

**CWSG**

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**CALENDAR****Jan. 4****Roc Day**

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

**Jan. 17****CWSG spin-in & dinner**

Spin-in, study and dinner at Melba Nipper's house, 6:30 p.m. See map. RSVP, 825-3749.

**Jan. 18****Meeting/Membership Drive**

Program: "How to Make an Ugly Color Disappear," by Marcy Petrini. Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.; program 10 a.m. Lunch is potluck, so bring a dish. Knit-in at Deborah Levine's house afterward.

**Jan. 23****Weaving & spinning**

at Kathy Cohron's; 10 a.m.; 856-6698.

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

in Destin, Fla. Hosted by Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild. \$10 registration. Call Nancy Kahrs, 904-897-5011.

**Feb. 1**

CWSG newsletter underway; get contributions in now.

**Feb. 6****Study group: huck**

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

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# Chimneyville

## Weavers & Spinners Guild

January 1997 newsletter

### Next meeting: Jan. 18 membership drive

Our January meeting will double as a membership drive. Carolyn Nichols, membership drive chair, says everyone needs to bring a **potluck dish** for lunch and plenty of **show-and-tell** for the benefit of our guests. And don't forget your pink elephant!

Carolyn (whom we hope quickly recovers from the flu) has invitations for guests; if you would like to invite someone, she can either send the person an invitation or get one to you to send. Just let her know (922-2945).

Marcy Petrini will present the program, "How to Make an Ugly Color Disappear," for which we need to gather supplies. Marcy describes the program:

Forget color theory. Train your eye by practicing. This is a participatory program.

Please bring **two different yarns** whose colors you don't like. They must be good quality yarns whose only "defect" is that the color doesn't please

you and you don't know how to use them. You don't own any yarn whose color you don't like? You can still participate by bringing two skeins of embroidery floss, one of each of two colors you don't like. The advantage of the embroidery floss is that it comes in many colors, is available in town and is inexpensive. Please also bring **scissors, scotch tape, a tapestry needle** and some pieces of **cardboard** (around 3" x 5"). Try to avoid neutrals, black, white and beige.

### '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

### Loom Crawl was a ball!

A million thanks to Nell Elam, Sharon Williams and Elizabeth Lewis for hosting Loom Crawl Dec. 13-14 at their homes near Coldwater. We had a great time inspecting their loom rooms, fondling their yarns and—of course—eating their food.

Nell, Sharon and Elizabeth broke new ground with this year's Loom Crawl by 1) providing all the food themselves and 2) extending the celebration to two days and providing overnight accommodations.

First, Loom Crawlers who traveled to Coldwater on Friday were invited to Nell's for dinner, where they inspected her loom room built above her husband's shop. (Located so that hubby can easily yell for help while working on his car restoration projects. Does that work *both* ways, Nell?)

Sharon and Elizabeth provided beds for the overnights, some of whom enjoyed star gazing in the quiet countryside. Sharon, with the help of her daughter, made sure everyone was fed a hearty breakfast the next morning at her house.

Then the gang headed to Elizabeth's house nearby, where more guild

## Calendar (continued)

**Feb. 8**

### **Jackie Wilson Triaxial Weaving Workshop**

Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Contact Helen Caire, 452-2390.

**Feb. 14**

### **CWSG spin-in & dinner**

at Hazel Howell's house in Canton, 6:30 p.m. RSVP, 859-4836.

**Feb. 15**

### **CWSG meeting**

Program: Double Weave Pick-up by Jill Hammes. (Note: meeting will be held at her new weaving studio in Meridian!) Map and details in February newsletter.

**Feb. 15-16**

### **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.

**Mar. 1-31**

### **"From Looms to Heirlooms," Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild Annual Show**

Pass Christian Library

**Apr. 3-6**

### **"Southern Alternatives"**

**1997 Southeast Fiber Forum** in Birmingham. Hosted by The Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild. Contact Jonnie Venglik, 205-822-5855. (Kathy Cochran has class schedule.)

## Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

### **New member**

Lucille Miller  
2945 Layfair Drive #1914  
Flowood, MS 39208  
664-0367

members had just arrived. Elizabeth's house was filled with the usual Loom Crawl hub-bub: exclamations over the loom, the house, the grounds, the guest house, the food.... It was a noisy day!

A highlight was the exchange of handmade gifts, comprising a wide range of media—some fiber, some not.

It was a wonderful Loom Crawl, thanks to a fine effort by Nell, Sharon and Elizabeth.

## Knit-in begins after January meeting

by *Deborah Levine*

People interested in knitting classes now hear this: I will hold a knit-in on CWSG Saturdays at my house after lunch. If you want to learn to knit, want to learn more about knitting, want help with your knitting or just want to knit, please plan to come. For more information, call Deborah Levine at 601-362-6694.

## Melba gets LeClerc, Ashford dealership

Melba Nipper is now a dealer for Ashford and LeClerc spinning and weaving supplies, including wheels and looms. She also sells yarns, fleece, rags and rug warp (samples of which she promises to bring to CWSG meetings for our shopping pleasure).

Call Melba at 601-825-3749 for more information.

## SWIC plans spinning retreat

Spinners and Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu invites spinners and weavers to its second annual Spinning Retreat May 29 - June 1. 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.

## Collingwood block weave workshop set

Jason Collingwood, professional weaver and son of rug weaver Peter Collingwood, will lead a rug-weaving workshop exploring block weaves June 13-16 in Fairhope, Ala. The workshop, sponsored by Mobile Bay Fiber Guild, will start with simple two-color designs and move on to designing within the blocks and introducing a third color. Techniques such as clasped wefts and dovetailing will be applied to block weaves.

Collingwood will emphasize shaft switching, by which complex designs can be woven faster than by using traditional methods. Participants will be able to adapt their looms to try the technique.

The workshop will be held at the University of South Alabama Baldwin County Classroom Complex, formerly St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Fairhope. Participants should bring a four-harness loom (table loom okay) with warp wound on the back but not threaded. Specific warping information and materials list will be sent with workshop confirmation.

Workshop fee is \$220. A 50 percent deposit is due to reserve your space; the balance is due by May 9. Refunds can be made only prior to April 11. Upon registration, workshop and lodging information will be sent to you.

Mail registration fee (include name, address and phone number) to Mobile Bay Fiber Guild, 4909 Audubon Dr., Mobile, AL 36619.