

**CWSG**

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**CALENDAR****Nov. 16****November meeting**

at weaving studio (spin-in Nov. 15 at Marva Goodman's).

**Nov. 29 - Jan. 19****"The Kimono Inspiration: Art to Art to Wear"**

Exhibit at Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis. Traditional and contemporary interpretations. From the Textile Museum, Washington, D.C.

**Dec. 7-8****Chimneyville Crafts Festival**

Preview party, Dec. 6, 7-10 p.m. Miss. Trade Mart, Jackson.

**Dec. 14****Loom Crawl**

See "October meeting minutes" in this newsletter.

**Jan. 4, 1997****Roc Day**

Hosted by New Orleans Weavers Guild at Mandeville Junior High School Gym in Mandeville.

**Jan. 22-26, 1997****January Spin-In 1997**

in Destin, Fla. Hosted by Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild. Call Nancy Kahrs, 904-897-5011.

**Feb. 15-16, 1997****Silk spinning workshop with Celia Quinn**

in New Orleans. Sponsored by New Orleans Weavers Guild (\$120 for non-members). Call Maureen Preau, 504-482-3546.

# Chimneyville

## Weavers & Spinners Guild

November 1996 newsletter

**Next meeting is Nov. 16**

Chet Cohron, Kathy's husband, will talk about **photographing textiles** for our November meeting program.

We'll also **vote** on the following:

- Marcy Petrini moves we adopt the equipment rental procedures as enclosed. Debbie Stringer seconds.
- Marva Goodman moves we adopt the policies for the library as enclosed. Marcy Petrini seconds.

**October meeting minutes**

by Jane Dollar, CWSG  
secretary

*(Due to our participation in the Pioneer Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26, we had our meeting Friday night, Oct. 25, at Marcy's house.)*

We all introduced ourselves again since we had two visitors: **Hazel McCoy** (Elizabeth Lewis' cousin) and **Becki Jefferis**, weaving student.

For our program, Nancy Landrum talked about her **trip to Malaysia**. And she didn't even talk much about her kids! She had some beautiful samples of woven fibers: a prayer mat of plant fibers, a burden basket, rice baskets and a tray for a pottery tea set.

She also had gorgeous materials: a man's headdress, a piece of songket (a type of weaving with metallic thread brocade; once woven only for royalty), a book about songket, a sari, ikats and many, many batik sarongs.

Those of you who weren't there really missed a treat! She also brought a video showing some native women weaving, among other things.

We got our new **membership directories**. Thank you very much, Margaret! And Marcy passed out handouts from Terry's talk on loom maintenance and repair.

We were told that Kathy Smith fell down the attic stairs in her new/old house (after telling hubby to be careful and not do so). Fortunately, she's still with us, although very bruised and battered. Hurry and get back to normal, Kathy!

Barbara Mitchell, our **exhibits chair**, has had to resign due to other commitments. We are looking for a replacement. (Please call Kathy Cohron if you can volunteer.)

**Storage space for CWSG rental equipment** and a person to take care of it was discussed. At present, Margaret Pittman is providing space, but she wanted us to know the spinning wheel is in her garage. Hazel Howell volunteered to keep the equipment and to keep records. Due to the fact that

**'96-'97 CWSG board**

- **President:** Kathy Cohron, 856-6698
- **Vice president:** Nancy Landrum, 482-8823
- **Treasurer:** Margaret Pittman, 956-1478
- **Secretary:** Jane Dollar, 323-7079
- **Historian:** Marva Lee Goodman, 992-0383

## SWIC plans Spinning Retreat

Spinners and Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu invite spinners and weavers to their second annual Spinning Retreat May 29 - June 1, 1997. The event will be an informal gathering of spinners, weavers, wheels and small looms at Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center, south of Alexandria, La. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to 48 people. A registration fee of \$10 and a deposit of \$5 for *each night* you intend to stay (to be applied to your room charge) is **due by Jan. 6**; fees are non-refundable after that date. For info, call Diana Hardy-Handley, 318-478-9867. (Debbie Stringer has registration form.)

