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CALENDAR**June 27-28****R&M Yarns Dollar Day Sale**

1-800-343-9276

July 19**CWSG get-together**

at Nancy Landrum's. Details in this newsletter.

Sept. 1**Deadline**

for Sept. newsletter items.

Sept. 6**Deadline**

for entry forms to Blue Ridge Handweaving Show. Details in this newsletter.

Sept. 20**CWSG meeting**

At weaving studio, Ag Museum. Come prepared to pay dues as we begin our '97-'98 membership year.

Nov. 14-15**Workshop:****Ya Gotta Be Warped to Weave**

with Michele Belson.
Hosted by New Orleans Weavers Guild.

Jan. 10, 1998**Roc Day**

in Baton Rouge with Bayou Yarn Benders.

Chimneyville

Weavers & Spinners Guild

June 1997 newsletter

Summer get-together set for July 19

We have no "official" meetings in the summer months, but Nancy Landrum has invited us to her house (4250 Valley Road) in Meridian for a summer get-together July 19 beginning at 10 a.m. Nancy will serve lunch (how wonderful) but she encourages anyone who wants to try out a new recipe to bring it so we can all try it, too.

Those who want to leave from the Jackson area should plan to meet at the Ag Museum parking lot at 8 a.m. to caravan to Nancy's.

Directions to Nancy's: In Meridian, take I-20 Exit #151 (Valley Road) and travel south 2 to 3 miles until you see Nancy's split-rail gate on the right. Slow down; it's easy to miss! Maybe Nancy will put some balloons out by the road to guide us in. Nancy's number is 482-8823.

May meeting minutes

by *Deborah Levine*

We welcomed guest Cynthia Crull, of Bay St. Louis, state HGA rep and Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild member.

Kathy Cohron presided, in the absence of newly elected president Marcy Petrini. The meeting was held backwards from usual order. Business was attended to first.

Drawings were held for shawls from the last two sheep-to-shawl events. Ann Hayne won the shawl from 1995 (it was her colors), and Kathy Smith won the one from 1996. Congratulations.

Joan Cotter won the white elephant, beautiful yarns donated by Cynthia Crull.

The financial statement will be in the next newsletter. As of the time of the meeting we had \$2,404.57, but all of the shawl money had not been accounted for.

The guild received several thank-you letters which were shared. Virginia Rogers and her co-workers from Birmingham thanked us for the name tags for Fiber Forum. Martha Garrott thanked us for our help in supporting the lobbying effort for the new crafts center.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for info on the Blue Ridge Handweaving Show. The Michigan Fiber Festival will be held Aug. 14-17. It will include classes in shearing. Info about these events, along with newsletters from other guilds, can be found in our library. Call Marva Goodman at 992-0383 if you are interested in checking something out during the summer.

July 19 will be our summer get-together at Nancy Landrum's. She must like us a lot to have us over so often. This will just be for fun and the lotuses will be in bloom, so it will be worth the trip. (Note: Nancy's back is still very painful but there will not be any surgery. It's more arthritis than slipped disc. Hope I got this right.)

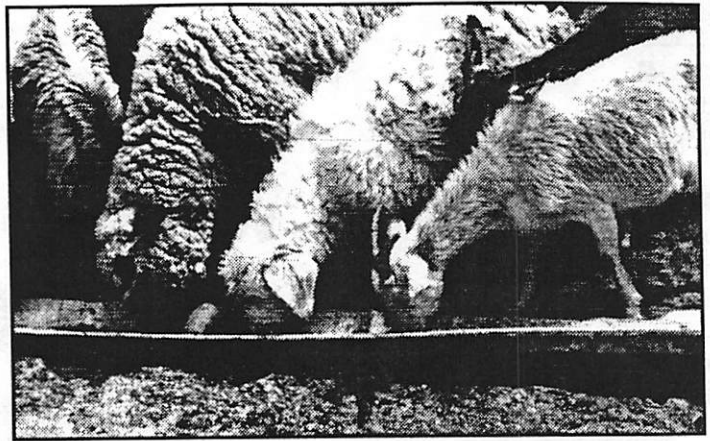
Marva Goodman is offering a spinning class this summer on Thursdays. She will

