

CWSG

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CALENDAR

Oct. 25

October meeting & spin-in
at Marcy's house; 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 26

Pioneer & Indian Festival
Crafts Center, Natchez Trace
in Ridgeland

Oct. 5-6

Indigo Dye/Felting Workshop
by Jim Liles and Dale Liles
at Oak Mountain Handcrafters in
Oak Mountain State Park. Cost
is \$90 (includes supply fee).
Limit 30 people. For reservations
call 1-800-ALA-PARK.

Oct. 11-13

"Weave a Coverlet"
Madelyn Van Der Hoogt
Huntsville Fiber Guild. Call
Susan Hawkins, 205-880-5862.

Nov. 1-3

**"Pushing the Plain
Out of Plain Weave"**
Workshop by Donna Lee Sullivan
in Ocala, Fla. Cost \$100. The
Creative Hand Studio, 352-629-
2529.

Nov. 7

Study group
at Marcy's. Coffee at 6:30,
study at 7:00

Nov. 16

November meeting
(spin-in Nov. 15 at Marva Good-
man's)

Jan. 4, 1997

Roc Day
in New Orleans

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

National
Spinning & Weaving
Week Oct. 6-12

October 1996 newsletter

Coming up:

October meeting and Pioneer Festival

Because of our participation in the annual Pioneer and Indian Festival Saturday, Oct. 26, we will have our regular meeting *and* spin-in the Friday night before (instead of the usual third Saturday) at Marcy's house, 950 Fairfax Circle, Jackson.

Nancy Landrum will discuss weaving (and some batik) in Malaysia at the meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m. "Malaysia was awesome and I have a lot to share fiberwise," she said. (That includes a video and some samples.)

Marcy is planning dinner, so please **RSVP** (957-1423).

Remember to bring your completed Program Ballot (in this newsletter).

The Mississippi Crafts Center on the Natchez Trace at Ridgeland is the setting for the festival. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The weather is usually great and the crowds large. Please call Carol Parks (home: 924-8605, office: 981-3100) by **Oct. 20** to let her know the time you can come and whether you will want lunch.

'96-'97 CWSG board

- President: Kathy Cohron
- Vice president: Nancy Landrum
- Treasurer: Margaret Pittman
- Secretary: Jane Dollar
- Historian: Marva Lee Goodman

September Meeting Minutes

Kathy Cohron called the meeting to order. Since we had some new faces, we introduced ourselves. Marva Goodman announced rules for the library and showed some videos that are available.

Program: Marcy Petrini's husband, Terry Dwyer, did an excellent program on loom maintenance. Two of his main points:

- keep things (nuts, bolts, screws, etc.) tightened up, and
- make sure the loom is square and the beater comes in square.

He also covered the proper care of the wood's finish. Marcy will have available notes from Terry's talk at the October meeting.

Show and Tell: We had lots of gorgeous things this month! Debbie Levine showed a tea cozy she won at a knitting camp and a small jacket made by Elizabeth Zimmerman's pattern. Marva showed a silver necklace and earrings she made when husband Max was at a forge meeting. Melba Nipper showed a basket she had made in Marva's class and one she'd made from the scraps as well as some mohair yarn. Linda Gayle Smith brought a book, *In Sheep's Clothing*, and a newsletter from a shop in Boulder, Colo.

Andrea Longo brought a Barbie Cocoon jacket knit from handspun done during blending studies. Jane Dollar brought Border Leicester fleece she had dyed. Kathy C. brought a vest she had made from her handwoven

Smith weavers take blue ribbons at state fair!

Congratulations to Kathy Smith and her daughters, Suzzette and Jennifer! The three won top honors for their handwovens and baskets at the Mississippi State Fair, now underway in Jackson.

Kathy won first place for her berry basket, egg basket (both made in Marva's class) and a handwoven (rosepath) cotton baby blanket. Her knitted, felted hat won first place, too.

Suzzette won first place for her handwoven scarf.

Jennifer won the weaving category with her tote purse. She also won the novelties category with her handwoven purse.

