Weavers* magazine, author of "The Complete Book of Drafting" and owner of The Weaver's School in Coupeville. For registration, call Sally McGee, 334-272-0678, or Susan Hawkins, 205-880-5862.

—*Montgomery Spinners and Weavers Guild newsletter*

You're invited to Weave-In New Orleans

Be sure to check out the attached sheet outlining plans for Weave-In New Orleans, hosted by the New Orleans Weavers Guild. Our own Marcy Petrini will conduct two seminars, "Middle Age Monks Didn't Know How to Read" and "Weaving Puppets." **Please note the deadline for registration is May 30.** (I hope I can get this newsletter to you before then.)

R&M Dollar Day Sale coming up

R&M Yarn, Inc. of Cartersville, Ga., is having its famous Dollar Day Sale Friday, June 28 through Saturday, June 29. Ask Marva about this one. According to its ad, 90 percent of its stock will be priced at \$1 per pound. Call 1-800-343-9276.

Have procedures to share?

Marcy is leading the effort to create a **CWSG Book of Procedures**, an outline of how we handle annual projects, such as Sheep-to-Shawl and Loom Crawl. This will be a great help to these project chairs when they plan such an event. (As Marcy says, no longer will we have to reinvent the wheel each time.) The goal is a book containing Guild bylaws, policies and procedures to start the '96-'97 year.

Anyone interested in helping should attend the Book of Procedures meeting at Marcy's June 22 (see *Calendar* in this issue). If you can't come, send any written procedures you may have to Kathy Cohron (414 Lake Cavalier Rd., Jackson, MS 39213) before June 22. Marcy prefers a Word file or ASCII text on disk, along with hard copy.

Send newsletter items to the newsletter editor:

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3. Comfort Inn
1315 Gravier Street (2 blocks from the New Orleans Centre)
New Orleans, LA 70112 - (504) 586-0100

10/11-12-13/96 Block of 25 rooms

Double Room rate - \$89.00, plus tax
Triple Room rate - \$99.00, plus tax
Quad. Room rate - \$109.00, plus tax

Parking charges are \$6.75/day

Each guest will also have a complimentary full american buffet breakfast each morning. (This does not include beverages or gratuity.)

These are just a few of our New Orleans hotels. No matter which hotel you choose, make your reservations as early as possible, since New Orleans has many conventions and ball games scheduled.

The following vendors will be in attendance and will donate a door prize with a value of \$25.00 or more. Some of these vendors will be conducting one-half hour demonstrations during the day on Saturday.

Silver Shuttle, Memphis, TN
Diana Hardy, Lake Charles, LA
The Weaver's Collection, Pass Christian, MS
The Lunatic Fringe, Apalachicola, FL
The Weaver's Cosy, Ocean Springs, MS
Handweavers Guild of America, Jackson, MS
Arabi Art, Arabi, LA

To date, the following vendors will not be able to attend, but will donate a door prize with a value of \$25.00 or more.

Robin & Russ Handweavers, Inc., McMinnville, OR
Whimsical Weaver, Lakemont, GA
Halcyon Yarn, Bath, ME
G & K Craft Industries, Ltd., Fall River, MA
Carolina Homespun, Ridgeway, FA
Kokovoko, Corinth, KY
Mountain Colors, Corvallis, MT
The Silk Tree, Vancouver, BC
Woodland Woolworks, Yamhill, OR
Hunt Valley Cashmere, Baltimore, MD
Lease Sticks Press, Sausalito, CA
Mitchell Graphics, Inc., Petoskey, MI
Unicorn Books, Petaluma, CA

We also have many more companies which will be sending brochures and advertising.

Be sure to enter the viewer's choice tassel contest. The theme for this year is "Hanging Out In New Orleans." Even those of you who have never been to New Orleans will have some preconceived ideas about the city which you can incorporate into your tassel. Your tassels will be judged on other considerations other than authenticity, so let your imaginations fly and have fun! Remember each person in attendance can submit a tassel and each guild represented can submit one guild entry, which will be judged separately from the individuals' tassels. Prize for the best guild entry will be a commemorative plaque.