'97-'98 CWSG board

- **President:** Marcy Petrini, 957-1423
- **Vice president:** Sharon Williams, 233-2990
- **Treasurer:** Margaret Pittman, 956-1478
- **Secretary:** Jane Dollar, 323-7079
- **Historian:** Marva Lee Goodman, 992-0383

Just one of the flock

Kathy and Chet Cohron were visiting Kathy and Terry Smith when they were surprised to see the Smiths' sheep dog elbowing his way in between a sheep and a goat for a meal of sheep feed (a mixture of corn, grain, minerals and vitamins). Terry says the dog grew up with sheep and thinks he is one! He eats mostly sheep food but will on occasion accept dry dog food. (Photo by Chet Cohron)



offer another in the fall. The cost is \$50 for 15 hours. Spinning, dyeing, handling of fibers, and wheel maintenance are included.

Tina Bradford's spinning class was cancelled and will be rescheduled for the fall.

Several decisions will need to be made at the September meeting: 1) what to do with funds from sheep to shawl; 2) should our retreat be a guild-sponsored event or just a group of people who want to get together? The coast guild is willing to sponsor the next retreat, which may help answer the question. The place they are considering having might cost \$50 per person, but this would include food. We should also consider inviting the New Orleans guild to join us in this retreat.

Speaking of which, thanks to Lu Harding for shopping for this year's retreat, as well as for all the other things she did. And thanks to Barbara Mitchell for convincing Nancy to host it.

Cynthia Crull spoke about her duties as HGA rep and about all the services HGA provides. If I weren't already a member, she would surely have convinced me to join. She encouraged all of us to go to Convergence in Atlanta.

Recipes for the wonderful food from Loom Crawl were handed out. If you didn't get a copy I'm sure we can find you one.

Show and tell

- Kathy Smith had several more hats, some sheep made from fleece and photos taken by Chet Cohron.
- Melba showed us some hairpin lace she was working on (she sells the tiny "looms" used to make it). She also showed a Hallelujah doll from instructions in Handwoven and some placemats and napkin rings she was working on.
- Cynthia pointed out an ad for a fringe twister in the May-June Handwoven classifieds, page 99. She finds it a wonderful gadget, saving the thumbs and making twists easy to count. She also showed some blankets woven for herself and her husband out of Monte Cristo cotton from Henry's Attic and WEBS Hampshire

Crafts Center events

Upcoming events set for the Mississippi Crafts Center on the Natchez Trace at Ridgeland:

Weaving demonstrations

- June 21-22, Margaret Pittman
- Aug. 16-17, Sharon Williams
- Sept. 20-21, Cynthia Crull

Brights. She intends to do one for each family member. We all were wondering how to join the family.

- Andrea Longo brought a 10th century Danish costume she was working on to be worn in a competition the next weekend. The fabric is a historically accurate 2/2 broken diamond twill.
- Kathy Cohron showed some placemats she made of eight different blues she had dyed during a dyeing session with Margaret Pittman.

The program was on helpful hints for warping. In an informal session gathered around a weaving studio loom, we shared tips and tricks for easier, speedier warping. We learned that shoestrings make good ties for a warp prior to removing it from the warping board/mill, and we discovered that before beginning to weave we should throw *three* shots of the spreader yarn (without beating between shots), beat, throw three more, and beat. The warp should then be evenly spread and ready for weft.

We also discussed front-to-back warping methods covered in Cay Garrett's "Warping All by Yourself."

Gladys Clark honored with fellowship

Gladys Clark has been chosen for a National Heritage Fellowship among hundred of nominees. She will travel to Washington, D.C. in September to receive her honor, which includes \$10,000. The Acadiana Weavers nominated Gladys two years ago for her contributions in preserving the Acadian textile heritage. Letters of congratulations can be addressed to her at: 215 Lagneau Rd., Duson, LA 70525.

Handweaving show set for October

Designed to encourage and promote handweaving, the Blue Ridge Handweaving Show is set for Oct. 5-30, 1997 at Pack Place in Asheville, N.C. Competition categories include Art Pieces, Clothing, Interiors, Accessories, Swatch/Samples, and Novice. Awards will include the HGA Award, People's Choice, Best of Show and category awards.

Entries must be handwoven on a loom within the past two years; weavers may submit up to three entries. Entry forms and fees (\$5 per entry) must be received no later than Sept. 6, 1997.

Write Blue Ridge Handweaving Show, 18 Orange St., Asheville, NC 28801, or call 704-298-0723.