1996'97 Volunteers

Spin-in

Oct.: Marcy Petrini

Nov.: Marva Goodman

Dec.: *Loom Crawl at Sharon Williams'*

Jan.: Melba Nipper

Feb.: Hazel Howell

Mar.: Margaret Pittman

Apr.: Kathy Cohron

May : ?

Meeting refreshments

Oct.: *none needed*

Nov.: Carolyn Nichols

Dec.: *none needed*

Jan.: Margaret Pittman

Feb.: Carol Parks

Mar.: Linda Gayle Smith

Apr.: Jane Dollar

May : Nancy Landrum

material of purchased handspun yarn. Marcy brought a chenille scarf and a fiber study of warp and weft using 3/2, 5/2, 10/2 and 10/2 doubled yarns.

Margaret Pittman brought a table runner she was making from one of her grandmother's old quilts that was beyond repair. Hazel Howell brought baskets made on the loom and some gorgeous table mats made from her homegrown, hand-ginned, handspun brown cotton. (Although she did say she hadn't *couthed* it yet!) And last, but not least, Laura, Debbie L.'s daughter, brought I-cord she was knitting for a toy for her cat. Obviously we were all busy this summer!

Business Meeting:

- Due to the resignation of Sandi Tucker, Jane Dollar will be the new secretary. Thanks, Sandi, for doing a great job. And thanks, Jane, for taking the job on.

- After discussion and rewording to clarify the past president's term (Section 1 under Officers and Elections), the proposed changes for directives and by-laws were passed.

- It was announced that some **procedure books** are done. The rest may be finished now that the new directives have passed.

- The Birmingham Weavers Guild is hosting Fiber Forum in 1997 (April 3-6).

Marcy moved we help by making name

tags on pouches. Hazel seconded and the motion passed. Margaret agreed to chair a name tag committee.

- **Loom Crawl** will be Dec. 14 at Sharon Williams' house in Coldwater. She will host spin-in the night before; we will provide a pot luck supper. Sharon, her mother and Elizabeth Lewis volunteered lodging for the night.

- Sign-up lists were passed around for refreshments, spin-in and Fiber Forum volunteers.

- It was noted that we are accumulating shawls from Sheep to Shawl; we decided to keep the past year's shawl as well as the present one. Any extras will be raffled at Sheep to Shawl.

- Financial reports will be made to members only every three months in the newsletter.

- There will be a future list in the newsletter of who has what equipment.

The guild will have priority if the equipment is needed for any purpose. We hope this will make things easier for our treasurer.

- We were invited to demonstrate at A Day in the Country, Oct. 5 at Chapel of the Cross near Madison, as well as at the Herb Fair at Porter's Creek Herb Farm. There is no guild commitment for either event. (See Marcy's report, "Suggestions for handling demonstrations" in this newsletter.)

- We discussed a **membership drive**: an open house/tea party in January for former and prospective members. Carolyn Nichols, Membership Committee chair, will head this.

- Marva is opening the library 30 minutes before our regular meetings and needs helpers for this (she will be in the board meeting).

- We signed a card for former member Virginia Rogers and her husband, Rick. Rick's father passed away quite suddenly recently.

- Marva proposed fees for **overdue library materials**: books and videos, \$1; magazines 50 cents. No fee to check out. Discussion on this was tabled due to lack of time.

- Marcy volunteered to bring Margaret's coverlet pins and Convergence '98

We're invited to demonstrate

at Herb Fair, Oct. 12 at Porter's Creek Herb Farm; from Debbie Porter. There has been no guild commitment. Attendance is an individual decision.

For sale

Harrisville loom: Like new, 36-inch loom. Good beginner loom. Call for price: Barbara Mitchell, Jackson, 601-362-4570.

Mohair fiber: Kathy Smith has sheared her registered angora goats and is offering kid and adult mohair for \$6.50 per pound (washed). Call Kathy at Willow Creek Farm, 601-854-6441.

Knitting class

Debbie Levine's knitting class will be from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. beginning Oct. 10. Fee will be \$50. Call her at 601-362-6694 for details.