## Directory updates

Please update your membership directory with this information:

### New member

Becki Jefferis  
181-B Cumberland Rd.  
Brandon, MS 39042  
992-9482

### Membership renewals

Andrea Dinep  
PO Box 1347  
MS State, MS 39762-1347

Jennifer "Turtle Moon"  
Jacob  
10960 Gilbert Joyner Rd.  
Meridian, MS 39305

### Phone correction

Carol Parks' office phone is  
991-9400

only the treasurer is to handle money, the discussion was tabled until a study can be done. Marva Goodman will do the study.

Discussion of the **membership drive** scheduled for January was tabled. Margaret Pittman's group for **name tags for SEFF** (Southeast Fiber Forum) in Birmingham this summer will meet after Chimneyville.

**Loom crawl** will be Dec. 14. Spin-in will be at Nell Elam's house on Friday night; Sharon Williams will host a breakfast on Saturday morning; Elizabeth Lewis will host the Saturday luncheon. For those of us wishing to stay overnight, they will provide sleeping arrangements. They say no one is to bring anything; we are to be their guests. (I'm awed!) They do need to know who's coming, so **RSVP at least a week ahead** to Elizabeth at (601) 622-5563.

Marcy moved we vote to **add a membership committee**; it was seconded and passed.

A motion was passed to **donate a tree to Chimneyville and make ornaments** for it; however, instead of our decorating the whole thing, the Craftsmen's Guild will help and all ornaments will be for sale to benefit the craft shop at the Trace. (See Marcy's note on the tree in this newsletter.)

**Show-and-tell:** Marcy brought a gorgeous chenille scarf, but she wouldn't let me keep it! She also brought a bag of unknown fiber for spinning; we finally decided it might be ramie.

Debbie Stringer brought a painted-warp scarf from a kit. It, too, was gorgeous.

Melba Nipper brought the egg basket she made in Marva's class; it was over-dyed with walnut hulls to make it a brown shade.

Debbie Levine showed a sock knit with her handspun she was taking to Pioneer Days to show. The white at the cuff was from Melba's sheep!

Kathy Cohron brought a chenille pillow and throw. (She wore a chenille poncho at Pioneer Festival.) She also brought a table runner—several, on the same warp, in different colors. Ancient rose overshot pattern. Also gorgeous!

At this point we adjourned for supper: soup, delicious bread and spreads for them. (What *was* that stuff Debbie L. made? It was delicious!) We also had lovely chocolate desserts: Fat Ladies from Barbara Mitchell (if we weren't, we will be), chocolate cake from Marcy's mom and I's not sure what else, but it was chocolate. We all know Terry's weakness!

## The Chimneyville Christmas tree

by Marcy Petrini, Liason, CWSG & CGM

We voted to donate the tree and decorate it with ornaments for sale during the Chimneyville Crafts Festival, organized by the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi (Dec. 6-8). This is to say thank you to the Craftsmen's Guild for letting us use the space for meetings and the library.

If you would like to participate, please bring ornaments to the Nov. meeting, or drop them off at the weaving studio (please label them "ornaments for the Chimneyville Christmas tree"), or bring them to Chimneyville Friday, Dec. 6 and join us in decorating the tree. It is always great fun. The tree this year will be in conjunction with the Craftsmen's Guild booth, run by Martha Garrott.

Kit Barksdale will contact other Craftsmen's Guild members and other crafts organizations for ornaments. So we should have plenty. A letter is going out to Craftsmen's Guild members telling them that we are donating the tree and the ornaments as we have done in the past. This should clarify any misconception that people may have had.

## 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.

## Program schedule

Nancy Landrum, CWSG vice president, has set the program schedule for upcoming meetings. Looks like another great year for CWSG members!

**November 16**  
Chet Cohron on  
photographing textiles

**December 14**  
Loom Crawl

**January 18**  
Marcy Petrini on "How to  
Make an Ugly Color  
Disappear"

**February 15**  
Jill Hammes on Double  
Weave Pick-Up

**March 15**  
Cross Country Weavers and  
Margaret Pittman on  
Overshot

**April**  
Sheep to Shawl

**May**  
to be announced

Any unsold ornament will be offered for sale from the Craftsmen's Guild office until Christmas. After that, I volunteered our guild to store the left-over ornaments until next year. Since I suspect we won't sell all of them, this will give us a jump start on next year.