The categories for tassels are largest, smallest, most colorful, most embellished, most unusual, most playful, best representation of theme.

Warping instructions for *Weave-In* will be forwarded with registration confirmation.

All of our members are excited about *Weave-In* New Orleans and we can't wait to exchange ideas, plans, and techniques with you!

WEAVE-IN NEW ORLEANS REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

GUILD AFFILIATION _____

DAYS OF ATTENDANCE: FRIDAY - _____

SATURDAY - _____

SUNDAY - _____

FEES ENCLOSED: ONE DAY - \$15.00

TWO DAYS - \$20.00

THREE DAYS - \$25.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NEW ORLEANS WEAVERS GUILD AND MAIL WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO NEW ORLEANS WEAVERS GUILD, 1710 AYCOCK STREET, ARABI, LA 70032.



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April 2, 1996

WELCOME TO *WEAVE-IN* NEW ORLEANS!

Here we are again with more information on *Weave-In* New Orleans!

Because of the remarkable response to our first letter, we have expanded and extended *Weave-In* to three days, October 11, 12 & 13.

On Friday, October 11, 1996, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the President of HGA, Marcy Petrini, will conduct two seminars.

"Middle Age Monks Didn't Know How to Read
But wrote beautifully. And you can weave without
really understanding about weaving. By understanding
structure, we can design our own cloth. We take some
structures and learn what it means to really know them;
then we design with them."

"Weaving Puppets
Who likes to sample? Not me! Well...not until I
discovered puppets! We discuss how puppets can be
woven on a variety of looms and warps, and how they can
be finished. But we also discuss how to use puppets to
learn about structures, fibers, color...or anything we
want to! (This is suitable for frame loom weaving)."

There will be a short break between seminars.

Attendance for the seminars will be limited to 75 attendees.

On Saturday, October 12, 1996, as originally planned, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, we will be sharing weaving techniques and ideas, as well as visiting the vendors' displays.

On Sunday, October 13, 1996, from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM, there will be a Workshop entitled "Ya Gotta Be Warped To Weave" conducted by Michele Belson of the Lunatic Fringe. Attendance for this workshop will be limited to the first 25 people to register for Sunday.

Weave-In New Orleans will be held at the New Orleans Centre Mall, 1400 Poydras Street, Third Floor, Meeting Room (next to Lord & Taylor). The New Orleans Centre Mall is connected to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the Superdome and covered parking. It contains Macy's, Lord & Taylor and many small specialty shops. There is a food court on the first and second floors of the Centre.

Directions to the New Orleans Center and a floor plan of the Center will be sent with confirmation of registration.

The fees for *Weave-In* New Orleans are as follows:

Any one day	-	\$15.00
Each additional day	-	\$ 5.00 Each

Fees include complementary parking for the hours listed for Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Registration forms and fees must be received no later than May 30, 1996. Attendance will be limited to 75 attendees on Friday; 65 attendees on Saturday; and 25 attendees on Sunday. Response has been excellent, so don't wait to register! Remember this is the inaugural year for *Weave-In* - be a charter attendee!!

The following hotels have given us the rates listed below:

1. Hyatt Regency New Orleans (block of 20 rooms)
at Louisiana Superdome, Poydras at Loyola Avenue,
New Orleans, LA - (504) 561-1234

10/10/96 thru 10/13/96

Single rate is \$159.00, plus tax
Double rate is \$159.00, plus tax

Reservations must be received no later than September 10, 1996.

2. Holiday Inn
330 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, LA - (504) 581-1600

10/11/96 Block of 10 rooms
10/12/96 Block of 25 rooms
10/13/96 Block of 25 rooms

Single rate is \$95.00, plus tax
Double rate is \$95.00, plus tax
Additional persons are \$15.00/day extra
Parking charges are \$10.00/day