Basket class

Marva Lee Goodman is conducting a basket-weaving class through Oct. 16. Cost will be \$10 per class. At least three different baskets are taught with take-home instructions and materials for work not completed during class. Preparation and care of materials and dyeing basket materials will be covered. Class meets at Marva's house (outside, weather permitting, at 404 Parkway Rd., Brandon) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Wednesday. You may attend some later sessions and skip others. Call Marva at 601-992-0383 for info or to register.

t-shirts back from Atlanta to those who ordered them at the meeting.

- The need for space was discussed. There is a conflict with the cleaning crew's schedule for the Craftsmen's Guild building and our meeting times. We need to have a liason with the Craftsmen's Guild. A need for **our own building** was discussed and ways to raise money. Marcy is chairing a group to discuss and report the advantages and disadvantages of buying a building.

- Dues were collected, the meeting was adjourned and we had our white elephant sale.

Motion to amend bylaws

I move that the by-laws, Section 1 under Committees, be amended to add "Membership." Jane Dollar seconds.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Petrini

Address update

Julia Kubat's new address is:
2825 Oakridge Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

Education report:

Suggestions for handling demonstrations

by Marcy Petrini, Education Chair

I was asked, as Education Chair, to consider what the guild should do about various requests we get for volunteers—whether we should do it as a guild or as individuals. This is my suggestion.

We already do two demonstrations a year, at the Pioneer Festival and our own Sheep to Shawl. (Incidentally, these fall under the Community Services Committee, not the Education Committee—the difference being the Education Committee takes care of education of guild members—so we may want to have Deborah Levine respond to this.) I feel we could spread ourselves too thin. It's great for the guild to go as a group, but that takes organization, in addition to people actually being there.

The other problem is what occurred last year, or the year before: we, as a guild, agreed to do a demonstration—I believe it was at Chapel of the Cross—and then nobody went. That is a very poor reflection on our guild.

So my suggestion is that **when any of us are approached we say we will bring it to the attention of guild members to determine whether anyone is interested.** The event can be placed in the newsletter and announced at the guild meeting (if they don't give us enough notice to do that, the event organizers are out of luck) with the appropriate information—when, who to contact, etc.

Those individuals interested in going can make their own arrangements; or if a group wants to go, they can get organized. That way, if nobody wants to go, the issue is closed. Of course, it would be nice for those individuals to bring any information about our guild, coming events, etc.

Proposal concerning Chimneyville Christmas tree

by Marcy Petrini, CWSG & CGM Liason

Kit Barksdale, executive director of the Craftsmen's Guild, has asked the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild to help with the Christmas tree this year. She would also like us to **donate ornaments to be for sale**, as we did in the past. The two projects would be combined, as follows.

The CWSG would provide the tree, lights and some ornaments for sale. Only ornaments for sale would go on the tree. Other craftsmen would be asked to donate ornaments for the tree, which would also be donations to

Study group schedule

by Marcy Petrini,
Education Chair

The great majority of respondents prefers the first Thursday of the month for the study group. This is the schedule for the rest of the year:

- Nov. 7
- Dec. 5
- Jan. 2 (*good time to get going on weaving again!*)
- Feb. 6
- Mar. 6
- Apr. 3: Canceled. (*We're going to Southeast Fiber Forum, aren't you?*)
- May 1
- Jun. 5 *We will decide a summer schedule then.*

The study group meets at my house unless otherwise notified in the newsletter (for times when I'm out of town). Come at 6:30 for coffee and 7:00 p.m. for study.

By the time you read this, the Oct. 3 meeting will have taken place, but all who answered were contacted.

Registration open for Spin-in '97

The Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild will host Spin-in '97 Jan. 22-26 at the Seascape Resort and Conference Center in Destin, Fla.

Advance registration is \$10 and should be mailed with registration form to Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild, 664 Brookhaven Way, Niceville, FL 32578. After Jan. 10, registration is \$25.

Participants should make their own lodging reservations before Nov. 15 at the Seascape (1-800-874-9106). Tell Seascape you're with the January Spin-in for special rates.

For more information, contact Nancy Kahrs at 904-897-5011. For registration form and info sheet, call Debbie Stringer, 601-373-6292.

the Guild (the Craftsmen's Guild would be responsible for procuring these other ornaments).