During the meeting, we will look over the ornaments we already have. If you have any ornaments in our stockpile that you *don't* want sold, please come to the meeting and retrieve them, or let me know immediately if you can't come to the meeting. Any ornaments left will be offered for sale.

I think this will be a great tree!

## Report of the Procedures Committee

*by Marcy Petrini, Procedures Committee*

I will have copies of the newly changed **By-laws** at the November meeting. Please note that, as I was finishing the Directives and By-laws, I noticed we had forgotten about the Friend's Membership, which we have had for several years. I have taken the liberty to add it. I don't think this requires a vote since this is something we have been doing.

At the meeting I will also pass out a **list of policies** (in contrast to procedures) that the rest of the committee and I have been collecting. I would like everyone to look at them, mull them over and see what we may have forgotten.

Similarly, I have made up a **general calendar**, which is by no means complete. This is something we can start working on. This is not a calendar for a specific year, but in general.

It says, for example, Pioneer Festival in October, but it doesn't specify the date, as that changes yearly.

I am enclosing **three procedures** that are in draft form (see end of newsletter). The Loom Crawl was actually published last year. The Christmas tree was originally written by Marva, but I updated it to reflect recent changes. We may have to wait until we do this once this year to determine whether any other changes need to be made. I have taken the liberty of writing the membership procedure. This is not something I dreamed up; this is something we were doing pretty regularly when the guild was started and, for some reason, dropped.

## You're all invited!

Let's just weave, spin and do handwork . . . share . . . just no business—that's a rule.

**Where:** Kathy Cohron's (856-6698)

**When:** Every 4th Thursday of each month (because of the holidays, the November gathering will be on the 21st and December's will be on the 19th.)

**Time:** 10 a.m.

—Kathy Cohron

## Loom repair handouts available

If you haven't received the handout on loom repair from our September program by Terry Dwyer, Marcy Petrini will have more available at the November meeting. Or, send a SASE to Marcy to receive one by mail (950 Fairfax Circle, Jackson, MS 39211).

## Sharon Alderman to lead workshop in Memphis

Sharon Alderman will lead "Designing: From Your Idea to Fabric in Your Hands" April 25-27, 1997 at the Cordova Cellars Winery in Memphis. Workshop participants will explore what fibers, yarns, color and weave struc-

## Directions to Big Creek Fibers

*Jane Dollar shares directions  
and advice for visiting Big Creek  
Fibers in Ellijay, Ga.:*

It's beautiful up there and  
the shop is wonderful. I beat  
Marva to that gorgeous Border  
Leicester fleece! Anyone over  
that way should go; just be  
sure to call Sandra to let her  
know you're coming.

### Big Creek Fibers

1-800-619-6731

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs.-Sat.

Go north on I-575 to Ellijay.  
At first red light, turn left onto  
Mattox Dr. Go 1.5 miles,  
through four-way stop. Turn left  
onto Ind. (Indiana, Industrial,  
Independence? I can't remem-  
ber!) Blvd. Immediately get into  
right lane. Turn right onto Old  
Hwy. 5. Just over 1/4 mile, turn  
left onto Letch Drive (Hitching  
Post on right). Take first left. It  
will be the second house on the  
left, a big, yellow house. Take  
second drive. The shop is in the  
basement.

tures can do for the weaver. The workshop will be hosted by the Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers. Registration fee is \$10; the total cost of the workshop for non-members is \$75. Registration will open to non-members Dec. 1. There is a limit of 15 participants.

## A note from Martha Garrott

*Martha Garrott sent Kathy Cohron this note of appreciation for CWSG's participation in Pioneer Festival:*

Now that I've pretty well caught up with the housekeeping and book-keeping chores in the aftermath of the Pioneer Festival, I have time for more pleasant duties—such as thanking folks who braved the weather and contributed significantly to the event's success.