CWSG members would decorate the tree, which this year will be in conjunction with the Natchez Trace Crafts Gallery booth ("Martha's booth") for ease of selling the ornaments and for security. At the end of the festival, take down would be easier, too. The leftover ornaments would go to the Craftmen's Guild for sale by the office, and we would pack our lights until next year.

I would like us to vote on this proposal at the October meeting. If you are not attending, please let us know your feelings—in particular whether you plant to participate. Ornaments should be handmade, but they don't have to be handwoven, just like we have had for past trees. If everyone makes a few ornaments, we will have a good turnout.

Thank you!

Lost: Ginger shears

Margaret Pittman has lost a pair of Ginger shears and would dearly love to get them back. If you come across them, please call Margaret at 956-1478.

Hammes' work shown at MCC gallery

The double-weave pick-up work of CWSG member Jill Hammes of Meridian was the subject of a one-woman show in September at the Casteel Gallery, Meridian Community College. Jill has agreed to present a program on her technique for a future CWSG meeting. See the *Program Ballot* form below.

Program Ballot

This is your chance to express your opinions and ideas on upcoming CWSG meeting programs. Please complete this form and bring to the **October meeting**. Or, mail it to Nancy Landrum, 1019 Grand Ave., Meridian, MS 39301.

Indicate with a check mark your opinion of the proposed programs below, then let loose with what you think would make a good program topic.

Interested/Not Interested

____/____ Margaret Pittman on overshot.

____/____ Chet Cohron on photographing textiles.

____/____ Jill Hammes on double-weave pick up.

Other ideas for programs:

Adapted from the new CWSG procedures book:

The Pioneer and Indian Festival

The Pioneer and Indian Festival is organized by the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi at the Natchez Trace Craft Center as a combined public education event and a show where members of the Craftsmen's Guild can sell their crafts at booths they have prepaid. The public education segment includes many demonstrations.

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild is invited to participate by demonstrating weaving and spinning. The event is usually held on a Saturday at the end of October.

President appoints chair

Upon invitation by the Director of the Natchez Trace Craft Center, the CWSG President finds the date and appoints a Pioneer and Indian Festival Chair. If the Chair has not heard by August, an inquiry should be made.

The Chair is responsible for:

- announcing the Festival in the newsletter as soon as possible, but at least in the September newsletter.
- obtaining volunteers for the event, and to determine how long each will demonstrate. The schedule should be such that there are guild members demonstrating for the entire duration of the Festival.
- informing the Director of the Natchez Trace Craft Center of the number of participants at least 5 days prior to the event.
- arriving early at the Festival to find out from the Director of the Natchez Trace Craft Center the location of the demonstration by guild members, arrangements for lunch and other details.

Participants are asked to:

- wear period costumes.
- bring their own equipment and supplies to the demonstration.
- answer visitors' questions while demonstrating, provide handouts if available, and provide information about the guild.
- remain at the Festival and demonstrate until the official closing. It is a poor reflection on the Guild for all participants to leave early.

Sales policy

Participants are not allowed to sell any work, unless they are a juried member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and they have paid a booth fee for the event.

Guild meeting

Because there is generally no time to have a regular meeting during the Festival, the guild meets the night before at a time and place announced in the newsletter.

**CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD
FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT/MAGNOLIA FEDERAL**

May 29	Balance forward from Magnolia Federal	\$1508.79
May 30	Transfer deposit to Deposit Guaranty	-1000.00
		508.79
June 7	Outstanding deposits	+ 508.50
		1017.29
June 18	Returned item & service charge	- 18.00
		\$ 999.29

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/DEPOSIT GUARANTY
5/29/96 - 7/31/96**

May 29	Transfer deposit from Magnolia Federal/ Beginning Balance	\$1000.00
June 28	Closing withdrawal/Magnolia Federal	+ 999.29
		1999.29
	Credits	+ 239.00
	Membership Dues - \$135.00	
	Equipment Rental - 100.00	
	White Elephant - 4.00	
		2238.29
	Debits	- 200.46
	Yarn/Sheep to Shawl - \$24.00	
	Copies - 50.40	
	Newsletter postage - 37.44	
	Film processing - 43.92	
	Library - 33.00	
	Checks - 9.95	
	Service Charge - 1.75	
	Final Balance	\$2037.83