And the CWSG certainly was a major factor in the quality of the event. Witness the number of survey respondents who check the weavers' box as their favorite part of the festival.

THANKS. See you next year!

—Martha

## Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Financial Statement

7-31-96 to 10-31-96

July 31

**Beginning balance**

**\$2037.83**

### Credits

+657.56

Membership dues	622.50
Equipment rental	8.00
White Elephant	27.06

2695.39

### Debits

- 160.69

Post office box	42.00
Postage	46.72
Copies	10.71
Rubber stamp	20.01
HGA dues	25.00
Refund of overpayment in dues	15.00
Service charge	1.25

**Final balance**

**\$2534.70**

*This financial information, submitted by Margaret Pittman, appears only in CWSG members' copies of this newsletter.*

## **Membership Recruitment and Retention**

The entire Guild is responsible for recruitment and retention of new members. The Membership Committee can help with individual tasks.

When a current member knows of a potential new member, the Newsletter Editor and the Membership Committee Chair should be informed of the name, address and phone number of the potential member.

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for sending a copy of the newsletter for two months, and a Guild information sheet, which includes a listing of the dues, and how to join the Guild.

The current member who is recruiting the potential member is responsible for inviting the potential member to a meeting. The Membership Chair can be asked to do this task.

The current member or the Membership Chair should make sure that the potential member is informally introduced to other current members and that the potential member is introduced formally during the Guild meeting.

The Membership Chair:

- should encourage the potential member to join at the meeting. If this doesn't happen, s/he should do follow up.
- should make sure that potential members know the activities of the Guild and the benefits of membership.
- is responsible for organizing any membership drive sponsored by the Guild.

## **Christmas Tree for the Annual Chimneyville Festival**

The Chimneyville Weavers and

Spinners Guild provides a Christmas tree for the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi's Annual Chimneyville Festival and decorates it with handmade fiber ornaments. The Festival is held the first weekend in December. This is a courtesy to the Craftsmen's Guild for allowing the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild to hold meetings and to store library materials in their headquarters building.

Not later than October, the Guild Liaison informs the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild of the Craftsmen's Guild request for a Christmas tree during the Festival, and the specifics: set-up time, place, and decorations needed. The Craftsmen's Guild may request that decorations be sold, with proceeds benefiting the Craftsmen's Guild.

The President appoints a Chair for the Tree Committee. Guild members furnish more decorations as needed. The Chair makes arrangements to obtain a tree on a tree stand. This tree should be approximately 8 feet tall.

Arrangements are also made for disposal of the tree after the Festival, which could be a donation to an individual guild member, to another organization, or to a church.

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild is responsible for paying for the tree, if one is not donated.

The Chair selects her committee.

The Committee:

- checks for items which are available in the library cabinet, and which include lights, cotton batting, and two guild signs. These are replaced as needed.
- collects ornaments from Guild members and others as needed.
- is responsible for bringing the tree, ornaments, and above materials to the Festival site. In addition, the fol-

lowing are also needed:

- Scissors
- Heavy-duty extension cord
- Tape to cover extension cord
- Hammer
- Two king-size sheets for covering the convention table on which the tree is placed.

The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi provides tables for the tree, plus a skirted barrier in a location near an electric outlet.

The Committee is responsible for decorating the tree. The committee usually works from approximately 9 am until 1 p.m. on the Friday of the Festival opening.

The two Guild signs are displayed near the tree.

The Committee is responsible for take-down, which includes disposing of the tree, returning Guild's materials to the library cabinet and either storing ornaments or giving them to the Craftsmen's Guild to sell through its office.

Any unsold ornaments at the end of the holiday season are stored by the Guild until the following year.

## **Loom Crawl Procedure**

The Loom Crawl is a progressive pot-luck luncheon that occurs the second Saturday of December as a holiday party. Guild members have the opportunity to look at other members' weaving and spinning equipment. Handmade or fiber-related gifts are exchanged among those who wish to do so.

The President appoints a Loom Crawl Chair in September.

The Loom Crawl Chair (the "Chair") announces the Loom Crawl in the October newsletter and asks for volunteers among the membership to host the event.

The Chair places a reminder of the Loom Crawl in the November newsletter with an explanation of

the procedure and gift exchange.

The Chair selects 3 members with 3 houses in the greater Jackson area by the November meeting. Alternatively, if a guild member, who lives outside the greater metropolitan Jackson area, offers to host the event, the entire loom crawl can take place in one location to save driving time.

The Chair announces the order of the Loom Crawl at the November meeting and asks for volunteers to sign up for food to be brought.

In November, the Chair invites members of the Craftsmen's Guild Staff, and others as appropriate, to be guests of the guild at the Loom Crawl.

An invitation, maps and a list of volunteers bringing food appears in the December issue of the guild newsletter which is published early, before the Loom Crawl.

Volunteers who have not signed up for food can still participate by bringing whatever food items may be missing from the list.

Members may bring a guest to the Loom Crawl.

Hosting members provide their house, drinks, and eating utensils. All other participating members bring food.

The Loom Crawl usually starts at 10:00 am. Appetizers are served in the first house. A short business meeting takes place before departing for the second house.

Lunch (traditionally soup and bread, but other luncheon items have been added over the years) is served in the second house.

Dessert is served in the third house. A gift exchange takes place here among those members who wish to participate.

Small gifts for the gift exchange should be handmade (not necessarily by the donor); alternatively, fiber related gifts can also be brought (books, supplies, etc.). Gifts should be anonymous.

The Chair collects the gifts, numbers them and lets the donor know

the assigned number, so that members do not accidentally select the gift they brought. There are two sets of numbers. One is affixed to the gift. The second is dropped in a box for the drawing.

Once all gifts have been numbered, all those who brought a gift draw a number, making sure that they don't draw their own.

Gifts are open one at a time, starting with number 1. Once the gift is open, the donor can be identified.

Loom Crawl ends around 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

The President officially thanks the Chair and the hosting members in the January newsletter. Individuals are responsible for their own thank-you's.

## The Library

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild library contains books, periodicals, sample notebooks and videotapes that may be checked out by members in good standing. All are encouraged to use the library materials.

The Librarian will have the library open for members prior to each monthly meeting.

Materials may be checked out for one month. They may be renewed at the end of that time, unless there is a request for them.

The Librarian will maintain a list of requested materials that are on loan.

All materials are due at the May meeting.

Materials can be loaned during the summer on special arrangement with the Librarian.

Monthly fines for overdue materials will be as follows:

Periodicals	\$0.50
Books	\$1.00
Videotapes	\$2.00
Sample notebooks	\$1.00

Materials overdue for 3 or more months shall be considered lost and the fine shall be replacement value.

Special arrangements for using

materials for a longer time can be made with the Librarian if the member is engaged in a special study.

## Equipment Rental

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild owns several pieces of equipment that are available for rental to members.

Any member in good standing may rent the guild-owned equipment.

Equipment may be rented for one month. It may be rented again at the end of that time, unless there is a request for it.

Equipment can be reserved for a certain time by informing the Treasurer, who will keep a calendar.

Arrangements for pick-up and return of the equipment should be made with the Treasurer.

The rental fee for one month will be paid, according to the schedule below, to the Treasurer when the equipment is received. If the equipment is rented for more than one month, the balance is due upon return of the equipment.

The renter is responsible for knowing how to use the equipment properly so that no damage occurs during use. (Instructions for use and care of the drum carder are stored with the drum carder.)

The equipment is to be returned to the Treasurer clean and in good condition. The renter is responsible for any repairs or replacement if the equipment is damaged.

If the equipment is needed for a guild-sponsored event, the renter will return it for the event and be given extra time to make up for the loss.

**Fee schedule for equipment rental:**  
(Item / no. owned by guild / fee per mo.)

Drop spindle / 4 / \$2  
Small warping board / 1 / \$2  
Drum carder / 1 / \$10  
Spinning wheel / 1 / \$10

*Pink Elephant use*